

Department of the Interior
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Dear Mr. Putnam:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the BLM Las Vegas Field Office for addressing the issues of water management, repair and availability for the wild horse herds within the Nevada Wild Horse Range. It is certainly a positive step in the right direction for overall management strategies that support healthy viable herds and their sustainability as well as healthy rangelands!

As you are aware, I have an intense interest in positive solutions and the implementation of management actions that are aimed toward good stewardship of all public resources but with a special emphasis on the preservation of wild horse and burro populations and their habitat.

Having submitted extensive public comments and questions regarding the overall management strategies being proposed within the Nevada Wild Horse Range HMA, I am looking forward to the time and opportunity afforded us as BLM will now have time to respond to some of the questions posed and requests for additional information on the proposal area submitted in my comments, the most pressing and relevant of these being;

“Has BLM applied for the water rights and what is the current status of the nine identified wells in the Nevada Wild Horse Range that BLM stated would be part of a comprehensive management strategy to ensure adequate water sources and effective grazing dispersal within the NWHR?”

The other issue that we now have time to adequately address is the request for maps that show the differences between the HMA boundaries that were established before the 2003/2004 ROD/FONSI Decision and the subsequent changes after the ROD/FONSI that may effect or impede known wild horse seasonal migratory routes.

Please let me know how you best wish to proceed as I can easily come to the BLM Las Vegas Field Office to review, discuss and pick up the requested material.

Sincerely,

Cindy MacDonald