

ANDEAN TAPIR FUND / WILD HORSE BURRO FUND ANNUAL REPORT FOR JULY 1, 2021 TO JUNE 30, 2022

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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS, MONTH BY MONTH:

2021

JULY, 2022:

1st: Travel to Salt Lake City from western Nevada with fellow wild horse advocate Elaina Deva Proffitt of Reno. Air conditioning in Forester does not work, so I have to rent a vehicle from Enterprise of Fallon, and, due to high demand for rentals, we do not leave until ca. 3:30 pm that day. Elaina has certain health issues, otherwise I would have come on by myself. Erika Brunson of St. Martin Animal Rescue gave our organization \$500 to cover my expenses to come, be part of the rally, and give a speech, which I had prepared.

2nd -4th: We arrive at 2:30 am at SLC and go to the Downtown Motel that St. Martin Rescue has reserved for us. After sleeping a few hours and having breakfast near the Temple Square, we head on up to the Wild Horse Rally arriving a little before 9 am and participating in this rally. I had been the keynote speaker at a similar rally on June 10, 2019, where I was keynote speaker, also on the looming south steps of the Utah State Capitol. Here I gave my famous World's Endangered Species speech as well as spoke about the wild horse and burro issue. At this present one, I gave a few interviews and participated in making a video about the outrageous roundups and monopolization of the public lands by livestock and other ecologically destructive interests. Basically, all of us spoke out, including a famous actress, against the outrageous plans for eliminating nearly all of America's wild horses and burros from their rightful legal herd areas on BLM and USFS lands in order to increase the public lands livestock monopolization of these lands. Unfortunately, at the June 2021 rally, the speakers who were given the most spotlight were PZP advocates, but a significant portion of the few hundred attendees were opposed to PZP, including myself and Randal Massaro of the Union Members for the Protection of Animals and Wildlife. I was able to speak about Reserve Design as the correct "path forward" not drugging the horses and burros and taking away their freedom and altering their biology and natural adaptiveness! Much of the fervor of the rally was directed against the announced helicopter roundup of nearly all of the majestic and famous Onaqui HMA wild mustangs by BLM Utah to favor the livestock public lands ranchers and their monopolization of the forage and water resources in addition to certain hunting and mining interests as well. This herd has some strikingly beautiful and spirited horses with high Spanish Colonial lineage and it is a shame and a betrayal to see this happen to them and so against the law!

After the rally Elaina and I joined Tina Wooten to go out to the Onaqui wild horse Herd Management Area, where the massive, herd-gutting BLM-contracted roundup was to begin very soon. Here we pitched our tents at the Simpson Mountain BLM Campground, Elaina and Tina occupying a large tent while I stayed in my small Half-Dome. This campground overlooks a vast stretch of mountains and valleys stretching off to the North and Northwest toward the Dugway Military Proving Grounds and the military-controlled town of Dugway. In and around the campground we encountered a number of other wild horse advocates who had been at the rally, including local Utahans with whom I conversed and from whom I learned much about the history of the wild horses. These were Native Americans as well as White, mainly Mormon, descendants of settlers in western Utah. We took some fantastic observations

and photos of the Onaqui wild horses, many of whom are quite pure Spanish Colonial and should have been left alone to maintain a genetically viable and ecologically adapted herd rather than sacrificed on the altar of ecologically destructive public lands sheep and cattle ranching! Tina had a fine camera and did some great Tik Toks and otherwise shared many of her fine photos through various media and articles including those I wrote. On July 3rd, I separated from the mainstream of wild horse observers (gathered around the watering sources in the valley) to go up into the higher Simpson Mountain slopes. Here I had an extraordinary experience with a congregation of a few bands of wild mustangs. Resulting was a beautiful and stirring article that was published in Horsetalk-NZ and whose link is: <https://www.horsetalk.co.nz/2021/11/15/close-personal-reaching-out-wild-horses/> .

Elaina and I stayed in the Onaqui through the morning of the 4th of July. Together with all the visitors there, we observed the local sheep ranchers herding thousands of sheep through the Onaqui HMA, including both the valleys and the mountains. Although the Salt Lake City BLM maintained these sheep were just in transit, it was plain to see that they were stripping the most nutritious vegetation of the year and, thus, depriving the wild horses and other wildlife of adequate forage upon which to survive as healthy population levels on a year-round basis. Most of the sheep tenders seemed to be Peruvian or Mexican and they were aided by large white Sheep Dogs; we observed how these herded the flocks of sheep to get the best forage and water this arid desert had to offer, heavily trampling the soils in the process. It was also noticed how they and the shepherds would chase away the wild horses from water sources and prime foraging areas. Tina Wooten documented this in her audio video and let me explain in these what was happening in some detail. These videos went out largely on TikTok.

Tina stayed on a few more days documenting the wild horses and their habitat while Elaine and I went back after midmorning of the 4th on account of rising temperatures and Elaine's health. On the way out toward Delta, Utah, we traveled through extensive areas of Pinyon-Juniper destruction (contracted by BLM) and hundreds of cattle on portions of the Onaqui. These cattle were amassed around the water tanks or other natural springs and causing significant ecological disruption, soil erosion, water contamination, etc. Plus, these poor, manipulated creatures did not look very healthy, rather like they were out of place and not answering their true calling, or role, in life. I took some photos of the Onaqui wild horses and their habitat, birds, ground squirrels, rugged high cliffs and other facets, including the P-J clearances and all the black Angus cattle. Shortly after noon, we finally reached Delta, Utah, and US Highway 50, gassed up, then headed west. In the afternoon, we passed through Ely, Eureka, Austin, then on to Fallon by late afternoon. I noted some of the Nevada wild horse herd and HMAs on the way and whether or not any mustangs were visible. This included the Mt. Airy as well as the Desatoya and the Clan Alpine wild horses. Around sunset we reached Reno and I drove Elaine back to her apartment in northwest Reno. I finally came back to Carson Valley passing through Carson City, Nevada's capitol.

5th: I used the rental car to make a trip south to Topaz Lake passing through the southern Pine Nut Wild Horse Herd Area on BLM land, where BLM decided long ago to zero out all the wild horses, i. e. create a "horse free" area as though this were a good thing. What I witnessed was the aftermath of many terribly damaging and extensive wildfires that have become frequent here and that could have been prevented or at least greatly mitigated, had the healthy mustang population remained. I went into the Topaz camping ground and scouted around for sign of wild horses, but found none. Sometimes undetected mustangs remain in and around their Herd Areas. I met one camper near the outlet and told him of my struggles to save the wild horses. He seemed quite sympathetic and had a family so I gifted him my 60-

page booklet: America's Wild Horses and Burros Must Make a Comeback! Sowing seeds of hope and faith for a better day! I then passed through the Walker Canyon, taking a little hike on the nature trail there and completing the whole loop. It is very scenic and sports a petrified forest with ancient palms, redwoods, etc. The desert plants along the trail were often identified by scientific names and descriptions on placards. In the afternoon, I drove on to Yerington and then on up to Fallon to return the rental car. All was well with return, though it took almost all of the \$500 I had been given to make the trip to Utah. It was a compact AWD, a Chevy, maneuverable, with quick acceleration & had great AC!

6th: Assembled photos, notes and gave input to public as well as private agencies on wild horse, burro, tapir plans. – It's so important to keep up!

7th: ISPMB meeting. Input to Friends of Animals' suit for wild horses and burros, against their "Path Forward" 10-year plan that is such a "Wipeout Plan" aimed at nearly eliminating our wild horses and burros, nearly totally sterilizing those that remain & monopolizing their legal BLM & USFS habitats.

8th: Protest Onaqui wild horse helicopter roundup & gutting of herd. Share photos, videos, etc. Oversee Peruvian tapir & burro projects.

