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PL88-606 actually with Andrew Nellis for 15 years
Directed BLM to write next plan. Nellis

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WTHOA

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Cathy-

Received your request concerning historical records of Nellis. I've pulled and copied all documents from 1962 thru 1974, and several other pertinent documents of later dates. I did not copy everything from 1985 on as BLM should be able to find these.

I agree that PL 92-195 superseded the MOU and in a letter as recent as 1990, WTHOA made that point.

There is no question that narrative in the 1962-1974 documents clearly establish the 1971 area of use. These documents were produced by numerous individuals over a period of time and is consistent with my own visual memories of the 1973 Governor's Tour. I've yellow tagged verbal descriptions of presence of horses on range tours. My recollections of the Tour visited all water sites known at the time because Senator Lamb & Joe Fallini were alleging damage to "their" waters by wild horses & military bombing. Since 1973 I've visited Nellis more than a dozen times, always able to view horses from a quarter miles to several miles away. Somewhere in Dr. Pontrelli's papers he alleged wild horses were causing resource damage that brought in Horned

Larks on the dry lake bed. Investigation showed wild horse use but the development of mules of road for military use was a higher factor in Lark use, than wild horses.

He went to Silverhawk, Tunnel Springs, Cedar Wells, Cedar Pass Trough, Carral Spring, Lamb's Pond, and several reservoirs that I don't recall were named.

Jim's hardly surprised by NDOO. NDOO + Game Board want Hellis as a "breeding/transplant" factory. The 1985 C + C was ask to establish priorities and it was 1) military use 2) wild horses and 3) wildlife. April 1985 NWHR HMAP + attacked documents imp local pressure by NDOO to blame wild horses. The Congressional records of PL 92-195 also documents wildlife pressures.

There is absolutely no doubt sufficient info exist to establish HUA, the doubt is whether BLM managers have the will to finally resolve an artificial habitat issue.

In conclusion, as issues always snowball, Jim's letter, but not back to full work on wild horse + burro issues. I have had to set priorities. Bert is on medical disability retirement with a serious heart condition and his needs must supersede those of wild horses for the near future until we know

what the cardiologist will do. Don't
misunderstand, I consider Nellie
critical (if it is to be saved at all); but
I don't want anyone thinking that I
am going to be able to research other
hard areas in the near future.

Thank you for the note on Newman;
I'll take care of him.

Alawn