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Mr. Curt Berklund, Director Bureau of Land Management Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Mr. Berklund:

We wish to go on record as favoring the proposed regulation amendments that would allow the use of helicopters and other motorized vehicles in a humane manner in the management of wild horses and burros on public lands. There are numerous situation when the management of these species, as well as many others, can be greatly facilitated and improved with the use of mechanized equipment.

It would be to the detriment of wild horses and burros to restrict these management techniques of wild horses and burros to restrict these management techniques which are needed to properly control animal numbers in line with what their range can support.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Leege President - Idaho Chapter The Wildlife Society

bcc: Mike Zagata