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Jim Sedinger  
Coalition for Healthy Lands, Wildlife and Free-roaming Horses

RE: Support of a resolution to increase funding and manage Free-roaming horses by BLM

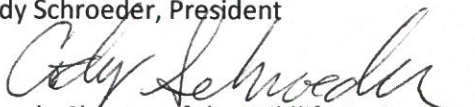
Dear Dr. Sedinger and colleagues,

We are pleased to provide this letter in support of a resolution by the Coalition for Healthy Lands, Wildlife and Free-roaming Horses to the Nevada Legislature urging Congress to support increased funding for the reduction of free-roaming horses and burros (FRHB). We are especially pleased that this resolution specifies using a science-based approach for managing horses and burros on public land. The proposed resolution acknowledges and reinforces the findings of a 2020 report titled "BLM Report to Congress for Achieving a Sustainable Wild Horse & Burro Program" that outlines a plan for moving forward to increase both short- and long-term funding for the Bureau of Land Management's FRHB Program; and seeks to efficiently reduce FRHB populations to Appropriate Management Level (AML) within 10 years using non-lethal means.

One of the core principles of the Nevada Chapter of the Wildlife Society is to work locally to enable wildlife professionals to sustain wildlife populations and habitat through science-based management and conservation. In addition, the Nevada Chapter of the Wildlife Society has been active in supporting several recent Science Symposia and workshops held throughout the West that have brought together scientists, land managers, concerned citizens, and advocates of both wildlife and free-roaming horses, to find long term solutions for managing these iconic species. We strongly believe this resolution identifies the needs and urgency to achieve those goals and provide a balance between multiple uses of public lands, while ensuring healthy rangelands, ecological balance, and protecting crucial habitats for fish and wildlife populations in Nevada.

Sincerely,

Cody Schroeder, President



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