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NOTES and LINKS from: – WHE Laura Leigh (in purple): jan 15 21 New Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board Members Announced

A fast Google search, or scroll through social media feeds, *can reveal a lot about each person on the board.*

Each member will serve a three-year term on the advisory board. These terms expire in January 2024.

A new Secretary of Interior will have the power to disband the board and rebuild it (as was done in the 1990s).

This board is an "anti-wild horse" advisory board that is advocating for their own interests, not wild horses and burros.

The board is extremely "one-sided" and protection and preservation is not the priority.

We need a board that puts the wild horse and burro first, and then creates recommendations to protect wild horses and burros that can be balanced by the agency through land use planning. Rebuilding the Advisory Board is one of the items WHE have placed on our advocate action agenda that will begin later this month.

NOTES and LINKS from: WHBAdvocacy (in red) :

Currently, 3 members expired in sep 2021 and replacements have not been announced. (update 1/2/23: new members were announced for 2021, and now they are seeking 3 positions that expired in 2022. You would think they would fulfill nominations prior to the positions ending, not months or even a year after like they did for the last ones.)

Leads to question whether it is currently just **cattle ranchers, WHB enemies, and those that support fertility and herd degradation (conflicts of interest) running the WHB advisory board** for protection of the wild horse and burros?

NATIONAL WILD HORSE AND BURRO ADVISORY BOARD

Member Biographies

Wild Horse and Burro Advocacy
Ms. Celeste Carlisle
Term Expires: ~~09/20/2021~~ 08/25/2025
reappointed on: sep 6 22

Ms. Carlisle is a passionate collaborator with ten years of field biology and equine management experience, most notably serving as the Biologist and Science Program Manager for Return to Freedom, a private sanctuary for wild horses and burros. Working collaboratively with various stakeholders, Ms. Carlisle played a pivotal role in the creation of a detailed proposal for wild horse and burro management that was presented to the BLM and the U.S. Congress in 2017. She and other wild horse advocates also participated in a meeting with Interior Secretary Zinke to discuss the goals and objectives for sustainable management of wild horses and burros. Ms. Carlisle earned a B.S. in equine animal science from Oregon State University and a B.A. in biology from the University of California, Santa Cruz. Ms. Carlisle is serving her first term on the Board.

A member of advocate group **Return to Freedom** who created the **'Path Forward'** with **HSUS** in support of massive scale wild horse and burro removals from rangeland, fertility and sterilization leaving the species without viable herd structure or herd reproduction of healthy genes for long term survival of the species.

Veterinary Medicine
Dr. Tom Lenz, DVM Term
Term Expires: ~~09/20/2021~~
08/25/2025
reappointed on: sep 6 22

DR. TOM R. LENZ, FORMER AAEP PRESIDENT who is also chairman of the Unwanted Horse Coalition

SUPPORTER: slaughter of horses for human consumption

Dr. Lenz, an equine practitioner for more than forty years, is a leading mind in the field of equine science, specifically equine reproduction, and equine welfare. Beyond his vast veterinary qualifications, Dr. Lenz is also the founding chair of the Unwanted Horse Coalition – a broad alliance of equine organizations under the American Horse Council that works to educate the horse industry about unwanted horses. In addition to a veterinary medical degree, Dr. Lenz earned a M.S. in equine reproduction and is board-certified in theriogenology (equine reproduction). His practical approach to understanding 'the unwanted horse,' equine reproduction and animal welfare is an asset to the Advisory Board. Dr. Lenz is serving his first term on the Board.

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https://www.avma.org/javma-news/2009-03-01/horse-slaughter-conditions-mexico-explored-aaep-group 2022 archive A delegation representing the AAEP, including Dr. Tom R. Lenz (center), took a tour of two horse slaughterhouses Nov. 9-10 in Zacatecas, Mexico. Dr. Lenz said the plants were well-run, and workers killed the horses humanely by captive bolt.

