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May 27, 1987

Mr. Rodney Harris, District Manager
Bureau of Land Management
Post Office Box 831
Elko, Nevada 89801

Re: Freedom of Information Request pertaining to
4700 (NV-013); No. NV 010-7-036, the Little
Humbolt, Rock Creek, and Spruce/Pequop.

Dear Mr. Harris:

Reviewing the Draft Little Humbolt, Rock Creek, and Spruce/Pequop wild horse capture plan and environmental assessment, pointed out the confusion over herd use areas, herd management areas, and allotment names. Therefore I am formally requesting under the Freedom of Information Act the following:

- (1) Within the Elko District, by Resource Area, the name of each herd area, and of those herd areas, we request those herd management areas which came through the Land Use Plans as herd management areas. For those herd management areas, we request:
 - a. the appropriate management level for wild horses.
 - b. the names of each allotment[s] contained in each herd management area.
 - c. the number of livestock AUMs authorized within each of those herd management areas.

- (2) Within the Elko District, by Resource Area, the names of each allotment containing wild horses and the names of the herd management areas contained within each of those allotment boundaries. In addition, we request the Appropriate Management Level of wild horses by herd management area name that will be managed in each allotment.

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This information should have been available through the FEIS/RMPs, and if not, in the herd management plans, and if not, at least in the environmental assessment with an explanation. WHOA is willing to pay reasonable costs incurred for the assembly of the requested information, if necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Y. Lappin (Mrs.)
Director

cc: David A. Hornbeck, Esq.
Mr. E. F. Spang
Board of Trustees

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IN REPLY REFER TO:



United States Department of the Interior

4700 (NV-013)

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT ELKO DISTRICT OFFICE

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Wild Horse Organized Assistance
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Dear Ms. Lappin:

The following data is presented, in response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act dated May 27, 1987.

ELKO DISTRICT

ITEM NO. 1

<u>Resource Area</u>	<u>Herd Area</u>	<u>Herd Management Area</u>	<u>AML</u>	<u>Allotments within Herd Areas</u>	<u>Livestock AUMs</u>
Elko	Little Humboldt	Little Humboldt	107	Little Humboldt	7,656
	Rock Creek	Rock Creek	119	Rock Creek	48,997
	Owyhee	Owyhee	57	Owyhee	30,225
	Diamond Hills	Diamond Hills	50	Browne	1,307
				Red Rock	7,503
Wells	Spruce-Pequop	Spruce-Pequop	64-80	Spruce	35,565
				Big Springs	18,272
				Chase Spring	2,586
				Spruce	35,565
	Maverick/Medicine	Maverick/Medicine	195-244	Maverick/Ruby No. 9	2,780
				Odgers	1,596
				Bald Mtn.	1,173
				West Cherry Crk.	2,661
				North Butte Valley	1,645
				Cherry Creek	2,661
Cherry Creek	Cherry Creek	51-64	West Cherry Crk.	2,661	
			Currie	4,687	
			No. Butte Valley	1,645	

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<u>Resource Area</u>	<u>Herd Area</u>	<u>Herd Management Area</u>	<u>AML</u>	<u>Allotments within Herd Areas</u>	<u>Livestock AUMs</u>
Wells Continued	Antelope Valley	Antelope Valley	131-164	Spruce	35,565
				Currie	4,687
				Antelope Valley	5,072
				Boone Springs	3,199
				Ferber Flat	2,735
				Bad Lands	2,647
	Goshute	Goshute	96-120	West White Horse	670
				Spruce	35,565
				Big Springs	18,272
				Utah/Nevada No. 1	13,766
				Lead Hills	7,930
				White Horse	7,500
Toano	Toano	20	Leppy Hills	3,476	
			Pilot	5,127	
			Pilot	5,127	
			Leppy Hills	3,476	

ITEM NO. 2

<u>Resource Area</u>	<u>Allotment</u>	<u>Herd Management Area</u>	<u>AML</u>	<u>Wild Horse AUMs</u>
Elko	Little Humboldt	Little Humboldt	107	1,284
	Rock Creek	Rock Creek	119	1,428
	Owyhee	Owyhee	57	684
	Browne	Diamond Hills	25	300
	Red Rock	diamond Hills	25	300
Wells	Spruce	Antelope Valley	---	2,028
		Goshute		
		Maverick/Medicine Spruce/Pequop		
	Big Springs	Spruce/Pequop	---	1,560
		Goshute		
		Toano		
	Chase Spring	Spruce/Pequop	---	120
	Maverick/Ruby No.9	Maverick/Medicine	---	780
	Odgers	Maverick/Medicine	---	240
	Bald Mtn.	Maverick/Medicine	---	360
	West Cherry Crk.	Maverick/Medicine	---	600
		Cherry Creek		
North Butte Valley	Maverick/Medicine	---	480	
	Cherry Creek			
Currie	Antelope Valley	---	720	
	Cherry Creek			

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<u>Resource Area</u>	<u>Allotment</u>	<u>Herd Management Area</u>	<u>AML</u>	<u>Wild Horse AUMs</u>
Wells	Antelope Valley	Antelope Valley	---	480
Continued	Boone Springs	Antelope Valley	---	60
	Ferber Flat	Antelope Valley	---	480
	Bad Lands	Antelope Valley	---	Incidental use
	West White Horse	Antelope Valley	---	Incidental use
	Utah/Nevada No. 1	Goshute	---	60
	Lead Hills	Goshute	---	60
	White Horse	Goshute	---	60
	Leppy Hills	Goshute	---	288
		Toano		
	Pilot	Goshute	---	540
		Toano		

There is no AML shown by allotment in the Wells Area. The allotments are, for the most part, not fenced and horses move around between allotments. In the Wells Range Program Summary (RPS) we have shown wild horse AUMs by allotment but these are only estimates. Wild horse use within these allotments varies every year depending on weather, water distribution, and forage availability.

The information presented above is found in the Wells and Elko Draft and Final RMP/EISs and in the Wells RPS. The Draft and Final RMP/EISs have to be read together in order to have the advantage of all the tables and background information.

I hope this response answers your questions. If you need further information, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely yours,

Merle Hood
 for RODNEY HARRIS
 District Manager