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Dear Interested Party:

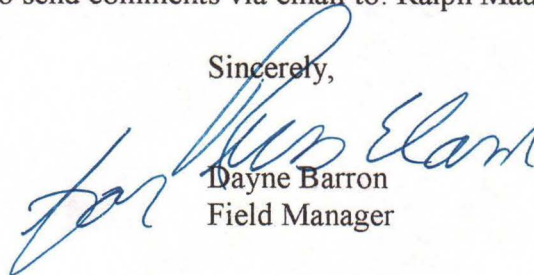
The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is proposing to gather approximately 55- 65 wild horse in the Ravendale Herd Management Area (HMA). The management level for this small wild horse herd is 15 to 25 horses as identified in the Willow Creek LUP (1983) and Draft Eagle Lake Resource Management Plan (final expected 11/2007). We propose to gather the herd and reduce horses to management levels of 15 – 25 in November 2007. These horses will be released or returned to their herd area.

2007 was about 60% of annual precipitation which resulted in reduced forage and created a situation where the additional horses are impacting water sources and riparian areas which are primarily on private land. In addition, the private landowner in this area has requested horse numbers be reduced. He is not requesting all horses be removed from his private land but to reduce the numbers down to or near the management level established by the BLM. The permittee has taken a voluntary reduction in season of use because of limited forage and water. He removed his cattle about 30 days before the authorized off date.

The wild horse herd is entirely within the Ravendale Allotment and is comprised of about 29,000 acres of public land with about 5,000 acres of private land. It is located about 55 miles northeast from Susanville, California (see attached map) and can be seen from Highway 395 North. The herd area is primarily in the East Pasture but there is some drift into the West Pasture within the allotment. As you can see from the enclosed map, large portions of these pastures are private land. The other water sources (primarily reservoirs) on public land either did not fill or are dry and the only water remaining is on private land.

If you are interested in commenting on this action, please provide any comments in writing by October 3, 2007 at the address listed above. Your comments will be used to determine if any new issues require further analysis. An Environmental Assessment (EA) will be developed with information available and comments provided. Thank you for your interest in public lands. Please call Senior Rangeland Management Specialist, Ralph E. Mauck at (530) 252-5307 if you have questions. You may also send comments via email to: Ralph Mauck @ca.blm.gov

Sincerely,


Dayne Barron
Field Manager

Enclosure:
Allotment Map

RAVE HERD MANAGEMENT AREA

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M A D E L I N E

P L A I N

T 34 N

WEST PASTURE












EAST PASTURE

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New Ravendale HMA (CA-243)

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LAND STATUS LEGEND

- National Resource Lands 
- Oregon & California Lands (O&C Lands)
Coos Bay Wagon Road (CBWR) 
- National Forest 
- National Grasslands 
- National Parks and Monuments 
- Indian Lands or Reservations 
- Military Reservations and Withdrawals
Corps of Engineers 
- Wildlife Refuges 
- Bankhead-Jones Land Use Lands
(L.U. Lands) 
- Tennessee Valley Authority 
- Patented Lands 
- State Lands 