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Subject: Board of Agriculture Public Comment

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Favor, Opposition, Neutral	Neutral
Wish to Speak	Yes
	December 12, 2018
	Nevada Board of Agriculture Meeting
	Public Comment
	To Nevada Board of Agriculture:
Comment	<p>For the protection and preservation of the historic Virginia Range horses I request the PZP humane birth control program be restarted. There is no reason NOT to restart the PZP program that was reducing population growth rates of the historic Virginia Range horses at no cost to taxpayers.</p> <p>Polls show that 86% of Nevadans believe free roaming horses are important symbols for our state that must be protected and humanely managed. The vast majority support resumption of the public/private partnership for humane management. The overwhelming majority of Nevadan's love and support State of Nevada's free roaming horses.</p> <p>Pzp use in wild horse populations</p>

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	<p>Spring Creek Basin, Colorado: PZP in use since 2012. The wild horse population has been stabilized at 62, and no horses have been removed since 2011. Bait trapping is prioritized over helicopter roundups for future removals, if any are necessary.</p> <p>McCullough Peaks, Wyoming: PZP in use since 2012. Zero population growth achieved in 2015. No removals since 2013. Bait trapping is prioritized over helicopter roundups for future removals, if any are necessary.</p> <p>Challis, Idaho: Use of PZP has slowed population growth rates, meaning a longer time between round-ups (5 years instead of 3 years) and the need to remove 70% fewer horses from the range. Bait trapping will be used instead of helicopters to remove just 50 horses from the range in 2017.</p> <p>Little Book Cliffs, Colorado: PZP use has stabilized population growth rates in this herd. The last helicopter roundup was in 2009. In 2013, bait trapping was used to remove just 14 horses, who were all placed locally in adoptive homes.</p> <p>Pryor Mountains, Montana: According to the BLM, "The Billings Field Office is excited to be on the cusp of nearly eliminating the need for wild horse removals due to the use of PZP." (Jim Sparks, Billings Field Manager, 2013) Cost Effective Alternative to Expensive Roundups/Removals.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Louise Martin 775-830-12749 3270 W Plumb Lane Reno, NV 89509</p>

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agenda_number	11
agenda_letter	A
Favor, Opposition, Neutral	In Favor
Wish to Speak	No
Comment	<p>Virginia Range Mustangs Hello, my name is Christine Dallas,</p> <p>I am a photographer on the Virginia Range as well as a volunteer and I assist with documenting the Wild Horses in the area. Let the record state that I am IN FAVOR of restarting our fertility program with PZP on the Virginia Range Mustangs. I feel this is a necessary program to keep the foal crops down. In reimplementing this program ASAP, which costs the taxpayers nothing, I feel we can get a handle on the 2020 foal crop and in turn help to preserve our Virginia Range Mustangs and at the same time help our public safety hazards become fewer.</p> <p>The fertility program was showing great results in the past before the program was abruptly terminated. I believe and back the science of PZP and do NOT agree with the use of GonaCon at this time as I do not feel there is enough scientific information to use it. We have our volunteers ready to go with their equipment and training that has all been paid for without it coming from citizens tax dollars. We have the vaccines ready and waiting!</p> <p>I feel that a very large percentage (80-90%) of Nevadans would like to see this humane fertility management program resumed because of the</p>

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agenda_letter	A
Favor, Opposition, Neutral	Neutral
Wish to Speak	Yes
	12/9/2018
	Nevada Dept. of Agriculture Board Meeting 12/12/2018
	To the Board of Directors, Thank you for allowing me to comment publicly about our beloved Virginia Range wild horses. Many of my fellow advocates are here today to petition you about reinstating the PZP program and some form of our previous Cooperative Agreement. I am in full support of that effort, and feel it is a vital part of a long-term solution to the over population of the VR wild horses. I am here to ask a lot more of the Nevada Dept of Agriculture. WHPL strives to develop a program whereby the wild horses are managed through a successful community-based partnership with the DoAG at no cost to taxpayers. The local community and businesses value the horses as an important tourism resource for the area. Finding and following the wild horses represent outdoor recreational and photographic opportunities as well. People are thrilled to move to Nevada and see wild horses running free! However, the Department of Agriculture is responsible for a great deal more than wild horses and the public's amusement. You must balance public safety, farming, ranching, mining, and commercial interests, homeowner nuisance complaints, all with little to no budget.

