

**CHRONOLOGY**  
**Appeal No. N2-94-16**

**Buffalo Hills Allotment**

1. January 1993. Notice of Proposed Full Force and Effect Multiple Use Decision - Buffalo Hills Allotment, and the final Buffalo Hills Allotment Re-evaluation were issued. These documents outlined the proposed carrying capacity for livestock and wild horses within the allotment. The allotment contains 36 % of the Calico Mountains HMA.
2. January 15, 1993. Certificate of Service for Notice of Proposed Full Force and Effect Multiple Use Decision - Buffalo Hills Allotment, and the final Buffalo Hills Allotment Re-evaluation signed by Wild Horse Organized Assistance.
3. February 9, 1993. Notice of Final Full Force and Effect Multiple Use Decision - Buffalo Hills Allotment was issued. The final decision included a response to protest points received from members of the interested public.
4. February 19, 1993. Certificate of Service for Notice of Final Full Force and Effect Multiple Use Decision - Buffalo Hills Allotment was signed by Wild Horse Organized Assistance.
5. March 10, 1993. Wild Horse Organized Assistance appeals the Notice of Final Full Force and Effect Multiple Use Decision - Buffalo Hills Allotment (Appeal No. N2-93-16).

**Leadville Allotment**

1. December 6, 1993. Notice of Proposed Full Force and Effect Multiple Use Decision - Leadville Allotment, and the final Leadville Allotment Re-evaluation were issued. These documents outlined the proposed carrying capacity for livestock and wild horses within the allotment. The allotment makes up 34 % of the Calico Mountains HMA.
2. December 10, 1993. Certificate of Service for Notice of Proposed Full Force and Effect Multiple Use Decision - Leadville Allotment, and the final Leadville Allotment Re-evaluation signed by Wild Horse Organized Assistance.
3. December 20, 1993. Wild Horse Organized Assistance protests the Notice of Proposed Full Force and Effect Multiple Use Decision - Leadville Allotment.
4. January 19, 1994. Notice of Final Full Force and Effect Multiple Use Decision - Leadville Allotment was issued. The final decision included a response to protest points received from members of the interested public.
5. January 24, 1994. Certificate of Service for Notice of Final Full Force and Effect Multiple Use Decision - Leadville Allotment was signed by Wild Horse Organized Assistance.
6. February 16, 1994. Wild Horse Organized Assistance appeals the Notice of Final Full Force and Effect Multiple Use Decision - Leadville Allotment (Appeal No. N2-94-7). The appeal states, "our appeal points will be filed with IBLA, the Solicitor, and your District within 30 days of this notice.
7. March 15, 1994. Wild Horse Organized Assistance sends a letter to the Interior Board of Land Appeals which states, "I have enclosed a copy of the letter sent to the District and the Regional Solicitor

on the Leadville Allotment. Within the 30 days allowed us I am informing you of our intent to file an appeal with you on this decision. Within 30 days from this notice I will be forwarding a copy of our reasons directly to you". The letter goes on to indicate that Wild Horse Organized Assistance is in the process of negotiating this appeal as well as others with the Nevada State Director. A meeting was scheduled for March 31, 1994 however, it was the Bureau's understanding that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the overall concerns regarding allotment evaluations, not to negotiate specific appeals. The District was not aware of this letter until April 7, 1994.

8. April 11, 1994. Letter containing Wild Horse Organized Assistance appeal points for the Notice of Full Force and Effect Multiple Use Decision - Leadville Allotment. The letter indicates that they failed to reach agreement during negotiations with the Nevada State Director which resulted in the filing of their appeal points. Appeal points were not filed within the 30 day appeal period.

#### Soldier Meadows Allotment

1. December 10, 1993. Notice of Proposed Full Force and Effect Multiple Use Decision - Soldier Meadows Allotment, and the final Soldier Meadows Allotment Re-evaluation were issued. These documents outlined the proposed carrying capacity for livestock and wild horses within the allotment. The allotment contains 30 % of the Calico Mountains HMA, and the entire Warm Springs Canyon and Black Rock Range - West HMA's.
2. December 16, 1993. Certificate of Service for Notice of Proposed Full Force and Effect Multiple Use Decision - Soldier Meadows Allotment, and the final Soldier Meadows Allotment Re-evaluation signed by Wild Horse Organized Assistance.
3. December 20, 1993. Wild Horse Organized Assistance protests the Notice of Proposed Full Force and Effect Multiple Use Decision - Soldier Meadows Allotment.
4. January 24, 1994. Notice of Final Full Force and Effect Multiple Use Decision - Soldier Meadows Allotment was issued. The final decision included a response to protest points received from members of the interested public.
5. February 2, 1994. Certificate of Service for Notice of Final Full Force and Effect Multiple Use Decision - Soldier Meadows Allotment was signed by Wild Horse Organized Assistance.
6. February 16, 1994. Wild Horse Organized Assistance appeals the Notice of Final Full Force and Effect Multiple Use Decision - Soldier Meadows Allotment (Appeal No. N2-94-15). The appeal states, "our appeal points will be filed with IBLA, the Solicitor, and your District within 30 days of this notice.
7. March 15, 1994. Wild Horse Organized Assistance sends a letter to the Interior Board of Land Appeals which states, "I have enclosed a copy of the letter sent to the District and the Regional Solicitor on the Leadville Allotment. Within the 30 days allowed us I am informing you of our intent to file an appeal with you on this decision. Within 30 days from this notice I will be forwarding a copy of our reasons directly to you". The letter goes on to indicate that Wild Horse Organized Assistance is in the process of negotiating this appeal as well as others with the Nevada State Director. A meeting was scheduled for March 31, 1994 however, it was the Bureau's understanding that the purpose of the meeting was

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#### Winter 1994 Wild Horse Removal Plan

1. November 24, 1993. District called Wild Horse Organized Assistance to solicit their input for the preparation of a draft capture plan and preliminary environmental assessment.
2. December 9, 1993. Instruction Memorandum No. NV-94-032, Issuance of Wild Horse and Burro Decisions under Full Force and Effect, was issued.
3. December 13, 1993. Draft Winter 1994 Wild Horse Removal Plan and preliminary environmental assessment were issued for public comment. The cover letter notified affected interest that it was anticipated that the final removal plan would be issued full force and effect to protect wildlife habitat (i.e. Lahontan cutthroat trout, desert dace) as well as to protect the wild horse population from a potential loss due to winter weather conditions.
4. January 13, 1994. Memorandum outlining the rationale for placing the Winter 1994 Wild Horse Removal Plan in full force and effect was signed by the Winnemucca District Manager and forwarded to the Nevada State Director for concurrence. The acting State Director concurred with the Districts rationale on January 14, 1994.
5. January 24, 1994. Cover letter with the approved Winter 1994 Wild Horse Removal and Environmental Assessment for the Black Rock Range; East and West, Calico Mountains and Warm Springs Canyon HMA's were issued.
6. February 16, 1994. Wild Horse Organized Assistance appeals the Winter 1994 Wild Horse Removal Plan and Environmental Assessment for the Black Rock Range; East and West, Calico Mountains and Warm Springs Canyon HMA's. The appeal states, "our appeal points will be filed with IBLA, the Solicitor, and your District within 30 days of this notice.
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