Public Interest (Special Knowledge/Natural Resources Management)
Dr. Barry Perryman, Ph.D.
Term Expires: ~~09/20/2021~~
08/25/2025
reappointed on: sep 6 22

Dr. Perryman has been a passionate, thoughtful and well-received writer and advocate for the responsible stewardship of Western public lands for more than two decades. As an educator, Dr. Perryman works collaboratively with various stakeholders to teach best management practices and encourage conservation and the responsible use of our public lands. Dr. Perryman has served on several appointed councils; organized and facilitated meetings populated by a diverse spectrum of public interests, and continuously served as a wild horse and burro expert source for national print and

broadcast media outlets. Dr. Perryman earned a Ph.D. and a M.S. in Rangeland Ecology and Management from the University of Wyoming and taught Rangeland Ecology and Management at the University of Nevada-Reno, where he currently serves as Chair of the Department of Agriculture, Veterinary, and Rangeland Sciences. He earned a B.S. in Agronomy from Abilene Christian University. Dr. Perryman is serving his first term on the Board

1/2/23: Papers and viewpoints on grazing that Perryman was a part of.

Perryman, B.L., McCuin, G., Schultz, B.W. (2018). Forum: A Framework for Resetting Wild Horse and Burro Management. The Society for Range Management.
http://nvacd.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Perrymanetal2018.pdf PDFarchive

Perryman, B. L., Schultz, B. W., Mcadoo, J. K., Alverts, B., Cervantes, J. C., Foster, S., McCuin, G., Swanson, S. R. (2018). Viewpoint: An alternative Management Paradigm for Plant Communities Affected by Invasive Annual Grasses in the Intermountain West. Rangelands. 40, 77-82. doi: 10.1016/j.rala.2018.03.004
https://doi.org/10.1016/j.rala.2018.03.004 PDFarchive
(Today's landscapes are not those described in 1860. With over 400,000 km2 colonized by cheatgrass (Bromus tectorum) and other annual grasses, we believe it is time to declare: The pristine-management-paradigm has failed. Continued, wholesale application of this concept is misguided.)

Courtois, Danielle R., Perryman, Barry L., Hussein, Hussein S.. (2004). Vegetation Change After 65 Years of Grazing and Grazing Exclusion. Journal of Range Management, 57(6), 574-582.
https://doi.org/10.2111/1551-5028(2004)057[0574:VCAYOG]2.0.CO;2 PDFarchive

Humane Advocacy
Kingman, Arizona
Ms. Susan S. McAlpine
Term Expires: 10/09/2022

Ms. McAlpine has been involved in raising, training and advocating for horses, both personally and professionally, for the majority of her adult life. She is active in her community and currently serves as a Trustee (District 4, appointed and elected since September 2017) on the Mohave Community College Board of Governors. She received her B.S. in Secondary Education at Framingham State University and her Master of Education in Instructional Design from the University of Massachusetts in Boston. Ms. McAlpine has served on the Mohave County Horse Science Committee, planned educational equestrian programs for area residents and volunteered for the Arizona Dressage Association. She has also written extensive grants for a local animal sanctuary and is a published author. Ms. McAlpine is serving her first term on the Board.

Wildlife Management
Bismarck, North Dakota
Dr. Vernon Bleich, Ph.D. Term
Expires: 10/09/2022

Dr. Bleich is a wildlife biologist with over 40 years of professional experience devoted to studying western wildlife populations, improving their management, and advancing conservation of species and habitat. Before retiring after 35 years at the California Department of Game and Fish, Dr. Bleich was involved in wildlife conservation efforts throughout the Great Basin, Mojave, and Sonoran deserts of California. He currently serves as a Research Professor at the University of Nevada, Reno, where he collaborates with faculty on a variety of research projects and advises graduate students working primarily on the ecology of large mammals occupying the arid-land ecosystems of the Western United

States. Dr. Bleich is serving his first term on the Board.

