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Comments: 36 CFR 218.8(d)

Removal of wild horses outside the Montgomery Pass Wildhorse Territory

Dear BLM & Inyo National Forest & to everyone to whom it may concern,

\* This is my revised objection/comment letter.

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\* comment letter Re: "Objections must be submitted within 45 days following the publication of this legal notice in the Inyo Register."

\* Since I did not find publication of this legal notice in the Inyo Register, it'd be great if you would provide a link to the Inyo Register including the publication date.

\* The only date listed is the Objection Period Start date on your website as 08/08/2024.

\* If that is correct then Objection Period ends after 45 days on 9/22/24 ?

\* I sent the letter below on 9/15/24. It does not show up in "Objection Responses for Inyo National Forest - Past 90 Days"

\* I am writing it again to include objection letter requirements of "36 CFR 218.8(d)" & title etc.

Re: " Objections must include (36 CFR 218.8(d)): 1) name, address and telephone; 2) signature or other verification of authorship; 3) identify a single lead objector when applicable; 4) project name, Responsible Official name and title, and name of affected National Forest(s) and/or Ranger District(s); 5) reasons for, and suggested remedies to resolve, your objections; and, 6) description of the connection between your objections and your prior comments. Incorporate documents by reference only as provided for at 36 CFR 218.8(b)."

\* Please answer: Will my objection letter be accepted without my phone number and address.?

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\* also this is in the body of the objection letter online form : "Do not enter any personally identifiable information (PII) such as address or email in the text editor below. Your name and all information entered into the text box below may be published on this website."

\* Since, I am not a business & as a elder and concerned senior citizen, I am not comfortable providing personal information such as my email, address, phone number, online signature etc. that will be open to public access or published on this website.

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\* Yes I did send a letter in previous scoping period.

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Dear BLM & Inyo National Forest & to everyone to whom it may concern,

Sustainability, conservation, & wise tax optimization is smart business!

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Montgomery Pass Wild Horses.

I strongly request that instead of rounding up the Montgomery Pass Wild Horses, the BLM and USFS consider taking following actions first and foremost:

- \* Respect the rights of local Cultural Resources of Tribes opposing the project & their historical effective approaches & standard protocols.
- \* Provide Both: Environmental Impact Report (EIR) & Environmental Impact Statements (EIS)
- \* Reevaluate & Issue an updated AML (amount of horses)
- \* Incorporate Scientific Findings
- \* Abandon Helicopter Roundups
- \* Implement Fertility Control
- \* Evaluate Livestock Grazing Impacts
- \* Use fertility control instead of a roundup, and, if the federal agency held a roundup, not to use a helicopter.
- \* The FONSI states that Animal Welfare Standards and Standard Operating Procedures are in place, yet are they followed?
- \* There's a long history of documented adverse impacts to individual animals including cruelty stress, severe injury, disease and death.
- \* I am requesting a delay to consider more humane options for the Bureau of Land Management Wild Horse roundup, such as those requested by Governor Polis of Colorado: "The governor also requested that "if" the BLM proceeds with a roundup, the federal agency use a slow-paced "bait and trap" approach, which involves enticing horses into remote corrals with water and hay, instead of using a helicopter. He also asked that wranglers on horseback do not rope any mustangs, saying that has "high potential for extreme stress, injury and death."

I urge you to please take into consideration all concerns from recent public comments & the exceptional work of other individuals, for example, Colorado Governor Polis.

"Polis told Vilsack, "I know that, working together, Colorado BLM and the State of Colorado can achieve a more cost-effective, humane, and sustainable way of managing our wild horse herds. It's time to turn the corner, together, on how we steward these magnificent and iconic animals."

Best regards,

Sue King

Senior citizen & previous U.S. Forest Service employee & former Inyo county resident with family currently residing in Inyo county.