9th: Put out Action Alert on turning off of water to trough in central Onaqui HMA just south of Pony Express Trail. Widespread protest resulted in water being turned back on. Helped Tina do Tik Toc. Much angry and indignant reaction ... thousands viewed.

10th - 14th: Working on new book and revision; also updating my wild horse book for possible republication and on website. On 14th sent \$400 to N. Peru to support tapir & burro defense, actions.

15th: Working on ASNF, Heber wild horse report, assessing my observations, transects, data, photos, etc.

16th: Prepare to be on The Action Hour with Lindsey Baker, part of JaneUnchained TV network on FB. Sent photos & reports to Lindsey.

17th: Via Zoom, Lindsey Baker and I do the Onaqui wild horse program for The Action Hour, 9:45 to 11 AM. Turned out well and many saw, commented. This was recorded for later viewing by many more. My study on superior carbon sequestration by horses is published by Horsetalk-NZ and has big effect, readership. Here's link: <https://www.horsetalk.co.nz/2021/07/17/horses-carbon-sequesters/> This is also posted on our website <https://thewildhorseconspiracy.org/2021/08/01/spotlight-on-the-overlooked-role-of-horses-as-carbon-sequesters/>

18th: Sent out Action Alert for wild horses against Onaqui roundups & rancher monopolization via Constant Contact. ATF must pay a yearly fee for this service.

19th: Work on raising more funds for ATF / WHBF activities.

20th: Meetings regarding projects. Work on research and writing up Horses as Carbon-Sequesters report for Love Wild Horse, the organization that contributed to ours to support my study.

21st – 22nd: Correspondence.

23rd: Take Lenova laptop to be serviced at Geek Squad, s. Carson City. As of Nov. 2021, had to stop Geek Squad service since they upped price from 90 to nearly 200 dollars. Even the Minden P.O. Box has now gone to nearly 200 dollars per year, up from ca. 60 a few years ago.

24th: Inputs, correspondence, calls, conferences online. Prepare annual ATF/WHBF report. Sort through photos. Record original melody. Share certain photos with various entities. Do general review.

25th – 28th: Meeting w/ fellow advocates re: wild horses, report, C-Seq. article.

29th: Revision of TWHC book for new edition.

30th: 11 AM. Realize appointment with U.S. Representative, giving my 60-page booklet.

31st: Write up Annual ATF report. Lunch with supporter in Carson.

AUGUST:

1st-2nd: Phone conference with Colorado Wild Horse Advocates including Pamela True who heads FB group: COALITION TO STOP WILD HORSE ROUNDUPS to which I contribute. Very pure stand for wild horses and strong defense here. Continue with my annual report.

3rd: 1 pm conference with Constant Contact regarding improving effectiveness of organization, messages, public education, actions, increasing contributions, volunteer support. Valuable.

4th: Prepared educational poster and upgraded website within my limited capacity to do so.

5th: Field trip to Virginia Range with Tina Wooten (who drove up from Phoenix) to view, photograph wild horses, including to Cottonwood Springs, a mecca for the mustangs & other wildlife. Many of these horses I knew and compared with earlier times, they seemed to have been adversely affected by PZP as attested their lethargy, moroseness, coats not having a healthy sheen and being patchy, the drooping posture of quite a few. In June, 2022, I returned to Cottonwood Springs by myself and found no wild horses, nor even any recent sign of them, but much sign of habitat despoilation and water contamination by many recent cattle. I took many photos to document all this. This degradation was very disturbing to me, because it shows that the NV Dept of AG, the Virginia Highlands Wildlife Protective Assoc. and the wild horse nonprofit groups who are contracted to care for the wild horses of the Virginia and Flowery Range east of Reno are really letting them down. I only saw two dark stallions at the end of the day who seemed upset. Where were their bands? I am very suspicious and believe this whole situation needs an independent and thorough investigation! I could do this but would need some basic funds and a heavier duty 4WD or rental of such. I could submit a proposal to those interested.

6th: Field trip with Tina Wooten to northern Pine Nut Mountain HMA. We went to the old Como mining town then to Rawe Peak and proceeded over to the east side of this long range in the vicinity of Mill Canyon. Only 6 wild horses were seen all day. Where I had always seen fresh spoor of them dating back to the 1960's, now there is hardly any sign of wild horses. BLM-Carson City in cahoots with the Nevada Department of Wildlife and others are getting their mean-spirited way in eliminating this prize herd of wild horses from Nevada – and America! BLM is going in on the sly with its contractors or its own personnel to conduct bait/water trapping. Additionally, it has been sterilizing the mares with PZP and GonaCon and who knows what else. I have encountered PZP darters out in the n. Pine Nut Mt. HMA who took off hastily upon my approach. We should Remember Reno Fed. Judge Larry Hicks judgement in 2015 ordering a halt to the roundup and PZPing of the northern Pine Nut Mt. HMA wild horses! –So wrong what is happening now!

7th: Field trip to Washoe Lake to photograph & observe wild horses with Tina Wooten. We got some great photos, but Tina got her vehicle stuck & my Roadside Assistance failed to come, so I managed at

the end of the afternoon to get a father and son to use their 4WD Jeep Cherokee to tow us out. I gifted them my 60- page WHB Comeback booklet.

8th: Oversee Peruvian mtn. tapir & wild burro project, also CINDES Amazonian project. Work on revision of Sierra Club's wild horse & burro policies for Sierra Club wildlife biologist Delia Maloney of Colorado. I have a good effect at changing their policy at a nationwide level to one that is much more positive to wild horses and burros and their beneficial place on the US public lands. This also acknowledges their deep native status in North America and their ecological contributions.

9th: Work on helping CINDES Amazon Peru project arrange for funding through New England Biolabs Foundation and other organizations. This funding comes through Andean Tapir Fund and accounts for most of our annual contributions, although my work in this project is not supported, but I do it to help the Lowland Tapirs and the priceless Amazonian forests and riverine ecosystems as well as the Shipibo-Conibo native tribes there who have extended their natural indigenous reserves and improved their defense of the forests and rivers and their species. They have also preserved their language and ancient knowledge concerning the plants and animals including for medicinal uses. I have learned a lot overseeing this and had a big positive influence with my ecological knowledge. I work with biologist Samuel Cauper Pinedo, whom I had met years ago at a Biodiversity Conference in Cuzco, Peru. He is a Shipibo. I am invited to come there when the situation is safe and I have basic funding to do this. I could give a series of talks and classes, as well as learn so much more from them and the forests and rivers.

10th – 13th: Revise Sierra Club wild horse & burro policy for Delia Maloney.

14th: Lunch with ATF-WHBF supporters. Updating them.

15th: Finish Sierra Club WH & WB policy assessment, sent to Delia Maloney.

16th - 19th: Travel to San Francisco for dental apt., cleaning, exam. Tooth extraction on 17th. Stay at Bryerly Farms in stables with rescued horses in Walnut Creek. Consult with Ann Novak of Protect Mustangs re: how to help the wild horses. Afternoon of 19th, return to Nevada via I-80 & N. Lake Tahoe.

20th: Promote publications, conferences, exchange with fellow writers, activists.

21st: My Horsetalk-NZ wild horse article published (22nd in New Zealand). Excellent article whose link is:

<https://www.horsetalk.co.nz/2021/08/22/outrageous-treatment-americas-wild-horses-habitat/>

This is widely read and commented on, shared, and hopefully is having a positive effect for the wild ones

22nd: Answer comments to my Horsetalk article.

23rd: Reviewed Stacey Sanchez photos & input re: Heber & Apache Sitgreaves NF wild horses & habitat.

He was one of my two main guides in May-June 2021 and has been defending these unique and valuable horses for many years. My other guide there was Robert Hutchison also from whom I learned much.

