

April 16, 2024

Dear Sagebrush Ecosystem Council

Please include this statement in the record with copies to all the SEC members.

I am disappointed that your Council has endorsed the Coalition for Healthy Nevada Lands concerning Nevada's wild horses and burros and the supposed need to continue to drastically reduce their relatively minor herd populations in spite of well substantiated arguments and widespread and sound testimony against doing so. When major factual discrepancies were pointed out implicating the fairness and rationality of targeting the wild horses and burros were presented, the Council should have given this serious consideration instead of the silent treatment.

In particular, I refer to the "relative proportions" of the wild horses and their resource requirements as compared to other factors on the public lands, such as livestock, OHVs, mining operations, etc. Doing this would inspire greater belief in Nevadan government and democracy, so I urge you to give this some serious thought for future challenges.

As before I remain willing to work with you and in general believe in the importance of your mission.

Sincerely,

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