

ELKO COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE RESOLUTIONON 2010

Whereas the **ELKO COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE** is opposed development of any Private Wild Horse Sanctuary utilizing federally managed public lands in Elko County, Nevada; and

Whereas the **ELKO COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE** believes that the proposed ownership structure of a 501 (C) 3) non-profit corporation as proposed for the development and operation of a Wild Horse Sanctuary in perpetuity utilizing federally managed public lands in Elko County, Nevada will cause loss of local tax revenue while also proposing that the Federal Government pay a per horse fee from federal tax revenue; and

Whereas the **ELKO COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE** also believes that the ownership structure of a 501 (C) 3) non-profit corporation as proposed for the development and operation of a Private Wild Horse Sanctuary utilizing federally managed public lands in Elko County, Nevada by not having the legal right to own said Wild Horses is subject to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) that would prevent the said 501 (C) 3) non-profit corporation from proving beneficial use and loss of any water rights associated with the operation of the original agricultural operation; and

Whereas the **ELKO COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE** is adamantly opposed to the Federal Government, BLM or State of Nevada changing or altering existing laws, policies, management practices and/or fee/ tax schedules, including but not limited to;

- The Taylor Grazing Act
- Changes to the Wild Free Roaming Horse and Burro Act
- Increases to the Appropriate Management Levels
- Increase AUM's for Wild Horses
- Expand Herd Areas
- Expand Herd Management Areas
- Waive Brand Inspection
- Waive Brand Fees
- Waive Grazing Fees
- Head Taxes:

to accommodate the development of a Private Wild Horse Sanctuary on federally managed public lands; and

Whereas the **ELKO COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE** believes that if a Private Wild Horse Sanctuary is developed, maintained and operated utilizing federally managed public lands within Elko County it will be detrimental to all multiple uses on federally managed public lands including hunting, other agricultural uses, mining activities, recreation activities and access to and travel within federally managed public lands, conflict with surrounding land uses, and surrounding land owners; and

Whereas the **ELKO COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE** agree that if a Private Wild Horse Sanctuary is developed, maintained and operated utilizing federally managed lands it will be detrimental to riparian areas, wildlife and wildlife habitat of affected lands within the proposed public lands and thus will impact existing and future agricultural, recreation and hunting activities, thus having negative impacts to viable and important economic components of the Elko County economy; and

Whereas the **ELKO COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE** agree that if a Private Wild Horse Sanctuary is developed and maintained utilizing federally managed lands it will have negative impacts to and affect access to many historical and cultural sites within the area, along with hunting and camping, thus also negatively impacting existing social, cultural and quality of life; and

Whereas the **ELKO COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE** believes this area is critical wintering area for wildlife and if a Wild Horse Sanctuary is developed and maintained utilizing federally managed lands would be detrimental to the habitat needed to sustain wildlife in this area. Permanently converting livestock AUMs to Wild Horse AUMs does not solve the issue with over population of Wild Horses in Elko County. Now Therefore be it Resolved that;

- The Federal Government nor the BLM shall not cause change, amend, or append the Taylor Grazing Act of 1934 or any other federal, state or local law, or policy to permit the development and operation of a Private Wild Horse Sanctuary on federally managed public lands; and

- The Federal Government nor the BLM shall monetarily or any way compensate any Private Wild Horse Sanctuary for the long or short term housing and/or maintenance or operation of a Private Wild Horse Sanctuary developed and operated on federally managed public lands; and

- The Federal Government and the BLM must continue to employ current Wild Horse management polices and range management techniques to protect the riparian areas, wildlife and wildlife habitat on federally managed public lands; and

- The Federal Government nor the BLM shall permit the expansion of Wild Horse Management Areas / Wild Horse Areas or change current policies concerning Appropriate Management Levels to accommodate the development and operation of a Wild Horse Sanctuary on federally managed public lands; and

- Due to the lack of proof by the 501 (C)3 of beneficial use for watering wild horses and the lack of support from the state for the federal government to hold water rights, we feel that said 501 (c)3 will be unable to water these animals. Water rights should not be granted to an entity that does not own the livestock used to prove beneficial use; and

- Encourages the Federal Government and the BLM to develop Wild Horse Sanctuaries on private lands located in more temperate climates of the mid-west to ensure a better quality, healthier and longer life of the Wild Horses ; and

- Mandates that the Federal Government and the BLM must protect and ensure multiple uses on and access to and travel within all federally managed public lands and that no one specific type of public use is preferred, encouraged, causes interruption or change to the use of another; and.

- With over 34,000 wild horses in short and long term holding any wild horse and burro sanctuary will not solve the problem of expanding herds and numbers of wild horses. There are negative economic impacts to the community, to the BLM and to the state if an action is taken to create a wild horse and burro sanctuary. Creating a sterile herd of horses on a sanctuary creates a place for the animals to die, not a place that creates a solution to the ever growing number of horses on public lands.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 1st day of DECEMBER, 2010.

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