Robert did some germination experiments with my supervision. These contrasted wild horse feces with cattle feces. Our ongoing experiment is revealing how much more beneficial the horses' droppings are.

This is in my professional report that should soon be published in a prestigious, peer-reviewed journal.

Robert, by the way, used to conduct horseback tours on the Mogollon Rim to appreciate all its fascinating aspects, including especially the unique wild horses here.

24th: Work on Heber Report, graphing the 40 ecological transects I and my assistants-guides did. You will be pleased with this and I will send it to you as soon as it is published. I am assisting ISPMB on its current July 2022 suit against the USFS ASNF to stop them from eliminating nearly all of this forest's rightful mustangs. We call them the "Ancient Mogollon Mustangs" and they are awesome!

25 – 29th: Work on reports, publications.

30th: Repair and Service my Subaru Forester. Then go to UNR library in Reno to research lit. for AZ rpt.

Much info gathered & librarian very helpful. My MS from UNR & being Alumni gives me privileges here. I
31st: Transfer by international wire \$8,500 (earlier wired to ATF from New England Biolabs). This goes to Peruvian Amazonian CINDES project through Wells Fargo. As mentioned earlier I give input and help to oversee this multifaceted project that involves saving the Lowland Tapir, *Tapirus terrestris*, an IUCN Vulnerable to extinction species. Remember, I am a member of the Tapir Specialist Group of the IUCN Species Survival Commission and have been since its inception in the late 1980's. I am also author of its 1997 published Action Plan and Species Resume for the Mountain/Andean Tapir, *Tapirus pinchaque*. The link for this publication, which includes the other tapirs of the world as well is: <https://portals.iucn.org/library/node/7328>. I review the reports and activities of this big project and it's a great opportunity to have a positive influence. I just wish I could receive more monetary support for doing this work, yet this is not the reason I do this but rather to do some good in this world.

SEPTEMBER, 2021:

1st: Photos assessment, some for copying & enlargement at COSTCO.

2nd – 3rd: Coordinate with Sky Valencia of St. Martin's Animal Rescue re: helping wild horses, burros.

5th: Correspondence. Prepare for Brumby Webinar for Brumby Action Group, Inc.

6th: Review wild horse video. Labor Day.

7th: Zoom meeting of Carson City Climate Lobby. Input for wild horses as Carbon – Sequesters. Some wild horse enemies in this group, but only a minority it seems.

8th: Send \$6,500 to CINDES Peruvian Amazon Conservation project via Wells Fargo Wire. This is from funds from New England Biolabs Foundation. Protest Assembly Joint Resolution 5 in Nevada State legislature, which is a very anti-wild-horse-burro resolution using the same old brainwashing and hysterical tactics to discredit and eliminate the wild horses and burros. I gave strong testimony against this and exposed the unfairness & untruth in the proponents arrogant put down of the wild horses & burros. AJR5 WAS DEFEATED!!!! This was a big shock to the old guard who were so arrogant and thought they had it "in the bag". This day I also sent a protest letter against the Sand Wash Basin wild horse roundup, BLM-Craig Colorado field office. Unfortunately, this has gone ahead and very few of these magnificent and popular mustangs remain, in spite of vociferous protest including from Colorado's Governor Jared Polis & US Representative Neguse. I am presently collaborating with these officials.

9th – 11th: Send photos & info then actually do a Mountain/Andean Tapir program on The Action Hour with host Lindsey Baker, part of Jane Unchained FB TV network. Turned out very well! Rarely does this endangered species get such coverage. Many liked this. Pray it helps them and their paradisaical cloud forests and paramos in South America. Program recorded for later viewing around the world. I had it posted to <https://andeantapirfund.com> by Nancy Reid and Lisa Smith who have maintained this site for years, largely without pay.

12th: Above program aired. Potentially thousands saw.

13th – 15th: Oversee N. Peru Mtn. Tapir & Wild Burro protection program with colleague Conservationist Alejandro Zegarra-Pezo. We have been instrumental in closing down burro capture, slaughter and skinning criminal rings and in closing down the commerce in Endangered Mountain/Andean Tapir parts in Sullana, Piura, etc. Input to BLM regarding extremely unjust roundup plan catering to ranchers.

16th: View webinar with Dr. Erick Lundgren re: proving how wild burros expose water by digging, thus benefiting many other species, both plants and animals. Program was in affiliation with an Australian University in Sydney. Very good and should enlighten many people.

17th – 20th: Work on Heber ASNF wild horse report. 19th. Participate in a Webinar at 1 pm. 20th: Interview with Media re: wild horse predicament.

21st: My birthday. Hiked the Rubicon Trail, West Lake Tahoe. Swam. Took photos. Beautiful Day! Praise God for having lived for this many years and all the wonderful experiences, interrelations I have known.
22nd – 28th: Oversee Seed Germination experiments by Robert Hutchison of Heber-Overgaard, AZ. Incorporated into my report. Robert's photos received on these. Reveal much.
29th: Tune piano. I continue to have some beautiful original melodies come to me that I usually can record. Work on my Arizona report.
30th: Name Secure for andeantapirfund.com paid for and renewed out of WF funds.

OCTOBER, 2021:

1st: work on ASNF wild horse report.
2nd: Meet Nancy Pearlman & Robert Payne and his daughter who is an MD at Renown hospital in Reno as well as her husband. Give them a tour of the n. Pine Nut Mtn. WH HMA. We are able to see a few wild horses only, though we cover a broad area. Obviously, BLM and possibly other private people are greatly removing or eliminating the wild horses here! I have complained about this, but neither BLM Carson City or Nevada offices nor local or state officials do anything about it. This is a source of great sadness and disillusionment to me! Because I remember how it used to be here with all these wonderful horses, now being eliminated by corrupt and careless, even maliciously motivated people! Oh! I forgot: Dr. Pearlman interviewed me out in the mountains with the horses and Robert filmed this for use in their southern California ecological ECONews TV show that is seen by thousands. – So, another great accomplishment! Robert buys one TWHC book for his daughter for \$20. I gift them my 60-page booklet and my musical CD Wild Horse Rhapsody. Nancy treats us all to a meal in Dayton, Nevada, also fills Forester tank with gas in morning and gives me \$5 bill to help with my work.
4th: Post Alert on Constant Contact and add to The Wild Horse Conspiracy website. I am having to do this all on my own, since Liz Chisler is no longer able to help me. Unfortunately, all other seemingly sincere offers did not come through. Let me know if you know of some website and internet savvy person!
4th – 12th: Work on AZ report. Do Google Earth map of 41 ecological transects. Inputs to BLM, USFS re: wild equid plans, roundups, livestock allocations of hog's share of forage, also mining, energy favoritism.
13th: Coyote Zoom program with Dr. Don Molde of Reno. Exposing favoritism to hunters & ranchers & targeting natural predators, which results in an imbalanced ecosystem. Molde supports wild horses.
14th – 27th: Intense work on Arizona ASNF Heber wild horse study report. Organize photos, assess transects, observations, read many documents.
16th: Input to NPS to prevent wild horse/burro elimination in various parks/monuments. Ng. Covid test.
23rd: Sold TWHC, Am WHB Comeback books. Funds to WHBF WF acct.
27th: Dear father's 111th birthday had he lived, still very much remembered. Staunch & intelligent wild horse, puma and other wildlife and wilderness advocate. Civil Engineer. I work in his honor today. He was a great help in my work both for the wild horses and for the mountain tapirs, as was my mother.
28th: Do references for AZ report.
29th: Protest lack of BLM, USFS actions to apprehend wild horse shooters near Heber, AZ on ASNF lands that recently occurred there, and frequently do. See my upcoming report.
30th: Attend Nevada Day parade. Cheer wild horse floats. Take many photos. Note terrible far-right behavior, posters, slurs cast at progressive causes and candidates. Really vulgar and disturbing!

