

minutes

September 8, 1984

The meeting of the Consultation and Coordination Planning Committee started at 9:10 a.m. in the Conference Room at the Bureau of Land Management in Las Vegas. Introductions were again made to refresh memories; all C & C members were present, as well as representatives for the Five Party Agreement. Ken Reid, Chairman, stated he would be able to continue on the committee as long as the meetings were on the weekends, when he could attend. All members agreed that meetings would be made to include all members. Ken Reid began the discussion of what problems exist on the range. Dawn Lappin introduced notes from the field trip of August 4, 1984. Water, spillage from construction, as well as a wet year had brought horses down from their range into the basin. George Reid informed the group about the numerous seeps in the canyons. As water dries up in the basin the horses move back to the mountains.

Some discussions led into the avenue of disposal of horses that are not allowed under PL 92-195. Kemp Conn, District Manager, explained the legal avenues that must be adhered, i.e., capture plans, comment periods for the public, capture of animals, and methods of disposal. Ken Reid had prepared a questionnaire regarding the issues. It was determined by the committee that no votes would be taken, but rather a consensus of opinions. The questions were prioritized, rather than in numerical order.

QUESTIONNAIRE:

1. The entire group agreed that some reductions were necessary.
2. & 3. Were combined and a reduction of 50-75% reduction would be necessary to halt vegetative damage to the resource, as well as protect the animals in the years of drought (which are the more normal).
4. & 5. Combined, consensus of random removal, leaving a broad distribution between age and sex.
6. Under the law, adoption first priority. Later the discussion centered around the lowering of fees, according to a time table of the adoptable animals. I.e, \$125.00 for the first 45 days; a waiver of lowered fees after that period. The consensus of the group, Dawn Lappin and Lloyd Smith expressing some concern about the minimum fees, agreed that a minimum of \$50.00 per animal.
7. same as above.
8. At first this was not thought as a viable solution, however under advisement, it was determined that this alternative should be included for those specific times where it may be necessary to protect the genetic qualities, or for scientific purposes. Relocation or transplant is however, limited.

9. Present Bureau of Land Management policies allow only for the destruction of sick or injured horses; and the adoption of all others. Dawn Lappin and Dart Anthony did not believe it was the duty of this committee to influence or attempt to change legislation.

9. & 10. Limited by current BLM policies.

11. No one agreed to putting unadoptables back onto the range. Which would disrupt the random capture.

12. Consensus that springs needed improvement. It was not discussed who would fund this project, but all agreed that manual labor could and has been contributed, in the past by National Wild Horse Association, in the future, groups included in the C & C. Planning Group.

13. I don't have notes that this was discussed, but I believe that once NDOW determined the needs of wildlife this would be in their management plan.

14. Agreed water facilities should be for both wildhorses and wildlife. Somewhere about this time, Dawn Lappin pointed out the priorities of this range. 1. Air Force needs; 2. wild horse refuge, and wildlife. Since this is the only refuge for horses, since horses are limited to 1971 range. At the present and probably in the future, hunting would not be permitted for wildlife, so any excesses in populations would be for transplant purposes. 15. same as above.

16. Dart Anthony had sent letters inquiring about satellite counting; Air Force inquiry said it would not be specific enough and improbable because of the nature of testing on the range.

17. It was determined that a base population of 1500-2000 wild horses should be planned for.

Frank Bingham, Environmental Coordinator for the Five Party Agreement wrote on the board his interpretations of what he had heard, the C & C Committee agreed.

1. Manage for 1500-2000 wild horses, initially. through non-selective removal.

2. Develop Management Plan

a. improvements

b. monitoring

c. wildlife numbers, improvements, and transplant opportunities.

3. Adoption Procedures

a. Nationwide public relations program, keeping horses in Nevada.

- b. Satillite centers nationally and public relations locally.

4. Adoption Fee

- a. After consideration of WHOA analysis of adoptability and fees, Initially, \$125.00 for the first 45 days' request waiver after 45 days.
- b. Subcommittee set up including Air Force, Dart Anthony, and Lloyd Smith. (Air Force conatct: Lt. Col. John Kumenicz HQTFWC/PA Nellis AFB, NV 89191.
- c. Lloyd Smith and Dawn Lappin preferred minimum pf \$50.00 adoption fee. After 45 days action pursuant to statutes.

Five Party group will gettogether and get back to C & C. Target date for early October, around 20th. Agreed that C & C members would limit any verbage to the BLM release.

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