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From: Commander, Naval Weapons Center
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Subj: Notice to Interested Parties

Encl: (1) Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (DPEIS)

1. Enclosed for your review is the Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (DPEIS) for feral burro management at the Naval Weapons Center, China Lake, California. This document covers only those actions specific to the overall management of feral burros at the Naval Weapons Center.

2. As indicated in enclosure (1), the Naval Weapons Center initiated an interim emergency plan in March 1980 for live removal of burros which were creating a serious safety hazard for motor vehicles and aircraft in a 200 square mile area in the southwest corner of the China Lake Complex. Some 258 burros were removed by live capture. In March 1981, this interim emergency plan was revised to include direct reduction (shooting) in an expanded control area of 275 square miles to alleviate the continuing and increasingly severe threat to human life. A total of 648 burros were shot. Since the DPEIS was already in printing, it does not reflect this direct reduction effort.

3. Comments on this draft, or requests for additional copies, should be submitted by 22 June 1981 to:

Public Works Officer (Code 26)
Naval Weapons Center
China Lake, CA 93555.

4. A public hearing on the adequacy of this draft will be held at 7:00 PM on 3 June 1981 in the Lecture Center at Burroughs High School in Ridgecrest, California. The meeting is open to the public for the purpose of receiving oral and written comments on the proposed action. To afford as many interested individuals and organizations as possible an opportunity, oral comments should present a brief summary and will be limited to five minutes per speaker. Each organization will be limited to a single speaker. Detailed comments may be submitted in writing for consideration.

Sincerely,

J.R. IVES
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By direction of the Commander

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