NOVEMBER, 2021:

1st – 2nd: Pay bills. Catch up on correspondence, incl. FB, Twitter, internet. Sort through Heber ASNF info, photos sent by Stacy Sanchez.

3rd: Visit Wynema wild horse sanctuary north of Reno. Document over-grown hooves with photos. Complain to Virginia Range wild horse association and to Reno News & Review. The group immediately responds and says they will get farriers out to treat the hooves of all the horses. RNR threatens major expose. This was a major accomplishment of mine that helped hundreds of wild horses held in these extensive pastures. And now they have all been moved to a much better place with better vegetative productivity. During the afternoon I hiked up into the Peterson Mountains at the foot of which lies the Wynema sanctuary. Here I scout and document this original BLM wild horse Herd Area. Due to rancher pressure, the BLM zeroed out this extensive and scenic area and now it is full of cattle, mining activities, OHV trails, hunter game animal populations, but there are no wild horses. Such a subversion of the WFHBA! But the good news is that the wild horses could be restored, because this is still a legal Herd Area! I noticed much erosion, vegetative damage, and pollution of water sources! Took photos!

4th – 6th: Interview with Betty Nixon re: ASNF wild horses for my report. Receive many photos & info from her on this. Also, follow through on Wynema with RNR to attend to overgrown hoofs.

7th – 9th: Revise TWHC book for new edition. Correspondence with possible agents.

10th: Receive Moderna Booster for Covid19.

11th – 13th: Work on new book included parts on wild horses & mtn. tapirs & exquisite photos thereof!

14th: My Onaqui photo-illustrated wild horse article published by Horsetalk-NZ. Gets very favorable reaction from around the world. Here's link: <https://www.horsetalk.co.nz/2021/11/15/close-personal-reaching-out-wild-horses/>

15th: Do another The Action Hour program with Lindsey Baker re: wild horse and burro injustice. Goes well. Answer comments also from Horsetalk article.

16th: Do letter of support for CINDES to Swedish conservation org. for possible support.

17th: Work on Arizona wild horse report.

18th: Attend Nevada Writers' Hall of Fame event at UNR at 7 PM. Honors Frank X. Mullen, editor of RNR. He gives excellent speech of acceptance and I make comments from the audience, also congratulate him personally. By the way, RNR published my hard-hitting article defending the wild horse and burros and exposing the corruption of BLM, USFS, public lands ranchers and many other enemies. Gets big reaction. Here's link: <https://reno.newsreview.com/2021/10/03/wild-horse-roundups-brutal-unnecessary/>

Later RNR publishes my next article commemorating the 50th anniversary of the WFHBA near the date of its being passed by Congress and signed into law by President Nixon. Here's link: <https://renonr.com/2021/12/20/wild-horse-act-subverted-over-50-years/> This also gets big reaction and a version of this is published in prestigious literary review journal by Northwest Colorado College out of Rangely, CO in the early new year 2022. I sent out an alert on this.

19th: Finish ASNF/Heber wild horse report & submit for review to ISPMB to Karen Sussman, President, and Patti Roth, Secretary who is a professional writer with MA in English from San Francisco University.

20th: Nevada Poetry Society meeting, 1 pm. Afterward nature walk by Truckee River. Promo of mustangs

21st – 24th: Oversee Mountain Tapir and Burro protection conservation program in n. Peru, also CINDES Amazonian project e. Peru.

25th: Thanksgiving at nephew Scott & wife Marita home in Reno. Marita gives \$30 per month monthly support via PayPal to ATF. A couple others give \$10 or \$15 per month. There is an urgent need to get more support for ongoing projects and Reserve Design and the N. Peru Go Fund Me project desperately needs more support. Also, we need expert webmaster to help organize the websites & make them more effective. They have excellent content but need a better, more appealing and organized design. Here are the two Go Fund Me's <https://www.gofundme.com/f/saving-andean-tapirs-in-northern-peru...> Or short

version: <https://gofundme/897e6166> and the Reserve Design project at <https://www.gofundme.com/mstngreservedesign>

26th: Receive report from Robert Hutchison on seed germination experiments in his yard, very revealing about the major positive contributions by wild horses versus hardly any or the opposite – negative harm from cattle and sheep. This has occupied a half year of germination and careful observation, similar to what I did for the Andean Tapir in Ecuador and that was part of my major publications.

27th: Continue update of my book TWHC.

28th – 30th: Travel to Wild Horse Ranch to participate in video recording of segments to be used to help wild horses. Film director Deb Ferns, Bill Simpson and wife Michelle greet me and put me up in a vacation trailer. Simpson now oversees a big mustang herd on land bordering on the Pokegama BLM wild horse HMA largely in Oregon but parts in California that was subject to an earlier report of mine on Oregon herds a few years back. This Wild Horse Ranch is adjacent to the Irongate Reservoir on the Klamath River. This dam is scheduled to be destroyed in the near future apparently to restore the anadromous fish spawning runs, but Simpson says this will not accomplish its announced purpose but create much ecological disruption, including release of toxins in the sediments. But in general I agree that many dams need to be removed to restore integrity of wide-ranging fish and other species pop's.

30th - 31st: Late afternoon after doing/viewing more video interviews and visiting wild horses and their habitat in the Wild Horse Ranch, I decide to travel on to the Wild Horse Sanctuary to visit my two wild horses Lightning and Princess Dianne. But first I visit Romeo, a strapping stallion and his band by the Klamath River. He even comes up to me and lets me pet his face. Very special experience. He's looking good and the people around here are treating him right. Siskiyou County has given Bill authority to protect and manage these wild horses over several thousand acres, so the BLM cannot touch them, which was not the case before. This is something positive concerning his Wild Horse Fire Brigade program and now nonprofit organization. In the late afternoon, I travel on to the Wild Horse Sanctuary where Diane Nelson has a nice room waiting for me in the old ranch house and is her same cheerful welcoming self. I am fed well and spend most of the following day, the 1st of December, with the horses and burros and walking around this 5,000-acre sanctuary that I have been visiting for many years. I am delighted to see Lightning and Princess Dianne looking in good shape and giving me a friendly recognition. I take some good photos.

DECEMBER, 2021:

1st: Visit Lightning, Princess Dianne and other wild horses and burros and their habitat at Wild Horse Sanctuary till ca. 2:30 PM. Lunch at old ranch house then pack up to go home. Nice drive to Susanville then south to Reno then onto Carson Valley and home. Good to be home. The program I had recorded earlier about wild horses and burros, mountain tapirs and many related issues lasted one hour and aired on the Mainstreet Vegan Show with Victoria Moran. This went very well and has a link for people to watch. Here's the link: <https://mainstreetvegan.net/where-the-wild-things-are/> or as an Apple Podcast at <https://podcasts.apple.com/cu/podcast/where-the-wild-things-are/> It is also on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lwEyCYrLYYU> This program was a great success and had many viewers and comments, almost all very positive in nature. I would like to be on this program again. Victoria was a great host. I am striving to be a pure Vegan.

2nd – 4th: At Wild Horse Ranch doing filmed interview w/ others associated with Wild Horse Fire Brigade.

5th – 8th: Work on update & revision of my book The Wild Horse Conspiracy (TWHC).

9th – 12th: Continue to oversee the ATF's Peruvian projects and give direction, both Andean & Amazonian

10th – 13th : Help Anne-Marie Pinter keep Spanish Mustang Sanctuary Wind Walker Sanctuary going, by

attending her horses while she works at a distant location. This is in the hills out of Montague, California. She recompensed my gas \$200 to ATF. Coming through terrific snowstorms and deep snow.

14th: Ceremony at Mountain View for my dear sister Kay with Sanders relatives present. Placing of her marble plaque with inscription. I give her a tribute and tell of my vivid dream in which she came to me and appeared so rejuvenated and sang so splendidly! God bless you, dear sister of this life, and know I remain your loving brother. “Until we meet again!” My eulogy to her will be in my new book. She had been on our Board of Directors for some years, and was always supportive of my/our work.

