

October 14, 2009

Dave Hays, Manager
BLM Black Rock Field Office
Winnemucca District Office
5100 East Winnemucca Blvd.
Winnemucca, NV 89445



RE: Notice of Proposed Action for Capture and Removal of Excess Wild Horses in the Calico Complex Received September 17, 2009

Dear Dave:

Friends of Nevada Wilderness supports the Proposed Action as outlined in the NOPA referred to above. We agree that these actions are necessary, given the large number of horses within the complex, to protect both the ecological health of the land as well as the health of the horse herds.

These actions will only serve to enhance the wilderness and special habitat values of the wilderness areas impacted.

Please keep us on your list to receive the EA. Please ensure that the EA recommends that gather facilities where possible are located outside of the wilderness areas. Should impacts to the wilderness areas occur from the gather, please ensure that they are promptly rehabilitated.

We appreciate the challenges the BLM faces in its gathering of wild horses. If we can be of assistance in any way, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shaaron Netherton".

Shaaron Netherton
Executive Director
Friends of Nevada Wilderness

