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Dear Mr. Matthiessen,

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed multiple use decision for the Basalt Allotment. I appreciate you taking the time yesterday to discuss my concerns with me to allow me a better understanding your District addressing the HMA boundary issue in this PMUD.

We support your decision to address the HMA versus HUA boundary issue with the best supporting data you have available. At length we discussed the confusions between HUA and HMA boundaries. We are still confused how this PMUD will tie into BLM's planning regulations in legally setting the HMA boundary according to those regulations. Could you please clarify for us how you will be establishing those HMA boundaries and your objectives within those boundaries since they are different from your HUA boundaries.

Also, you mentioned consultation and coordination with the "Montgomery Pass Wild Horse Steering Committee to determine means to shift the wild horse back within the Wild Horse Territory." We are part of that Committee and would like to express our concerns that the integrity of that herd and the intense studies that have been accomplished there. We would encourage that prior to any actions being implemented that through consideration is given to the impact to that study. I am confident that with all of the agencies and persons involved that solutions can be reached for the protection of that herd and related studies.

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We look forward to working with you and the Steering Committee on these issues. If you have any questions, please feel free to call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Catherine Barcomb".

CATHERINE BARCOMB  
Executive Director