Bleich, V.C., J.S. Sedinger, C.M. Aiello, C. Gallinger, D.A. Jessup, and E.M. Rominger. (2021). RE: Ecological "benefits" of feral equids command disclosure of environmental impacts. Science eLetters. 19 July 2021. https://www.science.org/do/10.1126/comment.763714/full/

Livestock Management
Beaver Utah
Mr. Steven Yardley
Term Expires: 10/09/2022

Steven Yardley, currently Vice President of Yardley Cattle Company, is a public land rancher and private landowner who holds grazing permits from the BLM and the U.S. Forest Service. A graduate of Southern Utah University, Yardley has been active with the Future Farmers of America, Utah Cattlemen's Association, National Cattlemen's Beef Association, and Southern Utah University's Block and Bridle Club. Currently, Mr. Yardley also serves as Vice President of the Western Rangelands Conservation Association. This is Mr. Yardley's second consecutive term on the National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board. He served his first appointment from 2016-2019. Yardley Cattle Company

> Mr. Yardley sits on the WHB advisory board in direct conflict of interest of the WHB. He, a plaintiff under his capacity as vice president for Yardley Cattle Company, and under his capacity as vice president of Western Rangelands Conservation Association has sued United States representative Sally Jewell (Since the initiation of this action, Ryan Zinke has replaced Sally Jewell), then-Secretary of the Interior; the United States Department of the Interior; Neil Kornze, then-Director of the United States Bureau of Land Management; and Juan Palma, then-Utah State Director of the Bureau of Land Management and WH advocates in 2017 ***W. Rangeland Conservation Ass'n v. Zinke*, 265 F. Supp. 3d 1267 (D. Utah 2017)**
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> Plaintiffs are holders of federal grazing permits issued pursuant to the Taylor Grazing Act, *see* 43 U.S.C. § 315b, which allow them to graze their livestock on public rangelands throughout central and southern Utah. Plaintiffs contend that BLM has failed to perform certain ministerial duties under the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act of 1971 ("WHA"), 16 U.S.C. §§ 1331, *et seq.* , and claim that BLM's failure has adversely impacted their ability to utilize their grazing allotments. Specifically, Plaintiffs argue that BLM has failed to properly manage the excess population of wild horses that directly compete with livestock for forage and water on public lands and damage the rangeland ecosystem. Plaintiffs also allege that BLM has failed to properly remove excess wild horses present on lands owned by the State of Utah and private landowners. Thus, Plaintiffs ask this court to compel BLM to perform its statutory duties under the WHA to remove excess wild horses from both public and private lands.
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> Areas : At issue in this case are eight HMAs, a single HA, and certain private lands encompassed within or lying adjacent to public lands in **UTAH** (see full Utah hma records). The eight HMAs under scrutiny here are known as Frisco, Four-Mile, **Bible Springs**, Sulphur, Choke Cherry, Muddy Creek, North Hills, and Swasey. Together, the boundaries of these HMAs encompass just shy of one million acres of public and private land. The lone HA at issue, known as **Blawnwash**, covers nearly 63,000 additional acres. It is no longer managed for horses at all! ZERO HORSES!

Wild Horse and Burro Research
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Dr. Ursula Bechert, DVM, Ph.D.
Term Expires: 01/11/2024

Dr. Bechert currently serves as the Director of Graduate Programs for the College of Liberal and Professional Studies in the School of Arts and Sciences at the University of Pennsylvania. She received her DVM from Washington State University in 1991 and her Ph.D. in Animal Sciences (reproductive endocrinology) from Oregon State University in 1998. She has served on numerous national and international panels and committees in related disciplines and has over 30 papers published in peer-reviewed journals and books. She has extensive practical experience as a veterinarian, researcher, instructor, and academic leader, demonstrating exceptional communication and relationship-building skills. Dr. Bechert is serving her first term on the Board.

> **Dr. Ursula Bechert** (cofounder of SpayVac for Wildlife, click for company profile) was appointed to the research position. For those of you that do not know what SpayVac is, it is a form of a PZP vaccine that can create permanent sterilization. The public has been led to believe that "PZP" simply means a 1-year vaccine given via dart. PZP is a substance that comes in many forms: a 1 year, 18-24 months and certain forms can lead to permanent sterility. PZP is a substance, not a method, primarily used as part of a helicopter roundup. SpayVac is a distinct form of PZP.
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> **Bechert**, U. (2020). Fertility Toolbox. 2020 Frees Summit PDFarchive (which downplays the fertility dangers).
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> **Bechert**, U., et al. (2022). Fertility control options for management of free-roaming horse populations. Human–Wildlife Interactions. Volume 16, Issue 2. Special Topic https://digitalcommons.usu.edu/hwi/vol16/iss2/ PDFarchive
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> **Bechert**, U., Fraker, M. (2018). Twenty years of SpayVac research: potential implications for regulating feral horse and burro populations in the United States. Human-Wildlife Interactions 12(1):117-130. https://digitalcommons.usu.edu/hwi/vol12/iss1/13/ PDF archive
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> **Bechert**, U., J. Bartell, M. Kutzler, F. Menino, R. Bildfell, A. Anderson, and M. Fraker. (2013). Effects of two porcine zona pellucida immunocontraceptive vaccines on ovarian activity in horses. Journal of Wildlife Management 77:1386–1400. doi: 10.1002/jwmg.600 https://doi.org/10.1002/jwmg.600 PDFarchive

