

Delegation of Authority for the Tuscarora Gather Review Team

You are hereby authorized to conduct a review of gather planning, pre-removal on-the-ground and animal condition monitoring activities, and the removal operations occurring on Saturday, July 10 through Tuesday, July 13, 2010 associated with the Tuscarora Wild Horse gather in the Elko District Office in Elko, Nevada.

Members of the team are as follows:

Mike Mottice	Oregon/Washington Associate State Director (Team Leader)
Tom Pogacnik	Deputy State Director, Natural Resources
Dr. Boyd Spratling	DVM & BLM's National Wild Horse Advisory Board
Eric Reid	Wild Horse/Burro Specialist, Fillmore, Utah
Dr. Klell Ekins	Equine DVM
Robin Lohnes	American Horse Protection Association & BLM National Wild Horse Advisory Board

The purpose of the review is to (1) document the decision-making and communication between the gather site, field and district office, and state office in program oversight and the approval of the gather plan; (2) document whether the analysis in the gather plan/EA addressed the potential for the situation that occurred in the gather, including seasonal timing and other factors; (3) document pre-removal on-the-ground conditions and whether the pre-gather reconnaissance provided indicators of the condition of the horses; (4) document the involvement of the field, district and state office in the decisions to initiate and subsequently suspend the gather; (5) document the causal factors associated with the deaths of eight wild horses which occurred on July 10 – 11, 2010; and, (6) provide recommendation(s) as to if and/or when planned removal, fertility control and sex ratio adjustment operations should be resumed and, if so, under what conditions.

A draft report covering the items identified above should be completed and provided to the BLM Director with a cc: to the Nevada State Director and AD-200 no later than the close of business on Friday, July 16. A final report should be provided to the BLM Director with a cc: to AD-200 and the Nevada State Director and no later than Friday, July 23.

The team's primary Nevada BLM contact is Ken Miller, Elko District Manager at (775) 753-0201. The primary National Program Office contact will be Dean Bolstad at (775) 861-6611.



Mike Pool
Deputy Director

7/14/2010
Date