15th: ISPMB Board meeting to discuss happenings, actions to defend mainly Arizona USFS mustangs. On December 15th Horsetalk-NZ does an excellent presentation with illustrations & links of my article commemorating the 50th anniversary of the WFHBA which gets a lot of readers and comments and is widely shared. Here’s link: <https://www.horsetalk.co.nz/2021/12/15/50-years-saving-americas-wild-horses/> I also post this on our website <https://thewildhorseconspiracy.org> .

16th: Brumby Action Group, Inc., has me on as principal presenter in defense of the Brumbies of Victoria. Marilyn Nuske, lawyer, and Renee Neubauer, brumby advocate & professional, are my hosts. Went very well and I was complemented on how strong and eloquent I spoke in their defense. I believe many watched including a top government official, according to the hosts.

17th: I am interviewed by Global Press on behalf of Brumbies and wild horses in general. I call in at 11 AM. TWHC featured in radio program.

18th: Sort out volunteer work on legalities of wild horse and burro treatment by BLM and USFS with Melissa Paschal of Reno. I gave her directions to help with the Arizona wild horse project. I am hopeful; that she will follow through. She is a legal worker. Oh, by the way, throughout the year I have been a co-plaintiff with a legal worker from New York: Amelia Arcamone and we have had a federal case against the draconian wild horse roundups in Wyoming, which unfortunately did not prevail, but now we are doing one for some very unjust roundups and plans by BLM in Nevada. I will keep you informed.

18th – 20th: Prepare Reno News & Review article defending wild horses & commemorating 50th Anniversary of WFHBA. This is published on the 20th and is widely read and shared. Here’s link: <https://renonr.com/2021/12/20/wild-horse-act-subverted-over-50-years/> This is the article that served as template for the version that appeared in the Waving Hands Review journal of the Northwestern Colorado College in its Volume 14, Issue 14 of 2022. This has been read by many and confuted another article in this review that was full of biased information about the wild horses by a history professor. Hurrah! Another win for the wild horses! I sent this article out as a scanned article on Constant Contact to the Alert List that is now ca. 500 followers and growing. I think I also posted on our website.

21st: 1st day of Winter, the Winter Solstice. A sober day, indeed, and time for reflection.

22nd : Correspondence. Input to government agencies.

23rd – 24th: Work on updating TWHC book.

25th: Christmas Day. Hallelujah! With relatives at nephew Scott & Marita’s in Reno. Brother-in-law Neil is there and good to see them all. Nice celebration and remembrance in honor of the Lord.

26th – 29th: Translate Spanish to English Alejandro Zegarra’s Go Fund Me project proposal and post. Also revisit my Reserve Design Go Fund Me that now has ca. \$10,000 since its creation in 2015. Continue updating TWHC book and doing correspondence on FaceBook where I have quite a following as Craig Downer, The Wild Horse Conspiracy and Andean Tapir Fund / Wild Horse and Burro Fund pages – 3 in total, and on a number of groups including on Forum on Reserve Design and Forum on PZP, Life’s Spirit and several others that I administer. I am also on Twitter as @Craig73473329 and on Reddit as

WHEcologist7. I also have a Instagram account. Several of my reports and articles both on the wild horses and burros and on the Andean, or Mountain, Tapirs are on both of the following professional sites: Academia, where I am a Premiere member, and on Research Gate. Both of these are read by many scientists & professionals. This is a great way of getting our cause and its importance out and refuting the detractors and despoilers of all the animals and their habitats we represent and are the voice for!
30th: Visit Univ. Nev. Reno Library, Matthieson Knowledge Center to return books and do more research.
31st: New Year's Eve --Reno. Hallelujah! Made it another year. A lot accomplished. Keep the Faith/Vision!

2022 HAPPY & SUCCESSFUL NEW YEAR & THANK GOD FOR 2021 & ALL ITS BLESSINGS!

1st: Thank all donors to ATF / WHBF.

1st – 16th: Continue to work on Peruvian mountain tapir & burro as well as Amazon lowland tapir related projects. Initiate new funding efforts. Continue to coordinate for reform of American wild horse & burro program. Give testimony. Participate in programs on internet, etc. Coordinate on judicial cases. Continue to give input on fight to save Brumbies in Australia & wild equids in other parts of the world. Continue government pressure re: answers to my FOIA requests, etc. Continue on TWHC updating. Similar threads of effort as described for July – December, 2021.

17th-22nd: FOIA request re: monitoring of PZP administration program with BLM & USFS. Work on Heber ASNF wild horse report & on Amelia Arcamone judicial case against Wyoming roundup. Further correspondence.

19th: Go to Fallon to check out 25 wild horses for Ann Novak of Protect Mustangs/Bryerly Farms. These are the Wyoming 14 and their descendants. They were in good shape. Sent photos and videos to her. Keep up with Facebook and Twitter correspondence.

23rd – 31st: Mustangs and Renegades, Episode 4: The Professor, by Native American filmmaker James Anaquad Kleinert (nearly one hour) is released to the public. This in large part features me explaining about the gross injustice, illegality toward the wild horses & burros and about all the positive contributions they make to ecosystems as keystone species & about their North American evolutionary roots. This has received widespread praise. It is on Vimeo and on Rumble. On Vimeo one must pay to subscribe but on Rumble it is free and so has gotten many more views. Here's the links – be sure to watch & share it and the others in this excellent series of ca. 12 videos: <https://rumble.com/vp9fcr-mustangs-and-renegades-a-modern-day-western.html> Episode 4: The Professor. The Vimeo link is <https://vimeo.com/ondemand/mustangsrenegades> then choose episode or, better yet, watch them all! Episode 5 concerns the wild horses of the Red Desert, Wyoming, about which James and I were pro se plaintiffs against the Wyoming BLM in late 2020. I have been continuing to coordinate with James on turning things around for America's persecuted wild horses and burros and abandonment of their legal habitats to energy developers, ranchers, OHVers, mining companies, developers, water extractors, etc. "The Professor" features me as a wildlife ecologist and life-long wild horse defender and observer. I am able to expound upon the many positive contributions that the wild horses and burros make to ecosystems while at the same time expose the terrible corruption of their enemies in spreading lies and plots to eliminate them from their rightful land and freedom. This 54-minute film has been a source of great enlightenment for thousands, as have the others in this series. The Professor was the fruit of my work with Kleinert since 2018. He has recently had to deal with the passing on of his dear father who was also a Wildlife Ecologist and help his mother out up in Wisconsin.

25th: Testify before Monterey Calif. City Council on behalf of wild horses and using these as wildfire preventers. They could be released from BLM & USFS corrals to these areas along the coast where major fires have been occurring. Lorna Moffatt has been working with me on this. She had me on her Meet

America TV series show on Public Access TV in several states including California, Nevada.

26th: Correspondence, office work, bills. Oversee Peruvian projects. Promote Episode 4: The Professor.

27th: Do a webinar for the Brumbies through Brumby Action Group, with hosts Marilyn Nuske, lawyer, and Renee Neubauer, Brumby activist, both from New South Wales. This was seen by many including Joanne Canning, horse scientist from Ireland who has exposed much false information about the Brumbies being issued by officials and academics as well. Also did another recorded interview with Brumby advocate couple from down under, Valerie, that should be aired soon.

28th: Represent wild horses on a Zoom Conference before the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners. I spoke out against discriminatory policies toward wild horses and for their restoration to viable levels and for the cutback of livestock and other destructive monopolies. Also, for the Reserve Design approach to wild horse preservation, conservation and stabilization, not the PZP approach. I was treated respectfully and as a professional.

