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December 29, 1992

George Perkins  
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Dear Mr. Perkins,

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed gather of wild horses and burros from the Spring Mountain Wild Horse and Burro Territory.

I spoke with Sara Mayben yesterday. These comments will just repeat what she and I discussed. First, I must comment that the draft that had been sent to us earlier in the month was excellent. It was extremely complete and well documented, be assured we will be using that as a model for other areas to follow.

We agree that the preferred alternative is Alternative 2. We do have a few suggestions that we would like for you to consider.

You have identified that you will be following the remaining 20 horses to determine movement and herd dynamics. Instead of bobbing their tails we would recommend freeze branding those remaining animals on their hip (as has been recommended by the task force for studying the fertility control animals in Ely), with individual numbers to better identify each individual animal and gain better knowledge of their movement and interaction.

Also, you have mentioned a 90% female and 10% male removal and have projected through population modeling what you expect the outcome to be for your herd. Until you have gathered the 40 animals and determined their age and sex it would be impossible to predetermine what animals you will eventually remove or the percentage of the sexes that will be removed according to the strategic plan for Nevada that you will be basing your removal on. After you have determined which animals will be removed according to age and sex you will better be able to establish your herd dynamics and project the expected future. It may not be a 90/10 removal, we don't feel that the percentage projection is even necessary.

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Again, this was an excellent example of the documentation you based your decision on. If you have any questions on our comments or would care to discuss them, please feel free to call.

Sincerely,