



## NATIONAL HORSE & BURRO RANGELAND MANAGEMENT COALITION

*Advocating for commonsense, ecologically-sound approaches to managing horses and burros  
to promote healthy wildlife and rangelands for future generations*

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**DATE:** 10 February 2017

**TO:** Dorothea Boothe, Acting Wild Horse and Burro Program Specialist  
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**FROM:** National Horse & Burro Rangeland Management Coalition

**RE:** **Call for Nominations for the National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board –  
Recommendation for Dr. Sue McDonnell as the Research Representative**

Dear Dorothea Boothe:

The National Horse and Burro Rangeland Management Coalition (Coalition) supports the reappointment of Dr. Sue McDonnell to the National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board.

The Coalition includes more than 18 national organizations, encompassing a wide range of sportsmen, livestock growers, state and local governments, wildlife and land conservation organizations, and professional societies. Collectively, we represent over 10 million Americans and 6,000 local governments. We focus on commonsense, ecologically-sound approaches to managing wild horses and burros to promote healthy wildlife and rangelands for future generations. As such, we share a great interest in the appointment of new Advisory Board members.

As one of the nation's leading experts on equine physiology, behavior, and welfare, Dr. McDonnell is a natural choice to continue her service as Research representative on the Advisory Board. In addition to authoring numerous books and articles about horse behavior and management, Dr. McDonnell is also the founding head of the Equine Behavior Program at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. Her research includes a long-term study of the physiology and behavior of equines in a free-roaming environment.

While we recognize that many qualified individuals will be nominated for this important position, Dr. McDonnell has gained our recommendation for reappointment through her strong professional commitment to equine research and support for objective research while serving on the Advisory Board. We are confident Dr. McDonnell will continue to be an excellent contributor to the important work of the National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board and encourage the agency to consider her reappointment.

Sincerely,

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National Cattlemen's Beef Association • National Rifle Association • National Wildlife Refuge Association  
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