

Written comments submitted via email for the BLM Nevada Tri-RAC Meeting

Comment 1. Jean Public jeanpublic1@yahoo.com

there is illegality going on here. this is national land belonging to 325 million people, most of whom do not live in Nevada and you have called in only local nevadans to counsel on this issue. they are entitled to be called in to decide on Nevada land, BUT NOT NATIONAL LAND. YOU HAVE CALLED IN A BIASED GROUP OF LOCALS TO TELL ALL 325 MILLION OF US WHAT THEY WANT, WHICH CAN BE VERY UNFAIR SINCE WE ALL NEED A VOICE IN OUR NATIONAL LAND. YOU ARE TRYING TO PULL A FAST ONE, FRANKLY.

SO MANY OF THE LOCALS APPEAR TO BE CLIVE BUNDY TYPES WHO ARE UNDER THE DELUSION THAT BECAUSE IT IS IN NEVADA IT IS STATE LAND. WELL IT ISNT STATE LAND. IT IS NATIONAL LAND UNDER NATIONAL OWNERSHIP AND THE NATIONAL OWNERS ARE BEING HOODWINKED AND CATTLE RUSTLED BY THE BLM IN THIS INSTANCE.

I AM VERY CONCERNED THAT THE BURROS AND WILD HORSES STAY ALIVE ON THIS NATIONAL LAND. I DONT GIVE A HOOT WHAT LOCALS WANT TO DO WITH THEIR STATE LAND. THIS IS NATIONAL LAND AND WE HAVE LAWS ON NATIONAL LAND PROTECTING WILD HORSES AND BURROS. BLM IS BEING VERY UNFAIR TO THIS NATIONS CITIZENS AND TRYING TO PULL A CRIMINAL FAST ONE ON THEM WITH NOT EVEN LISTENING TO NATIONAL COMMENT ON THIS ISSUE.

WE CERTAINLY HAVE GOVT AGENCIES THAT PLAY FAST AND LOOSE WITH OUR NATIONAL LAND. I SUGGEST THAT BLM BE SHUT DOWN AND WE GET A NEW AGENCY THAT PROTECTS THIS NATIONS CITIZENS FROM BAD MANAGEMENT - ALMOST CRIMINAL MANAGEMENT. THIS COMMENT IS FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD. PLEASE RECEIPT. JEAN PUBLIC
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Comment 2. janet.schultz12@gmail.com

Good morning:

I apologize that I submit this comment electronically; I had planned on attending but cannot.

I have some thoughts regarding the care of the public land and want to see my prospective considered. A lot of money is being spent and it is a boondoggle for some to see this crash course continue.

I believe the public lands, our wildlands, should be managed gently not as they are presently by mathematically calculating end of use.

Domestic Grazing: I feel it is time to seriously plan for the sunset of all domestic grazing on public wildlands. Historically, since The Grazing Service and before, unsupervised grazing on public wildlands has destroyed the land's ability to provide forage, shelter and water to wild creatures.

This is against the trust given by allowing grazing.

We have a real problem facing us now in that private land values have been integrated with public wildlands. This integration will complicate restriction and ending of the use by association. But that financial burden is not of the making of the majority of citizens - but for the profit of a very few to the level of billions of dollars. We do not reap the benefits in receiving free beef or mutton. We do not receive benefits in free products from those animals. We do receive bills for "losses".

Public contributions of revenue has been contracted for reimbursement of livestock grazing "improvements" on wildlands, changing the migratory and feeding patterns of all wildlife near and passing through. Those improvements on wildland have created an unmitigated conversion of public wildlands for the private use of the domestic public land grazers. Fencing prohibits free access. Old barbed wire and T-posts creates hazards of injury and death. Water lines, tubs, ponds, ostensibly created for the good of the animals on the wildland are, for the most part, left to dry out once domestic animals are rotated out of the wildland pastures. The consequence of that neglect is obvious. The water provisions should be stopped and cross fencing taken down. Gates are being closed or left open and wild animals are being victimized. The wild animals will know where the water is and migrate as needed. If BLM suspects a need by the wild animals, that need can easily be provided being as the agency has millions of dollars available for such "improvements."