Natural Resource Management
Winnemucca, Nevada
James French
Term Expires: 01/11/2024

Commissioner French has spent more than 40 years involved in the management of wildlife on public lands in north central Nevada. Over the course of his career, including 32 years as a biologist with the Nevada Department of Wildlife, he developed a unique understanding of wild horse and burro issues, and has worked with diverse groups to develop land management plans on county, state, and federal public lands. Since 2011, he has served on the Humboldt county commission, Nevada Association of Counties (NACO) board of directors, National NACO Western Interstate Region board of directors, NACO public lands and natural resources state and national steering committees, the Humboldt River water authority board of directors, the Nevada State Land Use Planning Council. He has contributed to the development of public lands policy, resource management plans and herd management plans for over three decades. He has worked collaboratively with county commissions in 16 counties, as well as the U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, BLM, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and governments in six states. Commissioner French is serving his second term on the Board.

> **Humbolt (NV) County Commissioner James French** of Winnemucca, Nevada, was **re-appointed** to the natural resource management position. (As commissioner he was party

to legal action taken by the Nevada Association of Counties to remove and destroy wild horses statewide and reports directly to the county commission of activities concerning the Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board).

Public Interest (Equine Behavior)
Minersville, Utah
Ms. Tammy Pearson
Term Expires: 01/11/2024

Ms. Pearson serves as a Commissioner for Beaver County, Utah. Commissioner Pearson has nearly 40 years' experience as a public lands rancher in Utah and has worked closely with numerous organizations focused on public lands issues. She is a founding member of the Path Forward, Free Roaming Equids and Ecosystem Sustainability and Wild Horse and Burro Summit coalitions looking to address the critical issue of wild horse and burro management and population control. Commissioner Pearson has spent many hours in Utah and Washington, D.C., educating elected leaders on the ecosystem impacts of wild horses and burros, rallying local and national stakeholders to improve methods of controlling wild horse and burro populations. She studied Agricultural Science at Utah State University. Commissioner Pearson is serving her first term on the Board.

Beaver County (UT) Commissioner Tammy Pearson of Minersville, Utah, was appointed to the public interest position. Tammy Pearson was part of the threat by Beaver county to illegally remove wild horses in the county on BLM land and the push for The Wild Horse Oversight Act of 2014, H.R. 5058 that would turn over management actions concerning wild horses on federal land to the states, both during the Bunkerville standoff. She runs livestock in the Frisco HMA in Utah and is openly pro horse slaughter. She was a presenter at the invite only Summit of the Wild Horse (that has driven directives in the wild horse and burro program for the last 4 years) and a participant in "Ten Years to AML."
Tammy Pearson will be new to many advocates. A fast glance at her social media reveals that she appears to be a climate change denier, sent letters against Covid restrictions, and that she celebrated the pardon of Commissioner Phil Lyman (who led 50 ATV riders down Recapture Canyon which the Bureau of Land Management closed to motorized traffic, as a protest against federal overreach on public lands).

"'Pearson Ranch' in the Operator Information report from **RAS**, authorization #4304328. The Allotment Information report ties the authorization number to the Minersville #5, Smithson and Beaver Lake allotments.
The Allotment Master report has two in the Improve category and one in the Custodial category. Pearson holds most of the active AUMs in Minersville and all of the active AUMs in Beaver Lake and Smithson.
In the custodial allotment, public lands represent 42% of the total area and 61% of the total AUMs". - feb 21 21 AWHC Seeks Reversal of WHBAB Appointment -WHW

for more info / videos on Tammy Pearson

Website List (Updated 01/13/21)