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Naval Weapons Center  
Attention: Public Works Officer, Code 26309  
China Lake, California 93555

Dear Sir:

It is our understanding that the Naval Weapons Center must request of the Bureau of Land Management, continued withdrawal of those lands. In light of the fact that in addition to the withdrawal, the Bureau has jurisdiction of grazing over the weapons center. We justly feel then these lands are not under the perceived concept of "military reservation" as stated by PL 92-195 and the Bureau of Land Management then has sole jurisdiction for the protection, management and control of the burros thereon.

Should the Bureau fail to do so then they would be abrogating their responsibility to the military center. Our position on protection, management and control has remained unchanged; we wish them to be considered where they are and in relationship to other species. In our opinion, protection, management and control are not synonymous with eradication. We have no difficulty accepting management and control if the animals' managers are recognizant of their responsibility to the animal's welfare.

We respectfully request to be given the opportunity to comment during any draft analysis or coordination of such proposals with the Bureau of Land Management..

Most sincerely,

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Director

cc: Board of Trustees  
Mr. Jim Ruch, State Director-California  
Mr. Frank Gregg-Director-Washington, D.C.