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Dear :

This is in response to your March 7 and June 16, 2007, letters regarding the Clark Mountain Herd Management Area (HMA) and your report, "Wild Burros of the American West." Your position is that the information contained in this report warrants reconsidering the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) decision to no longer maintain a population of wild burros on the Clark Mountain HMA.

The Record of Decision for the 2002, Northern and Eastern Mojave Desert Coordinated Resource Management (NEMO) Plan, amended the 1980 California Desert Conservation Area Plan and eliminated the Clark Mountain HMA for the management of burros. The basis for this decision was to implement provisions of the 1994 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Desert Tortoise Recovery Plan and the 1994 California Desert Protection Act. While the information provided in your report and letter serves to increase our understanding of the public's concern for wild burro management, it neither provides new information for consideration, nor offers measures that would mitigate the resource issues that necessitated the decision to no longer manage wild burros in the Clark Mountain HMA.

I appreciate your efforts and share your desire to maintain healthy populations of wild horses and burros in a thriving ecological balance and multiple-use relationship on lands administered by the BLM.

If you have any questions, please contact Tom Pogacnik, Wild Horse and Burro Program Manager, at (916) 978-4637.

Sincerely,

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Director