Until the permits are ended, unsupervised use by grazers on the public wildlands has got to end. Accurate counting of livestock must be a priority. The conflicts between the domestic grazing use and all other life on the wildlands MUST end. Today. It is a travesty that livestockers disrupt the flow of wild life on our public lands. How they manage their own land is their business.

SageGrouse: these beautiful birds are in the way of grazers, miners, BLM wild horse helicopter wash, pipelines. No natural creature threatens them - just manmade pressure and destruction.

Encroachment of the juniper due to overgrazed flatland is pushing them out of their leeches. Biologists have been warning of this for years. Every RMP for these districts has discussed overgrazing by LIVESTOCK as the primary and consistent cause of wildland and wildlife stress.

Wild horses: a drug is proposed by a RAC member and one of her friends from the Mojave District, to enlarge a program throughout the wild horse and burro program that has sporadically been in use by BLM since 2004. The drug is nicknamed, PZP. I do not support the use of drugs on any wildlife, nor do I support surgical spaying or neutering.

Right now here is a million dollar grant available to PZP (called "research", sort of like the Japanese killing whales against the IWC and UN orders and calling it research). This grant has caused a frenzy by all sorts of comers (mostly so-called advocates) willing to capture (illegal), harrass (illegal), brand (illegal) and inject a drug which may harm or kill the natural life of the wild horse herds (illegal). After the capture and disruption of the herds (which has been proven to cause population spikes - studies have been provided to BLM by Karen Sussman), the animals are in chaos. I won't repeat the disaster happening in the herds after the PZP'd mares are returned to their wild herd areas; you more than likely know, contact some of the people visiting the herd areas, not the range rat, but people who have been speaking for years about the disruption and unnatural behaviors on the wildlands.

Besidesn again, the entire birth control issue is to provide a means of accessing public funds accommodating (subsidizing) other uses of the wildlands: grazing (overuse of water, boundary fencing into pastures and unfair depletion of forage the wild animals depend on to survive), killing of predators (killing contests), mining (open pit mining, pumping of water, leaching of dangerous bonding chemicals into holding ponds, roads built to facilitate movement of trucks and equipment) and solar fields (burning animals to death or destroying the wildland in leveling off acres of land, cementing pads and erecting miles and miles of chain link fencing). The public receives no return.

How do these situations provide multiple use? And why allow such destruction and alteration? Surely there is someone amongst the decision makers who has the backbone to speak against this hellish trip to ruin.

What about our spiritual needs in being on the wildlands.

Explorations on the wild land reveal the damages are NOT remedied but left behind as eyesores and dangerous areas, smelling like rotten eggs or worse. Taxpayer funds again are used to force remedy if ever. This is not good.

These activities are not the best use of public trust. They need to stop, not mitigated - stopped.

Study the Pigs: Pigs fed corn and soya which had been altered to include proteins to destroy the digestive systems of insects were found to be riddled with the insect targeted protein. The study was performed to determine if the proteins were crossing the species barriers, which was not thought possible. It was a surprise, as stated in this study that the digestive systems of the pigs had degraded. Further necropsies revealed the reproductive systems had also become inflamed and obstructed.

An earlier study on rats revealed seriously degraded digestive systems (with bloody diarrhea and inflamed and degraded reproductive systems).

There is NO reason to think the PZP made of pigs is not carrying those proteins. Just the suspicion of danger should be enough to stop the BLM studies in their tracks - but they persist. All pigs eat GMO'd corn and soya. God knows what has happened with the deer populations as a result of the PZP used on them. I've heard their species is struggling as well. And why Kirkpatrick would encourage this pig compound be forced on elephants is BEYOND me. He is out of control, he clearly is not a compassionate person. But he also speaks to others with as low expectations of their world and, thus, seems to have made a name for himself.

I write to say, I am against this constant shuffling so that some can continue interfering with the wildlands and see the ONLY real solution to maintain the integrity of the land is to stop the activities that throw the natural cycles into chaos. That activity is resource abuse.

I also attach here a concept called Reserve Design by Dr. Craig Downer. Read it, it is short. It will make our life better.

After the wildlands are brought to a state of peace we can then realistically move some of the billions of dollars to other programs such as mental health and elder care - but you won't see many of these "cowboys" involved in that move for the better of society. And our wildlands will once again be a place of respite and awe for the bounty of life it supports. We as a species can learn through observation, the real natural cycle and be at peace ourselves.

