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Bureau of Land Management
Las Vegas District Office
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Las Vegas, Nevada 89108

In Reply Refer To:
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28 Day Notice

Dear Interested Public:

The Bureau of Land Management will gather excess wild horses and burros from public lands in the State of Nevada within 28 days from the date of this letter.

The gather will be conducted in the Las Vegas District on the Nevada Wild Horse Range (NWHR) Herd Management Area (HMA).

<u>Herd Management Area/Herd Area Name</u>	<u>Environmental Analysis Record Number</u>	<u>Reason for Gathering</u>	<u>Approximate Number to be Removed</u>	<u>Approximate Number to Remain</u>
NWHR	NV-055-02-01 NV-057-04-05 NV-052-97-005	Achieve AML	500	600

This gather is a continuing effort to reduce the population of animals to the established Appropriate Management Level (AML) of 600 to 1000 animals. A current census (04-18-97) was conducted and verified that there are animals in excess of the AML. In an effort protect the animals and their environment it is necessary accomplish this action prior to the end of the foaling season. The AML and gather plan were previously implemented by decision. This letter is intended to inform you of our pending operation and is not a decision document and can not be contested by the appeal process.

Sincerely,

Marvin Dan Morgan
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May 20, 1997

Mr. Marvin Dan Morgan
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Subject: Notice - Nevada Wild Horse Range Gather

Dear Mr. Morgan:

The Nevada Commission for the Preservation of Wild Horses has received the notice to continue gathers on the Nevada Wild Horse Range. We are supportive of the appropriate management level of 600 head on the Nevada Wild Horse Range.

It would be beneficial to our agency to fully understand the present status of the Range and adjacent lands within Nellis. This herd was subject to a massive gather and fertility control project early this year. In response to the ongoing drought, the population was re-structured during gathers and the humane disposal of dying animals.

We would appreciate a chronology of events the past two years and the predicted population composition including sex ratios, age and color data. It is important to the Commission to be appraised of the impacts of your management actions and present status of this herd.

Thank you for advising the Commission of the pending gather.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Catherine Barcomb".

CATHERINE BARCOMB
Executive Director