

**Churchill County  
Agenda Report**

Date Submitted: August 6, 2021

Agenda Section: **Letters Received**

Agenda Date Requested: August 18, 2021

To: Board of Churchill County Commissioners

From: Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

Subject Title: Consideration and possible action re: Notification from the Bureau of Land Management of the Battle Mountain District Wide Emergency Drought Water Hauling Authorization.

Type of Action Requested: (check one)

Resolution

Ordinance

Formal Action/Motion

Other – Informational Only

Does this action require a Business Impact Statement? No.

Recommended Board Action: None; informational only.

Discussion: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) provides notification of the Battle Mountain District Wide Emergency Drought Water Hauling Authorization, which would authorize up to 20 temporary water haul sites within the district annually for the duration of the current drought, plus one additional grazing season. These temporary water haul sites will be directed predominately to replace or supplement water sources in Herd Management Areas for wild horses and burros that have stopped producing sufficient water due to ongoing drought conditions and in support of approved emergency gathers. This authorization may also include, at the discretion of the authorized officer, after considering emergency conditions for wild horses and burros within the Battle Mountain District Office, temporary water hauls for livestock by a grazing permittee or lessee to facilitate an approved drought response action be approved. Temporary water hauls for livestock grazing must be approved in writing by the authorized officer.

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