30th -31st: My wild horse editorial defending wild horses was published in the Reno Gazette journal and in two other publications reaching Western Nevada and parts of California. This gets big readership.

Here are links: <https://www.rgj.com/story/opinion/voices/2022/01/31/opinion-wild-horses-not-being-treated-fairly-blm-ranchers-craig-c-downer/9287811002/> Here is the other fairly widely read

publication with great photos & links for this important message:

<https://sierranevadaally.org/2022/02/06/wild-horses-not-being-treated-fairly-by-blm-and-ranchers-etc/>

Also check out illustrated articles I have been doing for the new online publication Concordia Equestrians whose editor is Milly Shand. I have done four so far. The link here is

<https://issuu.com/concordia.ec/docs/> These articles occupied me for a few months what with editorial revision.

FEBRUARY 2022:

1st: Go to Wynema wild horse sanctuary with Elaina Deva Proffitt to check on Virginia Range wild horses, see to it their hooves are well trimmed and they're being well fed, watered and have salt blocks and shelter from wind, rain & sun. Proposal for Funding for N. Peru project rec'd. Review this. Revise & update Chapter III of TWHC.

2nd: Work on wild horse articles for new publication Concordia International Equestrian Magazine. These articles are published and read by many worldwide. They expose PZP, promote Reserve Design, promote my book and our organization, promote the Green horse, and explain about its evolution in North America, etc. Nice young upcoming horse advocates to work with. Three articles published in their Mar/Apr 2022 edition. The org. can be reached at <https://www.concordiaequestrians.org>. The articles can be downloaded at https://issuu.com/concordia.ec/docs/issue_1 or 2 or 3 or just now today 7-18-22 4_concordia_magazine. The link for today July 18, 2022 is:

https://issuu.com/concordia.ec/docs/issue_4_concordia_magazine

3rd: Call re: NEPA review. Work on TWHC update.

4th: Wire \$1,700 to CINDES for Amazonian conservation project involving Shipibos & lowland tapirs. Deposit some other contributions as from sales of my book, musical CD, booklets, etc.

5th: Correspondence. RGJ article published. Do Constant Contact alert for wild horses & burros including RGJ article of mine.

6th: My article defending wild horses & burro published in Sierra Nevada Ally – see above.

7th: Calling & writing Representatives & Senators for reform of wild horse & burro program. Asking for a Congressional Oversight hearing. Continue to work on Heber ASNF report.

8th – 9th: Revise, update TWHC. Work on new book. WSOS.

9th: 9 AM: Phone conference with Friends of Animals’ attorneys Jennifer Best and Andrea regarding suing to prevent Winnemucca BLM holding facility construction, which is a high-density system of corrals to facilitate the near elimination of the West’s last wild horses and burros. Also, we discussed preventing a massive wild horse & burro herds reduction in the Twin Peaks HMA by Susanville BLM. I testify.

10th: 5:30 - 7:30 PM: I participate in a webinar with the Reno City Council re: the Virginia Range wild horses and their protection & management. I explain what Reserve Design is and oppose PZP. I am treated respectfully. But the proof will be in the pudding, as the English say.

11th: Give input to Utah BLM against Cedar Mountain HMA plan for wild horse roundup. Shared with others. Update Action Alert list (as I do about every month – getting more followers).

13th: Letter to U.S. Rep. Mark Amodei (R-NV) re: wild horses & burros. He has been an enemy of them. Send new version of TWHC to ATF board member Jesica Johnston for transfer to Word from PDF.

15th: Phone conference with Sky Valencia re: campaign for wild horses & burros and upcoming rallies with Wild Horse Freedom Rallies organization. We plan a Nevada Rally for April 23rd before the Nevada State Legislature in Carson City, which does take place and I am the keynote speaker. Also Jesica Johnston speaks about her experiences defending the Twin Peaks wild horses and burros. I also do another rally with a few people at same place on June 11th.

16th – 18th: Review three articles for publishing in Concordia International Equestrian Magazine.

19th: Share my wh art. In RGJ on FaceBook/Meta.

20th: Response to Devils’ Garden Modoc National Forest article that gave such a distorted view of whs.

21st: Perfect 2nd & 3rd article for Concordia, especially concerning Reserve Design and PZP.

22nd: 11 AM. Do interview with Victoria Moran on her mainstream Vegan Show. We talk about my life as an advocate, my work saving the mountain/Andean tapir and the wild horses and burros IN THE WILD. Went very well and widely viewed and commented. See links given above.

25th – 28th: Monitor Peruvian Mtn. Tapir & Wild Burro projects. Continue to give inputs to government agencies on this and variety of related issues. Revise Heber ASNF wild horse report. Have to synthesize many aspects. Revised Robert Bauer’s article defending wild horses.

MARCH 2022:

1st – 3rd: Participate with A.W.E. to pressure Congress to halt the outrageous wild horse roundups. Follow up with FOIA PZP monitoring request. Participate in promo of wild horse freedom rally. Send information & proposals for fundraising, etc. to Sky Valencia. Work on Heber report.

4th: Review CINDES proposal to New England Biolabs Foundation. Submit Heber report for review for possible publication to a peer-reviewed publication.

5th: Protest Cedar Mountain wild horse herd excessive roundups, SLC Utah BLM.

7th: Input re: vegetative impact of livestock to BLM. Work with Google Earth.

8th: Heber report.

9th: Attend the Environmental Legacy of US Senator Harry Reid event with UNR Library via Zoom. Brought up environmental issues, wilderness, wild horses, favoritism of mining, ranching. Concordia mag. published including three articles I contributed to or wrote (see above).

10th: Review of wild horse & burro plans. Investigate publishers for Heber report.

11th: Submit revised TWHC to NY agent for finding a major publisher.

12th: 9:30 – 10:30 AM. Zoom meeting re: wild horse rally for April 23rd. This was realized and went well. Sent my Heber report for review and was able to interest professional publication in considering.

14th – 16th: Enter writing contest with 12 entries. Submit Heber report for review to ISPMB.

17th – 19th: Input to US Forest Service & NPS opposing excessive burro roundups. Receive report on N. Peru tapir & burro project from A. Zegarra. Review N. Peru Go Fund Me appeal with CV of Zegarra. History of our successes: still today, some of the world's biggest mining companies have been unable to mine in these precious and vital headwater cloud forests and paramos and our organization: the Andean Tapir Fund is a major part of this success! Congratulations everyone, but we must not slack off because the battle continues to save this precious region and its unique and highly diverse life community. Again the Go Fund Me appeal is: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/saving-andean-tapirs-habitat-in-northern-peru>... Please share!

20th – 21st: Protest legacy OHV 700-mile race track proposal for OHV vehicles. Terrible destruction and death to many fragile ecosystems. In spite of our meritorious protest against this project that will negatively affect wild horses and burros and other wildlife, it was approved in June, 2022, by the Carson City BLM office. I had put out an Action Alert on this for people to protest and hundreds wrote in. I shared an article to our Action Alert members, now ca. 500. Very few contribute financially.

22nd: Agent in New York promoting new edition of TWHC. Correspondence with ASNF wh article potential publishers. Iron out details.

23rd: Set up for being on The Action Hour w/ Lindsey Baker again. Sent her info & photos both re: wild horse and burro and Andean Tapirs.

24th: Send \$500 to A. Zegarra for Mt. Tapir & Burro projects with guidelines concerning what he must do and his obtention of proof of goals achieved.

25th: Contact with agent in NY re: TWHC promo.

26th: Work on new book WSOS and revision.

27th: Replace ink in HP Printer using Walmart recycled cartridges. Attend ISPMB Board meeting to stop unauthorized gather in Alpine area of ASNF.

28th: Oversee projects, procure needed office supplies.

29th: 5 PM: Do The Action Hour recorded program with Lindsey Baker. Defend Alpine wild horses.

