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Memo

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To: Whom It May Concern **From:** Dr. Albert Kane

Re: euthanasia recommendation for dangerous horse on NV Wild Horse Range

On Thursday, July 3, 2008 I was asked by Jerrie Bertola (BLM WH&B Specialist, LV FO) to give an opinion on the best disposition of a 10 year old bay stud horse that had been removed from the NV Wild Horse Range during the gather that was ongoing at the time. I had observed the horse over the previous few days at the temporary holding corral, in the pens while undisturbed as well as during sorting and loading of horses from the pens.

This stud horse stayed on the edge of the pen across the panels from a neighboring group of horses in an adjacent pen. That pen had held a couple of young mares when the stud was first sorted but later held other young studs. The horse in question did not stay close to or mix with the group of stud horses in his pen. He was very aggressive toward other horses in the pen, not allowing them to stand in that end of the pen. He showed little or no fear of humans and would readily leave the group of horses in his pen and run past or through the people in the pen during sorting. This behavior was consistent over the course of a few days and during several attempts to move this particular horse or clear the group of horses from the pen. Eventually he was moved to his own pen out of concern for the safety of the people working in the corrals as well as the other horses.

In my opinion this horse's unusual behavior (unwillingness to bunch with other horses, constant aggression toward other horses and lack of fear or "respect" for humans during sorting) made this horse dangerous to handle beyond the danger inherently associated with the wild characteristics of wild horses and burros.

I recommended this horse be euthanized to protect the safety of personnel working within the WH&B Program at that time and place as well as in the future.