

Battle Mountain Field Office
50 Bastian Road
Battle Mountain, NV 89820

April 9, 2007

RE: 4120 (NV-062) Birch Creek-Willow Creek Drift Fence Project

Dear Mr. Furtado:

I am writing to express concerns and questions regarding the proposed Birch Creek-Willow Creek Drift Fence Project.

What impacts to wild horses and burros will this proposal create? Will it disrupt free-roaming behavior or migratory patterns? Will it prevent access to this critical habitat requirement? If so, are any mitigating measures being planned? Will the permittee, whom this proposal will allocate responsibility for maintenance too, assure wild horse access to this water source? Are there any other expected or foreseeable direct or indirect impacts to wild horses within this proposal? Does the allowance of fall grazing reduce available forage to wild horses in the area?

Please include a complete description, relevant data (such as forage impacts via AUM's), increase in forage utilizations due to the implementation of this proposal, and all other projected impacts to wild horses, their habitat, critical resources, and behavior within the affected area and proposal.

Sincerely,

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