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Subject: Winecup Gamble Ranch Wild Horse Sanctuary

Dear Concerned Citizens:

The Winecup Gamble Ranch operates one of the largest working cattle ranch in the country. We are well aware of the wild horse issue and, in our opinion, many of those who feel most deeply about the issue and profess to be the advocates of wild horses have ended up being the problem, not the solution. We now feel that it is time for a solution to the problem based on common sense and sound management practices.

We believe that controlling the Herd Management Areas (HMA) is critical to dealing with overpopulation. Humane methods can be used to remove mares in order to skew the reproductive population so that the proliferation of each HMA equals the attrition rate while supporting an aggressive adoption program.

We have presented the Department of the Interior with a proposal that allows this to take place, without euthanizing any animals and without removing them from their natural habitat in the Great Basin. Our proposal, which will involve replacing cattle with wild horses, addresses the issues of range management, water, wildlife and wildlife habitat, as well as various other issues that have come up in relation to this topic. We also believe that the Wild Horse Sanctuary will provide visitors with a unique experience and will ultimately be an important part of the American West.

If you would like a copy of our proposal, please email the Winecup Gamble Ranch at winecuphq@yahoo.com.

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