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	<p>How can we work together?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Alliance of Wild Horse Advocates reinstates aggressive PZP darting program. 2. Future removals limited to injured and nuisance wild horses, with notification to WHPL of horse ID and coloration so we are no longer tracking them and may perhaps be able to work with you to find adopters. 3. WHPL would like permission and DoAG's guidance to improve the water and forage sources for the VR wild horses, as well as use diversionary feed and water to remove horses from high traffic and dangerous situations, with your advanced approval. 4. WHPL would like permission and DoAG's guidance to repair fencing and install additional fencing where appropriate. 5. WHPL would like DoAG's support to help enforce no dumping laws on our public lands. Dangerous items are frequently dumped where wild horses and other wildlife can consume or injure themselves. Various volunteer groups currently remove this trash, only to have more reappear. <p>Thank you in advance for your consideration and cooperation with the Wild Horse Preservation League and the Alliance of Wild Horse Advocates.</p> <p>Best Regards,</p> <p>Therese Cline, Director Therese.Cline@gmail.com 303-324-0588</p>

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From: Tracy Wilson <twilson@hvwhpf.org>
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 6:18 PM
To: Alora Bartosz
Subject: Official comment regarding Board of Ag Mtg 12/12/18 to be included in the record

Good evening,

I am not certain I can get to the 12/12/18 Board of Agriculture meeting in time to submit a card to comment, so am sending comments to be included in the record:

I am a volunteer with Hidden Valley Wild Horse Protection Fund. I have spoken at previous meetings. I request that the NDA enter into an agreement to resume the PZP fertility control program with the Virginia Range wild horses. This program happens and NO COST to the State of Nevada or the taxpayers. The population growth that is happening currently is on the shoulders of the NDA and this Board.

In addition, I am requesting that the record be corrected for the September 5, 2018 Board of Agriculture meeting which contained, what I am sure is an oversight an not intentional misrepresentation, in reporting to the members of the Board of Agriculture per the minutes of the 09/05/18 meeting regarding item #3 from approximately 1:00:00 minutes to 1:02:00 minutes, where it was stated the sustainable feral/estrays population is estimated to be 500-600 horses on the "very best grazing area within the range" and NOT the entire range.

These numbers were supposed to have been officially corrected some time ago, so it was both confusing and disheartening to see them brought out again for public consumption. The numbers stated do not represent the entire range.

The 2001 study/report referenced is linked here: http://www.kbrhorse.net/news/range_study01.html though the Board and the NDA all know this and have been given this information on numerous occasions.

Once again, if you turn to Page 11 of the report, the section entitled "Grazing Capacity and Stocking Rate," Cub Wolfe calculated various stocking rates for an 85,130 acre study area. Based on NDA's own data, the Virginia Range "Estray Horse Area" consists of 283,769 +/-ac. (Citation: NDOA map published 3/27/03, attached)

In the 85,130 acres studied that included the VC Highlands, TRW (not TRI) and a sliver of Washoe County, an area that has less forage density than the lowlands, Wolfe calculated a grazing capacity of 550 horses utilizing an allowance of 20 percent for cheatgrass. Then he added, "Where the forage allocation for cheatgrass is determined as by forage allocation for perennial forage plants, the grazing capacity is estimated at 918 horses year-round."

Depending upon cheatgrass production in a study area that produces less native grass than the lower elevations, the calculated stocking capacity for about 30% of the total area available to the horses ranged from 550 to 918. Projected over the entire available range, and not including the acreage south of US-50 that NDA excludes from their range map but for which we know for a fact the horses occupy, the stocking capacity would range from 1,833 head to 3,060 head, with the actual number leaning toward the larger figure based on the ore abundant forage profiles in the lower elevations.

