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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 situations 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 which are needed to properly control wild horses and burros in line with what their range can support.

We also recommend that agencies be allowed to sell surplus animals if foster homes cannot be found, and that these agencies not be held responsible as legal guardians of wild horses and burros that are relocated.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas A. Leege  
President - Idaho Chapter  
The Wildlife Society

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