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Subject: Nellis

Two weeks ago I was contacted by NSO, that Red Rock, Wagon Johnnie, and Nellis horses were in danger from drought; there would be a short turn around period on paperwork because of the "emergency." We concurred with the assessment. We contacted the National Wild Horse Association in Las Vegas and they also concurred with the emergency, though they felt the Nellis horses were in a more precarious position than Red Rock. **NO ONE TOLD US THERE WAS NO MONEY!**

The Commission advised me that they had been told that BLM was trying to obtain money to do Nellis from the military and when that was achieved, the roundup could proceed. **THIS IS THE SAME MENTALITY OR STRAGEDY BLM USED IN 1991.** While hundreds of horses, 350 or more foals, were in jeopardy; BLM was searching for funds for an emergency they knew months ahead was coming. Everyone who reads the papers knew months ago that southern Nevada was suffering from drought again in 1995-96. Failure to proceed with a emergency capture while executing a "bluff," is unconsciable.

Your horse program in Nevada is in trouble and is heading for a train wreck.. I can no longer sit idly by and let this happen. Setting a dangerously low AML from a corrupted Multiple Use Decision Process and selling it as "good science;" and then

defending it, knowing it is wrong and dangerous is in direct conflict with PL92-195, regulations, and the IBLA ruling. These actions automatically fuel the sagebrush rebellors and abandon allies for public rangeland management.

I give up. I have resigned my position on the Sierra Front Resource Advisory Council; the Standards and Guidelines are complete and will use the time to alert the public regarding the wild horse and burro program. I have tried for nearly three years; I've talked to the Task Force, yourself, Kemp Conn, Denise Merideth, Ann Morgan, Jean Rivers-Council to no avail. So we'll see if the public still cares.

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