Therefore, in doing the math, and taking the entire range into consideration, the official record needs to be corrected to reflect that the Virginia Range has the ability to sustain a horse population that is much higher than the number stated.

This information is relevant because Item #3 addressed "Review of the history, current status and trends of the Virginia Range Estray and Feral horses", not "Virginia Range Estray and Feral horses found in the 'very best grazing area within the range'".

Thank you for taking my comments.

Tracy Wilson
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WILD HORSE PRESERVATION LEAGUE

Theresa Cline
(online submit)

12/9/2018

Nevada Dept. of Agriculture

Board Meeting 12/12/2018

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WILD HORSE PRESERVATION LEAGUE

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Christine Dallas
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Attachments: NDA 12-12-18 meeting comment.docx

Sorry I did not get this to you last night. here it is copy and pasted to this email and also as a word document. I had to submit it under number 11 let A although I was told to try just 11 or 11 M but there is no letter M to select so see if someone can accept my written statement.. Car broke last night and gotta drive my jeep to work. Long story. Knee is still a mess but we are working quickly to resolve it....
Talk later.

Hello, my name is Christine Dallas,

I am a photographer on the Virginia Range as well as a volunteer and I assist with documenting the Wild Horses in the area.

Let the record state that I am IN FAVOR of restarting our fertility program with PZP on the Virginia Range Mustangs. I feel this is a necessary program to keep the foal crops down. In reimplementing this program ASAP, which costs the taxpayers nothing, I feel we can get a handle on the 2020 foal crop and in turn help to preserve our Virginia Range Mustangs and at the same time help our public safety hazards become fewer.

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Thank you for your time,

Christine Dallas



Public comment

All divisions

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Agenda item you are speaking on: Virginia Range horses

Are you in favor, in opposition or neutral regarding the agenda item?

- In favor
- In opposition
- Neutral

Do you wish to speak?

- Yes
- No

Comments: _____

Public comment
All divisions



First and last name: Steve Paige Today's date: 12-12-18

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Agenda item you are speaking on: Wild Horses PZT

Are you in favor, in opposition or neutral regarding the agenda item?

- In favor
- In opposition
- Neutral

Do you wish to speak?

- Yes
- No

Comments: Public Comment

12-12-2018

Nevada Department of Agriculture,

The NDA's abrupt cancellation of the program in October 2017 left the Virginia Range horse population unmanaged and growing in a habitat that is rapidly shrinking due to encroaching development.

With less natural resources and less land to graze, We cannot continue to have an increasing number of horses. We urgently need to reinstate the PZP birth control program ASAP. Local volunteers are committed and continue to update what is the largest database of its kind in the world. Our WHIMS database includes over 2500 horses. Most horses can easily be identified. The volunteers are trained, certified, insured, equipped with air rifles, range finders, darts and vaccine and ready to resume the birth control darting program immediately. We only have until spring before most of these horses will be breed again. A lot of these horses are pregnant now and we must start immediately to have any significant impact on the 2020 foal count.

Steve Paige
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Public comment
All divisions

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Agenda item you are speaking on: Public Comments Card comment period

Are you in favor, in opposition or neutral regarding the agenda item?

- In favor
- In opposition
- Neutral

Do you wish to speak?

