

National Wild Horse & Burro Advisory Board Recommendations

October 31, 2019

Present: Ms. Susan McAlpine, Dr. Sue McDonnell, Dr. Barry Perryman, Ms. Celeste Carlisle, Mr. Fred Woehl, Jr., Dr. Tom Lenz, Mr. Jim French, Mr. Steven Yardley, Dr. Vernon Bleich

1. The Advisory Board recognizes the value of and supports ongoing research and funding of humane long-term fertility control and permanent sterilization as viable tools in our quest to achieve a thriving ecological balance by achieving and maintaining AML.

Approved. Eight in favor, one abstain, Ms. Carlisle

2. The Advisory Board supports and endorses the AAEP and AVMA policy statement dated October 28, 2019 and recommends that the BLM and USDA Forest Service implement the strategies therein to the extent allowed by law.

Approved. 7 in favor, 2 opposed, Dr. Perryman and Ms. Carlisle

3. The Advisory Board strongly encourages USDA Forest Service and BLM meet with relevant Tribal authorities and BIA where there are BLM/USDA Forest Service wild horse and burro management challenges.

Approved. Vote was unanimous.

4. The Advisory Board recommends that BLM continue to implement the Comprehensive Animal Welfare Program as planned, including (1) filling the national CAWP coordinator position, and (2) implementing the training necessary to move forward with animal welfare audits for gathers and for all off-range care and handling. We also encourage expansion of the Program to include animals on-range as well as in off-range pastures.

Approved. Vote was unanimous.

5. The Advisory Board encourages BLM to continue and expand HMA population surveys and the collection of population baseline data.

Approved. Vote was unanimous.