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Dear Mrs. Lappin:

A California Wild Horse & Burro Program Coordination Meeting has been scheduled for July 12-14 in Sacramento at the Sacramento Inn (Room 305), 1401 Arden Way. The purpose of the meeting is to review the status of our program, various program components and plan for the future. This year we have set aside time on the agenda for a panel discussion by representatives of various organizations/individuals interested in wild horse & burro management. This is the first step in bringing all the groups together as Connie suggested to you at the recent Susanville Meeting. Because of WHOA's long standing involvement and interest in California's Wild Horse and Burro Program, we would like you to serve on the panel. As you can see from the attached agenda, the panel discussion is entitled "Looking at You". Topics to be covered by each panel member are:

1. Explain the objectives of their respective organization as they relate to the Wild Horse & Burro Program,
2. Identify actions that would improve the Wild Horse & Burro Program in California, and
3. Comment on the advisability of forming a technical coordination group for the Wild Horse & Burro Program in California.

Although the meeting is hosted by California BLM and focuses on our program, an invitation to attend has been extended to the U.S. Forest Service, Death Valley National Monument, China Lake Naval Weapons Center and BLM, NV and AZ.

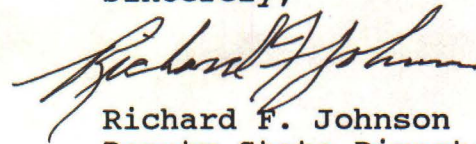
We sincerely hope you will be able to participate on the panel and invite you to join us for the entire session on the 12th. The

topics prior to the panel discussion will provide you with an overview of the program and serve as a lead-in for the panel.

If you have any questions, please contact Connie Kingston or Kathy Killian at (916) 978-4725.

We sincerely hope you'll be able to participate and look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,



Richard F. Johnson
Deputy State Director
Lands & Renewable Resources

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AGENDA
WILD HORSE & BURRO PROGRAM COORDINATION MEETING
Sacramento Inn, 1401 Arden Way
Sacramento, California

July 12, 1989

1:00 p.m.	Welcome and Introductions	Ed Hastey
1:15	WO Program Outlook	John Boyles
1:30-2:15	Where We're At Today: Program Overview	BLM, USFS, CLNWC, DVNM
2:15-2:45	Looking Ahead: Management for Adoptability	Bill Phillips
2:45-3:00	Break	
3:00-5:00	Panel Discussion: Looking At You	Representatives from external groups interested in WH&B management

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8:00-8:45	Status of Litigation/Impact on Wild Horse & Burro Program	Burt Stanley John Boyles
8:45-10:15	FY 90 Program Priorities & Direction (10 Minutes each)	WO, Sus, CDD, AZ, NV, USFS, CLNWC, DVNM
10:15-10:30	Break	
10:30-Noon	FY 90 Adoption Program	Connie Kingston, Moderator
	(Strategy/Schedule)	
	Lunch	
1:00-1:30	Centralized Shipping	Charles Boyer
1:30-2:00	Strategic Planning for the Future/ Exploring Opportunities for Increased Program Coordination between States/Agencies	Wm. Kennedy, Moderator
2:00-2:15	Maintenance of Data Information System	Charles Boyer

2:15-2:30	Break	
2:30-2:45	Sanctuary Program	John Boyles
2:45-3:15	Prison Training Program	Loren Slegelmilch
3:15-5:00	Building Trust & Credibility with our Constituents	Wm. Kennedy, Moderator

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8:00-9:00	Investigation of Abuse Complaints/ Enforcement	Mike Winters, SPCA Mike McColl
9:00-10:30	Marketing the WH&B Program -Share Successful Techniques -Develop Strategy	Connie Kingston, Moderator
10:30-10:45	Break	
10:45-Noon	Other Issues/Unfinished Business/ Follow-Up Assignments	Everyone
Noon	Adjourn	

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In Memoriam

LOUISE C. HARRISON
VELMA B. JOHNSTON, "Wild Horse Annie" July 10, 1989

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Dear Mr. Johnson:

Thank you very much for your letter of June 22, 1989 (4700 CA-932.2). We greatly appreciate your invitation to participate in a Coordination Meeting for July 12-14. I do regret we are unable to attend the meeting due to previous commitments. However, I do see some positive possibilities for the Bureau to expand its' consultation and coordination with members of the public representing the wild horse and burro interests.

I would like to share some background and my experience that may help you with this project. As you are probably aware, WHOA has served in the Susanville District, both on the DAC and the Steering Committee for Modoc/Washoe Stewardship. I represented with wild horses and burros. I also served as a CRMP (Coordinated Resource Management Planning) in Nevada, 11 counties and four Districts. I felt I had represented the wild horses and burros to the best of my ability, and in some of those cases an AML was set up as an "interim" number of which to manage wild horses and burros, with monitoring to adjust those numbers dependant upon range conditions. Approximately 10 agreements had been signed. Then API appealed approx. 10 of the captures, and I appealed 1. The IBLA consolidated those appeals and the subsequent IBLA ruling affected all of the captures.



My point in making these statements is show the Bureau, that one representative of any organization cannot possibly represent the whole. So consultation and coordination must be established with all the public that has indicated interest.

Most organizations are involved in the capture and subsequent programs for wild horses and burros. There are a few, one of which is WHOA, who are primarily interested in the wild horses and burros on the range, their habitat and management. From that prospective I will give WHOAs' short-term, long-term, objectives and goals.

1. To represent our organizations' membership regarding management, control, and protection of wild horses and burros on public lands.

2. To protect the integrity of the Wild Horse and Burro Act, as presently written.

3. To oversee Federal Agencies' actions pertaining to their responsibility under the Act and monitor the activities in relationship to statute, policy, manuals, and guidelines.

4. Assist the Federal Agencies wherever possible in obtaining those goals.

5. Educate the public as to the habitat requirements of wild horses and burros, and the policies and politics of public land management.

The only issue that I can think of currently that would help the California Wild Horse and Burro Program would be the states where wild horse and burro populations exist, make the programs consistent. California has done an outstanding job in the Adoption program as well as the expansion of the media and public knowledge of the program.

As I referred to in the first paragraph, I'm not sure how the Bureau could set up a TRT for horses. Certainly you would have to have all the groups sign off on the appointee. I'm not sure that can be accomplished. Although all the organizations have the same goals, there are differences in each groups about how those goals are to be accomplished. It may be possible to poll the groups who have responded in some way to the agency.

WHOA will gladly help in anyway possible. Please feel free to contact us, usually we are not quite as busy as at the current time.

Most sincerely,

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Director

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