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Dear Mrs. Lappin *Dawn*

This is in response to your letter of December 20, 1979, concerning your inquiry on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) responsibilities for wild horse and burro management on certain military reservations.

There is a difference in the responsibilities BLM can assume between the Naval Weapons Center (NWC) at China Lake and the Nellis Bombing range. BLM controls only a portion of the grazing on the NWC, roughly the northern half. Burros using this area and adjacent public lands are considered as falling under the provisions of Public Law 92-195. However, there are areas within the NWC where the burros are not in a livestock grazing area nor do they use public lands. These animals are considered in the same category as the wild horse herd that was eliminated from Dugway Proving Grounds by the Army several years ago.

We have requested our California State Office to respond in more detail as to existing agreements and proposed management plans presently underway on wild horses and burros in the China Lake area.

If we can be of further assistance do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely yours,

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