

**Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board  
Member Biographies**

**Dr. Robert E. Cope, DVM – Salmon, Idaho (Natural Resource Management)**

Dr. Cope, who earned his DVM at Kansas State University, has practiced veterinary medicine since 1975. After relocating to Idaho, he was elected Lemhi County Commissioner in 2000 and served in that position through 2014. Dr. Cope has been active in the National Association of Counties (NACo), serving as chair or vice chair of NACo's Environment, Energy, and Land Use Steering Committee for nine years. As a veterinarian for nearly 40 years, Dr. Cope has focused on large animals, particularly range livestock.

**Mr. Rick Danvir - Evanston, Wyoming (Wildlife Management)**

Rick is a professional wildlife biologist with a BS in Wildlife Science from Utah State University and an Associate degree in Fisheries and Wildlife Technology from the State University of New York. Rick worked on wildlife research projects for several years with the New York Dept. of Environmental Conservation, the Colorado Division of Wildlife and the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources. His wildlife research experience includes studies of black bear, prairie dog, cougar, mule deer, elk, pronghorn and greater sage grouse ecology and management. As a consultant and Wildlife Manager for Deseret Ranches, Rick has over thirty years of experience managing wildlife and range on ranches and reservations throughout the Intermountain West, the Great Plains, Maine, Florida, Alberta and Argentina. Rick is a member of the Wildlife Society and Society for Range Management, and has served on the Utah Fish and Game Commission, the Utah Habitat Council, the Western Landowners Alliance Advisory Council, the BLM Wild Horse and Burros Advisory Board and the BEHAVE Advisory Board. His principle management interest is maintaining healthy wildlife populations and habitat by integrating grazing, range and wildlife management for ecological and economic sustainability. He is currently based in Wyoming and continues to work on Western wildlife and range issues.

**Mr. John Falen – Orovada, Nevada (Livestock Management)**

Mr. Falen, a graduate of the University of Idaho with a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Husbandry, is a longtime advocate of responsible wild horse management and has spent years dealing with wild horse issues, both on and off the range. He has 20 years' experience serving on numerous boards and committees regarding wild horse management, including the Mustang Heritage Foundation (MHF) and the Public Lands Council's Wild Horse and Burro Committee. A respected leader in the livestock community at both the state and national levels, Mr. Falen is Past President of the Public Lands Council and serves on the Board of Directors of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. (Mr. Falen, a member of the MHF Board of Trustees, will recuse himself from issues concerning MHF, which is a BLM partner in promoting public adoptions of wild horses and burros.)



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**Mr. Timothy J. Harvey – Campton, New Hampshire (Humane Advocacy)**

Mr. Harvey, owner of the Merry-Go-Round Pens, LLC, Western Safety Stirrups, LLC, and Journey Horses Farm, has been a horse professional and experienced trainer for the past 20 years. An established clinician who organizes training seminars and clinics with several top trainers, Mr. Harvey specializes in colt starting and foundation training based on natural horsemanship and traditional vaquero (cowboy) training methods. Mr. Harvey is an innovator who has also operated a therapeutic riding program centered on fostering the emotional well-being of victims of abuse and people with anger-management issues.

**Dr. Sue M. McDonnell, Ph.D – West Chester, Pennsylvania (Wild Horse and Burro Research)**

Dr. McDonnell is Clinical Associate and Adjunct Professor of Reproduction and Behavior at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine, where she heads a research, teaching, and clinical service program in equine behavior at the New Bolton Center. For over 20 years she has maintained a herd of semi-feral ponies as a living laboratory for the study and teaching of behavior, reproduction, and general health of horses living under natural social conditions. As a certified applied animal behaviorist, she consults privately on equine behavior and welfare. Dr. McDonnell, who holds a Ph.D. from the University of Delaware, co-edited the current leading academic book on horse behavior, titled “The Domestic Horse: The Evolution, Development and Management of its Behaviour,” published by Cambridge University Press.

**Ms. Jennifer Sall – Lander, Wyoming (General Public –wild horse protection; wildlife management; animal husbandry; or natural resource management)**

Ms. Sall has 25 years of experience caring for and training horses, including as manager of the National Outdoor Leadership School's (NOLS) Three Peaks Ranch. There she managed a herd of 75 horses and trained halter-broken mustangs to become dependable working mountain horses. Ms. Sall is currently the Program Manager for the Rocky Mountain Branch of the National Outdoor Leadership School. Previously as a NOLS instructor, Ms. Sall logged more than 100 weeks in the field on public lands teaching leadership, outdoor skills (including leading horse-packing trips), and environmental studies. She has a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Bates College in Lewiston, Maine.

**Ms. June Sewing – Cedar City, Utah (Wild Horse and Burro Advocacy)**

Ms. Sewing is the Executive Director and Secretary for the National Mustang Association, for which she has worked since 1985 carrying out various responsibilities, including managing the association's wild horse sanctuary. Ms. Sewing has also served as the president of local charitable organizations – as trustee on the Cedar City hospital board for 20 years, and on a committee dealing with the endangered Utah prairie dog. Ms. Sewing has received a Citizen Volunteer award from the Chamber of Commerce, Board of Realtors, and Southern Utah University.

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**Dr. Julie Weikel, DVM -Princeton, Oregon (Veterinary Medicine)**

Dr. Weikel earned her Master of Veterinary Science and DVM from Washington State University and has practiced as a large animal veterinarian for 42 years with an equine and bovine focus. As a Professor in the College of Veterinary Medicine at Washington State University, she taught advanced large animal medicine, radiology, and large animal clinics. Dr. Weikel has served on the Southeast Oregon Advisory Committee (in the wild horse and burro position). She has also served as a member of the Oregon Natural Desert Association; on the Morrow County School Board; and as a court-appointed special advocate volunteer.

**Mr. Fred T. Woehl, Jr. – Harrison, Arkansas (General Public – Equine Behavior)**

Mr. Woehl has been involved in the horse community for over 40 years as a trainer, natural horsemanship clinician and educator. He has served as a volunteer for the BLM's Wild Horse and Burro Program for over 12 years, conducting demonstrations of wild horse versatility and assisting with adoptions. Mr. Woehl worked as a senior agricultural adviser for the U.S. State Department from October 2008 to November 2009 in Iraq, where he was responsible for the development and implementation of agricultural programs and policy for the Ninewa Province. From November 2009 to March, 2011, he worked in the Kingdom of Jordan, for the Department of Interior's International Technical Assistance Program where developed policies for horse use and trained the local Bedouin tribesmen in humane methods of training and use of horses at the Archeological Park of Petra. He currently has 2 BLM mustangs that are used for demonstrations and good will visits at nursing homes, schools and churches.

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