- Yes
- No

Comments: _____

COMPARISON OF NATIVE PZP AND GONACON FERTILITY CONTROL FOR WILD HORSES
December 11, 2018

	PZP	GonacOn
<p>Research</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30-year history as an effective and safe form of fertility control for wild horses. It is also shown to be biodegradable and poses no harmful effects to the environment.^{1,2} • More than 35 research articles published. Topics include duration of effectiveness, long-term side effects, and return to fertility. Sample sizes have included several hundred mares, and length of some studies has been more than 15 years.^{1,2} • Future research includes improving formulation and delivery of PZP-22, a pelletized form of PZP.³ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30-year history as an effective and safe form of fertility control for wild horses is in its nascent stage and therefore limited. • About five research articles have been published. Sample sizes tend to be small, up to 28 mares. Except for a 2018 study in the Theodore Roosevelt National Park (TRNP) that spanned 8 years, length of studies is limited.⁵ • Future research includes investigating reimmunization schedule, duration of effectiveness, long-term side effects and return to fertility and delivery by remote darting as well as examining larger population levels.⁶ 	<p>Current Use</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PZP is widely used in managing wild horse herds on state, federal, and tribal lands in the USA as well as outside the USA.⁴ • GonacOn has limited use on a relatively small number of mares in the Teddy Roosevelt National Park and 15 mares in a BLM Herd Management Area in Nevada.^{5, 8}
<p>Delivery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PZP can be delivered by hand injection or remote darting.^{1,2} 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GonacOn can be delivered by hand injection; delivery for remote darting is currently being studied.⁹ 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • According to the TRNP study*, GonacOn is 30% effective for 2 years after a single primer vaccination; however, when followed by a booster vaccination, it was 90% effective for 3 years, however the research paper where this result was reported qualified the finding by noting that the sample size was small. ⁵ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • According to research and established protocols, Native PZP is 75% -80% effective for 1 year when primer vaccination is given right before breeding season; however, when followed by a booster, it is 95% effective for 1 year. ^{1,2} 	<p>Efficacy</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Injection site reactions from GonacOn are an ongoing concern, and research is minimal. According to the TRNP study, about 72% of treated mares displayed a reaction at the injection site after initial vaccination in 2009. One mare developed a draining abscess, lesions persisted over multiple years. • About 50% of mares continued to show swelling on the left hip at the site of the 2009 injection and 50% developed a reaction on the right hip at the site of revaccination in 2013. Two new reactions were draining abscesses. Injection site reactions were persistent with approximately half of the mares with swellings at one or both injection sites, 3 years after revaccination.⁵ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Studies indicate that injection site reactions from native PZP are minimal and resolve quickly. For example, regarding abscesses, a study of 329 different horses on Assateague Island dated over 19 years, accounting for 1,094 individual darnings, resulted in a 0.2% abscess rate. ^{1,2} • Similar results were seen in the Virginia Range during the 2015-2017 darning seasons. 	<p>Injection Site Reactions</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GonacOn suppresses testosterone production in stallions causing castration-like effects that impact their natural behaviors and ability to compete with intact, non-vaccinated stallions.⁶ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Native PZP has no effects on stallions. 	<p>Effects of Mistakenly Darning a Stallion</p>

<p>Need for More Gonadon Research before <u>Field Application</u></p>		<p>"Clearly, additional research is needed to further define the long-term therapeutic effectiveness and contraindications of this potential technology before resource managers can make informed decisions regarding its practical application for stabilizing the growth rate of free-ranging feral horse populations."⁵</p>
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Sources:

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3. PZP-22 Contraceptive Vaccine: New Developments, Quality Control and Future Applications <https://www.wildlifecontrol.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/9-JOHN-TURNER-presentation-1.pdf>
4. Managing Wild Horse Populations <https://www.wildlifecontrol.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/7-KIM-FRANK-presentation.pdf>
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7. Reimmunization Increases Contraceptive Effectiveness of Gonadon- Equine Vaccine in Free-Ranging Horses <https://www.wildlifecontrol.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/3-DAN-BAKER-presentation.pdf>
8. Population Growth Suppression Treatments <https://www.bim.gov/programs/wild-horse-and-burro/about-the-program/program-data>
9. Equine to Feral Horses (*Equus caballus*) Using Prototype Syringe Darts <https://www.wildlifecontrol.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/6-JENNY-POWERS-presentation.pdf>

Public comment

All divisions



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Agenda item you are speaking on: PUBLIC COMMENT (2ND COMMENT PERIOD)

Are you in favor, in opposition or neutral regarding the agenda item?

- In favor
- In opposition
- Neutral

Do you wish to speak?

- Yes
- No

Comments: _____

Dec 12, 2018.

Subject:

Nevada Department of Agriculture Board Meeting.

