

Bureau of Land Management  
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RE: The Use of Helicopters to Remove Wild Horses

Dear Mr. Surian:

Please accept this letter and the attached report, The Use of Helicopters to Remove Wild Horses and Burros From Public Lands, into public record regarding the Bureau of Land Managements Surprise Field Offices plans to utilize this method of capture for the removal of wild horses in the Bitner, Nut Mountain, Wall Canyon East, Massacre Lakes, Carter Reservoir and New Ravendale herd management areas.

I would like to formally state that am generally opposed to the use of helicopters to remove wild horses and burros, as there is sufficient evidence that establishes the brutal and inhumane reality of this “convenience” to the BLM, contrary to public law and the intent and mandates of Congress to protect them.

In addition to helicopter round ups being excessively costly, the BLM has repeatedly supported their “efficiency” at the expense of every other consideration.

For example, the Bitner, Nut Mountain, and Wall Canyon HMAs have been “over AML” and authorized for removals for two years, yet rather than utilize a more humane and less costly method such as bait/water trapping or horseback riders, the BLM has chosen to wait for the helicopter services despite the price paid by the wild horses, the rangeland resources and the American taxpayer.

Please stop this practice now.

Sincerely,

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