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Dear Interested Party:

Please find enclosed the Decision Record and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) to select the Proposed Action from the Wood Hills Area (outside HMA) Wild Horse Bait/Water Trap Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA). This gather will occur outside of a Herd Management Area to remove animals that have strayed from neighboring Herd Management Areas. The Wood Hills area is checkerboard land ownership not managed for wild horses per the Wells Resource Management Plan.

Bait/water trapping would be the primary gather mechanism. Due to holding space and funding limitations, it is proposed to initially remove approximately 150-175 excess wild horses, with follow-up gather activities to remove all remaining excess animals from the area until the desired population of zero is achieved or a period of five years passes, whichever is first. No population control measures would be implemented as part of the Proposed Action and gather dates and numbers would be posted on the BLM National Gather Schedule.

The DNA for the Wood Hills Area Wild Horse Gather, Finding of No Significant Impact and the Decision Record are now available and can be viewed online by following the links from the Elko District's NEPA website at <http://on.doi.gov/1dMOB2a>. Hardcopies of these documents are available upon request from the Elko District, Wells Field Office.

Please contact Bruce Thompson or me at 775-753-0200 if you have any questions concerning these documents.

Sincerely,

/s/ Melanie Mirati, acting for

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Cc: see attached list

333 Ranch LLC
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Resource Concepts, Inc
Nevada Department Of Wildlife
Western Watersheds Project
Nevada Cattlemen's Association
Elko County
Natural Resources Management Advisory Commission
Sustainable Grazing Coalition
Martha P Hoots
Callan W Payton
U.S. Senator Dean Heller
Congressman Mark Amodei
Kathy Gregg
Nevada State Clearing House
U.S. Senator Harry Reid
Wildlands Defense
Nevada Department of Agriculture
Pequop Conservancy LLC
Ferris T. Brough
Rabo Agrifinance, Inc.
Barbara Warner
Brough Partnership
Carl Slagowski
Craig C Downer
Double U Livestock LLC
Eastern Nevada Landscape Coalition
Edgington, Chad & Child, Robert
Friends of Nevada Wilderness
In Defense of Animals
Jack & Irene Walther
Jim West
John Carpenter
Kenneth Jones
Kenny Merkley
Scott Egbert
Dean Rhoads
The Cloud Foundation
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Wesley Bowlen
White Pine Co Commissioners

Wild Horse Sanctuary
Wild Horse Spirit
Eureka County Department Of Natural Resources
Connie J. Cunningham
Return to Freedom, American Wild Horse Sanctuary