Members:

I am a certified PZP darter who has darted wild horses in various areas of the Virginia Range. In the recent past, I volunteered to start a darting program in the Stagecoach area. This area in the Virginia Range had not been worked before so I was starting from scratch. This required extensive field work on my part to locate, photograph, identify, and enter the information in the Wild Horse Information Management System. Once I had identified the majority of the Stagecoach herd, I implemented a darting program to administer the PZP contraceptive to the mares.

I had darted approximately 25 mares when the NDA ended the Agreement with the American Wild Horse Campaign. This is the organization I worked for as a volunteer and they supplied all my required PZP supplies. This cessation in the PZP program essentially wasted the hundreds of field hours that I had dedicated to help manage the wild horses in the Stagecoach area of the Virginia Range.

There is proven scientific evidence that documents the efficacy of the PZP protocol. However, the success of this process requires an uninterrupted application of the contraceptive. You cannot arbitrarily stop and start the process. An interruption of the process essentially destroys all the countless hours of voluntary field work that the volunteers like myself have dedicated to help manage and protect the wild horses.

The problem of wild horse management is a complex issue that cannot be easily solved. It will require a multi-faceted approach that partners government agencies with volunteer groups like the American Wild Horse Campaign. The PZP program alone cannot exclusively manage the wild horse population. However, it is a common-sense program that needs to be a significant component in the overall plan.

The amazing thing about our volunteer PZP program is that it costs the government and taxpayers nothing. The volunteers work with a passion and dedication that government could never duplicate with paid employees. The American Wild Horse campaign even pays for our PZP and related supplies.

I am often asked about our volunteer program by people in the community. The response is always the same: they are incredulous that volunteers work so hard for free and without any government assistance. They are further astounded that the government would end a program that is so beneficial and costs the taxpayer nothing. The community expresses a very negative view of governments failure to utilize this free resource. They are especially dismayed that the government has no replacement for the PZP program or a solution to the problem of managing the wild horse population.

The public wants to preserve the wild horses in Nevada. They do not want to see horses hit upon the highway or horses needlessly sent to slaughter. Unfortunately, the wild horses ultimately pay the price for failure to properly manage their population.

My plea the NDA is quite simple: please resume the volunteer PZP program in the Virginia Range. I, and my dedicated colleagues, will continue to work tirelessly for you in a partnership to help manage the wild horses.

Sincerely,
Wayne L. Woolway

Public comment
All divisions



First and last name: Maureen Daane Today's date: 12/12/18

Organization: VRWPA

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Agenda item you are speaking on: wild horses

Are you in favor, in opposition or neutral regarding the agenda item?

- In favor
- In opposition
- Neutral

Do you wish to speak?

- Yes
- No

Comments: Public Comments
2nd comment period

Hello, my name is Maureen Daane and I'm a certified fertility control Darter. I also help with many other aspects involving our Virginia Range mustangs.

I think it's important to share that even though the actual darting has been paused we have all continued documenting and entering the horses in our WHIMS system. Because of the dedication of all the volunteers, we could resume darting the second this meeting, is over.

The use of PZP safe and reversible fertility control plays much more of an important role than just the health of our mustangs, but AND I WANT TO STRESS THIS POINT, the health of the range itself! I love our public lands and want to be a part of keeping them pristine for generations to come, and with that comes dedicated management. Another benefit and equally important aspect of fertility control darting will help us regulate the growth of herds that if left unmanaged will likely contribute to increased public safety, hazards endangering lives.

I am standing before you and asking you to please consider reinstating the fertility control program today and work together not just for the sake of the mustangs, but the health of our rangelands and safety of the public.

We are here and ready to continue such an important program, one that would certainly be a model for any area or HMA to follow.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter!

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Public comment

All divisions

First and last name: GARY BAYER Today's date: _____

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Agenda item you are speaking on: FERAL Wild HORSES

Are you in favor, in opposition or neutral regarding the agenda item? Do you wish to speak?

- In favor
- In opposition
- Neutral

- Yes
- No

Comments: LAST PUBLIC COMMENT SEGMENT -

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Agenda item you are speaking on: World Comment

Are you in favor, in opposition or neutral regarding the agenda item?

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- No

Comments: _____

