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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

SHORT NOTE TRANSMITTAL

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(Date)

TO : DAWN LAPPIN
FROM : CUB WOLFE
SUBJECT: DISTRICT MEMO ON WILDHORSES

Dawn, Just thought you would like to see this memo, which I completely agree with.

Mike will not be doing anything on his own. He will accompany us in the field when he goes.

A fence of any type is out of the question, and not in the best interest of the general public.

Cub

MemorandumDEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENTIN REPLY REFER TO:
4700-NWHR
(NV-050)

To : Area Manager, Caliente Resoure Area

FROM : District Manager, Las Vegas District Manager

SUBJECT : Michael J. Pontrelli Letter (2/14/85) Attached.

Date:

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In assuring that we follow through on the good faith efforts of the Consultation and Coordination Committee for the Nellis Range Complex as it relates to the management of wild and free roaming wild horses and burros, I will highlight three areas concerning Mr. Pontrelli's letter of 2/14/85.

1.) Through D.O.E., Sandia National Laboratories and the Desert Research Institute have contracted the services of Mr. Pontrelli to assist BLM in our responsibility to conduct studies on the Nellis Range Complex. Any documentation of this should be from D.O.E. as a member of the Five Party Agreement. I do not consider the attached letter to meet those requirements since S.N.L. or D.R.I. are not members of the Five Party Agreement.

2.) I appreciate D.O.E.'s assistance in finding ways to assist us in studies on the Nellis Range Complex. In order for these studies to be meaningful and provide BLM data that we can use in making management decisions, the studies must be accomplished in accordance with the currently approved monitoring and studies procedures. These should be given formally to D.O.E. along with any proposal to work with Mr. Pontrelli directly through D.O.E. and D.R.I. to accomplish work efficiently. The bottom line is to insure that work performed meets BLM standards and procedures used can be supported by management decisions.

3.) As you are aware, we are under State Office direction to inform Wild Horse Organized Assistance (WFOA) of any projects impacting wild horses. In his letter, Mr. Pontrelli mentioned a fence separating the Nevada Wild Horse Range from T.T.R. Should this project surface as a management proposal through the Five Party Member, it will be a major project and should be coordinated with WFOA at the earliest planning stage. However, the C & C Committee discussed and recommended that one of the goals of the management plan be to develop waters (a limited resource) in such a way as to encourage use by wild horses on the Nevada Wild Horse Range. We should keep in mind that with the initial adjustment in numbers of wild horses on the Nellis Range Complex (recommended by the C & C Committee), the development or maintenance of existing waters to meet these goals, and future management of wild horses based on monitoring and studies (including but not limited to Key Vegetative Species) may limit the need for fencing.

It is important to proceed with the management of wild horses on the Nellis Range Complex and to insure that it is within the goals and objectives of the plan. Because of the complex nature of all parties involved and the status of the withdrawn area that clean lines of communications and proper documentation be maintained.

Enclosure: Pontrelli Letter (2/14/85)

