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**To:** Wiechman, Lief
**Cc:** Turner, Ed; Lara Juliusson
**Subject:** Re: Wild Horse and what I will actually be capable of providing.
**Date:** Monday, March 30, 2015 10:09:35 AM

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Ed,

Thanks for the updates and all your work!

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On Fri, Mar 27, 2015 at 3:31 PM, Wiechman, Lief <lief_wiechman@fws.gov> wrote:

> Use this info if you need to document how you did/didn't address Dawn's comment re: HMA/AML overlap... we'll take care of it from there.
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> On Fri, Mar 27, 2015 at 4:26 PM, Turner, Ed <ed_turner@fws.gov> wrote:
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>> Hello Genevieve, I wanted to give you a heads up.
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>> While you were out, I spent considerable amounts of time attempting to create a blended USFS/BLM data set that would represent information related to Minimum / Maximum AML's, and indicate which of those areas are within AML limits or over AML limits based on annual estimated populations.
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>> This effort is not possible to complete with any degree of certainty or defendability by the USFWS. We are not the data source creators and the source creators/managers (BLM/USFS) have differing records, do to annual rapid changes within herds.
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>> I have worked with Tom Frolli (USFS WH/WB Coordinator) and he has been extremely helpful in providing information on USFS territories and I have spoken and shared data/information with Beatrice Wade (BLM WH/WB Coordinator). Based on the information I am receiving it is best that we not attempt to create something that we can not fully represent with confidant accuracy.
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>> The areas are dynamic with reproduction and levels of management between the agencies and percentages of values represented in eaches table. For this to work, it would be best for one of the two managing agencies to create one data set and one annual tracking table.

Note, BLM will be releasing the 2015 estimates end of April if all goes well and they can be obtained from Beatrice if needed.

Sorry I was unsuccessful at this data creation, but I will continue to process the latest footprint data for general on the ground possible disturbance to habitat.

I will put together a document about the process and issues that I encountered while attempting this and restate the reasons we are choosing not to attempt creating another agencies data.

I was told by BLM that there are very few areas that are not beyond animal limits. The reproduction rates are rapid and they are working to get a handle of populations numbers with aid from other agency individuals. I was also informed that the 1971 Herd Areas that are not currently managed for animals actually have animals. Because of this, we will try to obtain those polygon areas and address those as footprint too.

I hope this helps and you should have received all the emails from USFS/BLM regarding all of these issue. Sorry for the overload, just felt you need the information for your records.

I will email both Tom and Beatrice, thank them for their time and assistance and ask that they exhaust no further effort at this time.

Thanks, Ed

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