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STATE OF NEVADA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
1263 S. Stewart Street
Carson City, Nevada 89712

BOB MILLER, Governor

August 15, 1994

GARTH F. DULL, P.E., Director

In Reply Refer to:

Mr. George W. Condon
President NWA
P.O. Box 12207
Las Vegas, NV 89112

Dear Mr. Condon:

In response to your letter of July 12, 1994, the Department would like to apprise you of the status of the fencing project on SR 160 north of Pahrump. As you are aware, NDOT is constructing improvements on the two culverts to allow burro access to both sides of the road.

BLM has identified the major horse use area within the Johnnie Head Management Area (JHMA). Of the 168,880 acres set aside for JHMA, 68,682 acres or 41% are on the west side of the road. Of this, 7% is considered to have high use by the burros and horses. This constitutes approximately 2.8% of the range.

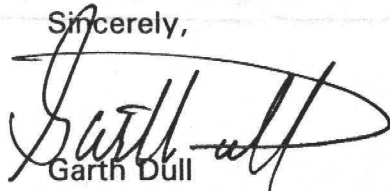
NDOT is working in conjunction with BLM and the Commission for the Preservation of Wild Horses to develop or improve water sources on the east side of the highway. Additionally, both BLM and the Wild Horse Commission feel that it would be beneficial to restrict the horse herd to the east, since horses are beginning to encroach into the Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge. Apparently there is concern for potential damage to the habitat.

This would also eliminate the consideration for constructing an underpass. The cost for such a structure would be in the neighborhood of \$350,000 to \$450,000.

Mr. George W. Condon, President NWA
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NDOT is continuing to work with both the Nevada Wild Horse Commission and BLM to satisfy the needs of the motorist and, at this location, the requirements of the horse herd.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Garth Dull", written over a horizontal line.

Garth Dull
Director

GD:RH:dmg

cc: Gene Weight, District Engineer
Catherine Barcomb, Executive Director
Bruce Dawson, Chief, National Wild Horse & Burro Program
Pete Christensen, Assistant District Manager, BLM - L.V.
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Garth Dull, Director of Transportation
1263 South Stewart Street
Carson City, NV 89712

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Dear Mr. Dull:

The National Wild Horse Association (NWHA) is extremely concerned with the right-of-way fence project your agency is currently building. The fence is being built along State Route (SR) 160 from Pahrump north to Highway 95.

This project will eliminate a large portion (50% or more) of the Johnnie wild horse and burro herd area. Our National Organization is based in Las Vegas and has worked extensively with the BLM to manage this herd. Our membership is opposed to this action unless some effort is made to insure that the wild horses and burros will continue to have full access to the entire HMA.

We commend your current efforts with the BLM to mitigate the project for short term impacts. The one-way gates, fence "Y's" funneling the animals to the existing six foot culverts, and associated gates and cattleguards are all good. This should help the burros continue to use the west and east portions of their herd area.

While the existing 6 foot culverts may be useable as underpasses by the wild burros, wild horses would not be able to use them as they are too small. The result is that wild horses will be excluded from using the west side of their herd area. Our organization urges you to install at least one 8 by 10 or 12 foot cement box culvert to serve as an underpass within 12 months of fencing the right-of-way. ✕

The work the Las Vegas BLM has completed with you on the potential location of the larger culvert (underpass) agrees with our information on the crossing areas used by the horses prior to the fence.

I appreciate your help in this matter. I await your reply.

Sincerely,

George W. Condon

George W. Condon
President NWHA

cc:
State Assemble Person
State Senator
Bob Miller, Governor
State Director, Nevada
Las Vegas District Manager

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PAHRUMP FENCE

CBARCOMB BRUCE DALSON
TOM POGACNIK, PETE CHRISTIANSON
JIM GALLEGOS, BOB HILDEBRAN

July 18 last meeting w/ STAGER

Bob H told STAGER he needed a letter re: what they needed, want to see, etc.

cattle guards + signs needed permits + scheduling

NDOT REHABING CULVERTS

NDOT

BUM

cattle guards go in where heavy usage of gates is expected if no gate, public usually cuts fence,

Pete: One (NDOT) you open to C.G.'s

Bob H.: IF you can show a need or usage we would be amenable

Pete: ~~was~~ had 3 CG's we were going to put in, BUM can put in by 10th

Bob: Hwy Dept will accept BUM putting in CG's, contractor must work on approved order

STATE PURCHASING/CATTLE GUARDS

Tom: check w/shuff out of Pahump to see if what mayor

legal access to Hwy