30th: Pair Domain for TWHC renewed. File IRS 990 for ATF. Note: we need to get more donations, grants. Board members, please make an effort here, e.g. more donations via Pay Pal or for two Go Fund Me's.

31st: Talk by phone to Fia Perera to coordinate her as the MC for the Wild Horse Freedom Rally on Saturday, April 23rd. She seems very enthused and makes a good impression. She's from Los Angeles and is an accomplished equestrian as well as an actress. I must arrange for permit with NV St. Legislature and police, which I do, as well as for her motel. I will pick her up on Friday 22nd April, Earth Day. We will also make this rally an Earth Day event. Rest of day I work on the Twin Peaks wild equid roundup protest, giving input to Susanville BLM on their outrageous plan. Our board member Jessica Johnston has just done an overflight and report to show how outrageous BLM's plan is to the wild equids.

APRIL 2022:

1st: Conference with Fia Perera re: rally and her role as MC.

2nd: The Action Hour program recorded at 10 AM – 11 AM on wild horses & burros. Used many photos and videos, including mine and from others, esp. from Tina Wooten of Phoenix AZ with whom I worked last year. Phone conference with Amelia Arcamone, re: federal court suit re: Nevada wild horse/burro roundups. Recently we were granted a hearing on June 23rd. I revised legal letters sent in.

4th – 6th: Did Action Alert on Constant Contact in preparation for April 23rd Wild Horse Freedom Rally in Carson City and all state capitols. Also, put it onto TWHC website. Begin PZP research for input to EPA to try to cancel PZP renewal registration.

7th: Resend Action Alert on Constant Contact.

8th: Review Amelia's NV wild horse legal complaint. Finalize Heber report. Prepare for WH Rally. Get Singer-Guitarist Jim Eaglesmith to come, thanks to Elaina Deva Proffitt.

9th – 10th: Submit Heber ASNf to professional journal for review via We Transfer.

11th: Add WH Freedom Rally alert to TWHC website and announce it to Facebook, Twitter, Reddit, Linked In, email dropdowns, etc.

12th: Work on filing my papers, articles documents, photos using file folders. Print out Wild Horse Freedom Rally flyers to distribute to many places in and around Carson City, Reno, Minden, Gardnerville, Carson Valley, Lake Tahoe.

13th: Service & update HP Printer, new ink tanks, new drive, with HP professional Ajay.

14th: Xerox copies of rally posters, articles, Reserve Design proposal, etc., for wild horse rally at High Sierra Printers & Copiers, Carson City. Special price day is Thursday.

15th – 17th: Easter/Passover Activities with family and friends. But I am always on the job when it comes to opportunities to help the wild horses and burros and tapirs, etc., and their wild, natural homes!

18th: Go to Reno to check out Mic & Podium & Table for rally at All Occasions Party Rentals.

19th – 22nd: Prepare for rally. Compose & go over speech. Disperse rally poster in many places and have it announced in Carson City newspaper and online: Carson Now. Good announcement.

22nd: Earth Day! Go into Reno to check out Earth Day event grounds then pick up Fia Perera in mid-afternoon at Reno airport. I drive her up into the Virginia Range to see the wild horses with which she is thrilled. We have a vegan dinner at the Red Dog Saloon in Virginia City and discuss tomorrow's event while listening to local band with singer.

23rd: Successful Rally, 1 PM to 4 PM in front of NV St. Legislature. A good number of dedicated activists came, including Native Americans whom I had known. A number bought my TWHC book as well as 60-page booklet. Many signed onto the Alert list. Fia MC'ed and spoke, I spoke, Elain spoke, Jessica spoke Monica Ross spoke, Jim sang and spoke – all with great content, intelligent and with conviction. Many saw and heard this. We also had stunning posters, many I used from earlier rallies. Suzanne Baker and Greyson Hawk were two noted attendees. Grayson is from Las Vegas; he came again on June 11th when we had a little rally. He is very dedicated to making a difference and shutting down the terrible roundups and getting more justice for the wild horses. Also, he is committed to setting up a wild horse rescue sanctuary near Lovelock where he has 50 acres and plans to retire with his wife and also combine this with rehabilitation of people needing equine therapy. As a carpenter, he plans to construct a large horse with colors of the American flag on it to attract attention. We are planning on a big rally in Las Vegas at the Craig Ranch Park on Sept. 24th, and I have agreed to be keynote speaker, or at least one of the speakers and presenters. I would like to give my PowerPoint also. Carson Now did a sympathetic coverage article of our rally with photos. Across the USA about 34 states had rallies. I return Fia to the Reno Airport after the rally to catch her plane back to Los Angeles. She is a busy lady!

24th: I guide Monica Ross out to see the Pine Nut Mountain wild horses. We see two bands and get some fine pictures. Delightful spring flowers on forbs, bushes, trees added to charm. Monica covers the wild horse/burro roundups for AWHC and wants to collaborate with our organization and get a turnaround for Reserve Design not the drug and sterilization approach to wild horse and burro preservation.

25th: Go to Reno to return Mic & Podium & Table. Mic was not too good. I complain. Then I go to UNR library, especially the De La Mare Geology Library to investigate the thousand-year-old horse fossil skeleton apparently uncovered around 1978 during a highway construction from Nixon to Gerlach. This was east of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation, where I was the Environmental Direct for a few years back in the mid-1990s. At De La Mare, I learned a lot and obtained some leads on this study. I was

promised by the curator of the Kech Museum that he would try to find out about this find and its investigative report. I report this to life-long investigator Holland Hague of Richmond, Virginia, who recently was hospitalized with a broken limb. Pray he recovers, as he has been unusually silent.

26th – 27th: Submit wild horse article to Barbara Godwin of Horse and Rider Living magazine. A version of this, combined with an interview I did with Barbara, is published in June and I share this as an Action Alert. Nice presentation. I am also featured in this same issue in an article about Carson City where I am described as a wildlife ecologist who gives tours to see the wild horses and burros – which is true, though I do not charge but if people want to contribute to our nonprofit, then this is fine. I do an Action Alert on this which has a link to the whole flamboyant series of articles. Here is the link:

<https://www.horseandriderliving.com/articles/craig-downer> and to my alert:

<https://thewildhorseconspiracy.org/2022/07/10/great-new-7-2-22...-wild-horse-work/>

28th: I participate in Webinar at 5:30 PM regarding environment, Global Warming. Give input.

29th: Talk to top official at Washington DC FOIA office, Natasha, who promises she will look into BLM's failure to respond to my FOIA request re: PZP and to get a report to me. I also send my Three Fingers Wild Horse HMA report to an Oregon wild horse advocate group interested in restoring justice for the wild horses in their state and elsewhere.

MAY 2022:

1st: Went to Ode to Joy Reno Phil concert with Adriana Marin-H, a Colombian originally from Cali, who is a biologist and interested in helping the Andean Tapir Fund and its work. She is now a Ph.D. student at UNR and is married and has two daughters, one of whom is a ballerina. I was invited by Adriana to see her daughter perform also in Reno on June 11. This was right after the wild horse rally in Carson City and I gave Grayson Hawk a ride back to his Circus-Circus hotel in Reno. Good contact. As a Peace Corps wildlife ecologist I was stationed in Calif, Valle, Colombia between 1977 and 1979.

2nd – 7th: Oversee projects in Peru, both north and Amazon, good progress being made. Continue inputs to BLM, USFS. Continue to promote Reserve Design. Composed and sent in protest to Oregon BLM against proposed Three-Fingers wild horse roundup proposal.

