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Dear Ms. Leigh:

Thank you for your interest in the Tuscarora Gather. As the Field Manager with responsibility for this gather, I know you and I share the same concerns for the well-being and health of the wild horses. As required by Judge Hicks' Order today, we have lifted the temporary closure of the public lands and there will be no restrictions on your access to those public lands, except if necessary for safety purposes and the well-being of the horses.

You should be advised, however, that the gather site to which the at-risk horses will be brought (and which was set up last Friday) is located on private property. The landowner has made it clear to BLM that he will not allow members of the public onto his private lands. BLM lacks jurisdiction over privately-owned lands and therefore cannot independently bring the public onto the private lands. As the current gather site is located in the area most favorable to gathering the wild horses, and given the need to move promptly with the emergency rescue operations, it is not feasible and would not be in the best interests of the wild horses to move the site to another location.

I have included with this letter two maps that indicate where the gather site is located, as well as landownership status, so that you will be aware of which lands are private rather than public lands. Private lands are shown in white, and public lands are shown in yellow. The gather site is currently located on a private ranch in the area and the private roads on this land have been posted with no trespassing signs.

Hopefully these maps will assist you with your visitation to the area. If we can help assist you in any other way, let us know.

Sincerely,

*Kathryn W. Luell*  
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Field Manager

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EXHIBIT "A"