That was the purpose of the public wildlands, after all.

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Comment 2 Attachments:

Long Term Study on Pigs Fed GM Soy and Corn
Proposal for Wild Horse/Burro Reserve Design Project

Comment 3. Diane elise Gentile dianegentile@gmail.com Feb 22

To: Tri-Resource advisory Council

I am writing to voice my concern that this upcoming meeting will not fairly address the concerns of the American people it is designed to represent. Americans have spoken out overwhelmingly in favor of protecting and preserving wild horses and burros. It is high time the office of BLM increase the low number of these animals that are permitted to graze. Further, penned horses and burros that have been captured and that we are paying tax dollars to keep penned up should be treated humanely with birth control in place and released back into the wild.

The coercion from ranching interests must stop if we are to protect our land and our wilderness.

Please take a stand and forge a new direction for our great country.

Sincerely,
Diane Gentile

Comment 4. Selena Akerley <AkerleyF.Selena@gmx.com>

To the Members of the BLM Nevada Tri-RAC:

We, the undersigned citizens and taxpayers, endorse the comments of the American Wild Horse Preservation Campaign urging you to recommend the following actions to the BLM:

1. Allocate a fairer share of resources to wild horses on the small amount of land in Nevada that is designated as their habitat.
2. Use the proven Porcine Zona Pellucida (PZP) birth control vaccine as a humane and cost-effective alternative to removing wild horses from the range, as recommended by the National Academy of Sciences.

With more than 80 percent of the American public opposed to horse slaughter and 72 percent strongly in favor of preserving wild horses and burros on our public lands, we must work together on solutions that protect these animals in the wild. The BLM's endless, costly and cruel cycle of roundups, removal and stockpiling of wild horses in holding facilities must end.

America's public lands and our wild horses and burros belong to all Americans. Please vote to recommend these commonsense and publicly supported reforms

We, as Americans, have continually and strongly opposed the capture, corralling, and slaughter of our wild horses. We are asking you to PLEASE vote to properly use birth control (PZP) as a means to control herd numbers.

Thank You,
Selena F. Akerley

Comment 5. bwagstaff63@yahoo.com

Lee wild horses wild. End round ups!

Sent from my iPhone

Comment 6. Vicki Halley <vehalley@yahoo.com>

To whom it may concern: We need to preserve the wild horse population in the United States and control the population by birth control humanely. Sincerely, Victoria E. Halley

Comment 7. Mushka Lightstone <mushkaphotography@gmail.com>

I am in full support of PZP Fertility Control, and hope that you vote to preserve the American wild horses in this humane and effective way. They should not be removed from their homeland. I am asking the RAC to recommend that BLM increase the allowable number of wild horses in Nevada by reducing livestock grazing and manage these horses humanely.

Thank you for this consideration.
Monika Lightstone

Comment 8. Beatrice Hoopes <gabee56@aol.com>

To whom this may concern:

I am writing to you to ask that grant the wild mustangs their freedom that they entitled to. These lands were set aside so that the wild mustangs could keep their freedom that they have had for hundreds of years on these lands. They are entitled to keep their homes and not be run off by the greedy ranchers who blame them for overgrazing.

These horses have lived on these lands for years and now suddenly the land is being overgrazed? How is this even possible that the horses are to blame. I was born and raised on a farm and I know if you put too many animals on a certain amount of land, the animals was kill the roots of the grass. This has not happened until the cattle ranchers were allowed to put their herds on these lands. There is no way possible these horses are causing the overgrazing.

Isn't it enough that the horses have been corralled, given birth control and the stallions gelded. If this even continues, the mustang herds will disappear.

The BLM was put in place to protect the land and the wild mustangs. They were to ensure the safety of the herds and their wellbeing. I don't see any of this happening. The mustangs are being eliminated to give the ranchers more grazing land. How is this protecting the wild mustangs and their land they live on.

The American people feel that the wild mustangs, these magnificent animals, should be given back their land and their freedom. This is what we are trying to preserve.

Sincerely,

Beatrice Hoopes

Proud supporter of the American Wild Horse Preservation