8th: Attend Reno Phil, "Altered Landscape" concert. Met Peruvian composer of this world premiere symphony with an environmental theme and told him about Andean Tapir Fund and the Peruvian mountain tapir and other conservation projects that our organization does. He seemed keen to learn more and help protect these animals and their habitat, especially the endangered Andean Tapir. I gave him my/our org's double-sided card. His name is Jimmy Lopez Bellido and I hope to hear from him again. There is much turmoil now in Peru what with the old guard and money-mad people trying to thwart the newly elected President Pedro Castillo-T., who is a progressive and wants to save the ecosystem rather than continue exploiting it to death. He would favor ATF's two-and-a-half decade efforts to stave off the open-pit mines that would devastate the Andean Tapirs and so many other species and their cloud forest & paramo ecosystem and damage the headwaters of five major rivers in northern Peru – of even more critical importance today because the famed glaciers of the Peruvian Andes are rapidly melting.

9th – 11th: Action Alert sent out for people to support Reserve Design and ROAM-RD Act bill. I sent letters to US Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY) and also US Rep. Raul Grijalva (D-AZ) and have spoken to their aides. My letter to Raul was in Spanish. I sent a protest letter to BLM against the Marietta wild burro roundup and posted an alert to our website and shared on FB. Worked on new book WSOS.

12th: At the Carson City Library, I met with Louis Carroll, US Sen. Jackie Rosen's northern NV rep. I urged the aide and his Senator to take some drastic measures to stop the ongoing large-scale roundups and gave him a large packet of my articles, reports, and those of others. I explained the urgent need for

ROAM-RD. Later I did receive a letter from the Senator herself. Carroll said his specialty was animal protection and welfare. I am hoping to hear more and get her and her staff on board!

13th – 20th: Resent Action Alert. Followed up with Sen. Jackie Rosen and aide Louis Carroll on ROAM-RD. I reviewed an ongoing report from my guide last year in Arizona, i.e. Robert Hutchison. Edit new book.

21st: Conference with Sky Valencia re: doing Las Vegas rally for wild horses.

23rd: Catch up on correspondence, public ed on wild horses & burros, Andean tapirs, Perissodactyla.

24th: Compose more letters to Congressmen, including Maloney of NY with help from Pauline St. Denis, prof. photographer who was a co-plaintiff with Amelia Arcamone, myself and two Wyoming people.

25th – 27th: Forester service, tire service. ISPMB meeting.

28th: Compose & send important letter to BLM, Congressmen, re: ROAM-RD.

30th: Send letter of receipt & appreciation to Menken Family Fund for donation. View two-hour documentary film on the Curly trait among horses with hosts Dr. Mitch Wilkerson and Dr. Gus Cothran. They presented substantial evidence of how unique and special this trait is, as found among America's last wild horse, or mustang, populations. They signaled the Sulphur HMA wild horses in western Utah as having a genetic trait found nowhere else. As you may recall, I did a study there a few years ago and protested BLM-Utah's plans to gut this herd to favor pushy cattle ranchers in the area, including one who sits on the National WHB Advisory Board. For information about this project, which is ongoing and now going to be subject of a book, contact Dr. Wilkerson at wdomitch16@yahoo.com. It is urgent that these roundups be stopped and the cattle reduced and the mustangs given larger herd sizes.

31st: Viewed conference on saving wild horses via Captain Bill Simpson's Wild Horse Fire Brigade idea.

JUNE 2022:

1st: Correspondence. Again look at video on investigating Curly trait among horses including wild horses. Compliment Mitch and Gus on this painstaking documentation. Part 2 will be released fairly soon.

2nd: Copy wild horse articles at High Sierra Copiers in Carson City, especially my article in Waving Hands Review. This is a professionally reviewed article defending the wild horses & burros (see above links).

3rd: Review Marr plan for restoring wild horses and burros. Add more people to Action Alert list. There is a serious need to reorganize and update our website <https://thewildhorseconspiracy.org>. There has been a lot of interest in it and it has great content but needs to have a better organization and display, an outline of the sections. And the use of the photos can really make it attractive. Let capable geeks know about this need, please. Later, I do follow up letters of protest re: Cedar Mountain wild horses.

4th: Resent Action Alert with the Waving Hands Review wild horse article.

5th – 7th: Pick up mail in Minden. 2 BLM letters. Protest to Ely BLM re: their plan for gutting Fish Creek wild horse herd. Post Waving Horse Article to Academia online scientific site. Getting a lot of reads.

8th: ISPMB meeting re: ASNF, Alpine wild horse threatened elimination contrary to WFHBA, since they were there in 1971. Failure to abide also by NEPA. Do EPA input online. Realize a thorough-going call with Scott Beckstead, a legal professor and animal activist who heads an organization, concerned about the ongoing obliteration of America's wild horses. We discuss how to turn this around and reverse the so-called Path Forward, which I call the Wipeout Plan, because this is exactly what it is. Scott agrees.

10th: Meeting with Suzanne Baker, wild horse & animal activist from Carson City, re: what to do. She was at the April 23rd rally in Carson. Well educated. Wants to help and is willing to help our organization.

11th: Attend Wild Horse Freedom Rally in Carson City. Grayson Hawk from Las Vegas has flown up. We display our signs & get the message out in front of the Nevada State Legislature. Later in the afternoon I take him back to the Circus-Circus Hotel and attend the Ballet with Adriana Marin & her family at the Pioneer Auditorium as their guest (see earlier discussion). Here, daughter Samiri dances elegantly.

12th: In the morning I attend an ISPMB board meeting. Then I drive into Reno and pick up Grayson Hawk to proceed out to the Virginia Range to view some of the wild horse bands. These are not as spirited as before; I notice some decline compared with how they were before. Also, they are missing from many areas where they used to be. One remote group of a few bands to the north of the Virginia Highlands Fire Station seems more lively, natural. We get some good photos and observations. They retreat over hill.

13th: Conference with Jennifer Best, lead attorney for Friends of Animals regarding trying to stop the wild horse roundups in Piceance and East Douglas HMAs in Colorado. I visited there after the wild horse and burro rally (Wild Horses Matter) on April 29, 2021 and witnessed the ongoing takeover of these HMAs by gas drillers & cattle ranchers. It was terrible! I agree to be a plaintiff on this atrocity represented by Friends of Animals. I should have recognized standing. Later I finish latest revision of my new book WSOS, which has a lot about our work and the Andean tapirs, the wild horses and Nature.

14th: Prepared & sent out another Action Alert via Constant Contact with new article and also supporting the ROAM-RD (Restore Our American Mustangs and Burros through Reserve Design and Rewilding Act bill. The alert explains it in detail and its justification. Calls for help, support.

15th: At urging of Pauline St. Denis & Suzanne Leffingwell-Letourneau, I send a special letter to the famous zoologist & conservationist Jane Goodall, via the Jane Goodall Institute in DC, to see if she could denounce what is happening to America's wild horses & burros and demand reform. I had met & spoke with her years ago at an Animal Protection Institute conference. Hopefully she reads it & responds.

16th: Talk to Barbara Moore of A.W.E. about doing a Zoom conference on June 22nd. I agree to do this and start my preparation on helping restore integrity and the herds and their habitats to viable levels.

17th: Talk to Sky Valencia re: rally in Las Vegas. Agree that Grayson Hawk would be best to lead, since he lives there and is into P.R. Resent Action Alert. Horsetalk does article announcing the internet conference of mine on the 22nd and giving the link. We are urged to pressure Congress re: the 2023 budget to have it reduce or cancel roundup funding and concentrate on restoring the herds & habitats.

18th: Nevada Poetry Society meets. Some discussion of wild horse threats. Meet with Carolyn Dondero afterward to discuss this during nature hike by Truckee River. She is ardent wild horse advocate.

19th: Strongly denounce the shooting of the Brumbies on the internet, going on in Victoria, Australia and in the Barmah Forest. There was a big rally there opposing this concerning which I contributed quotes in Brumbies favor. Remember my trip there and observations and the poster and talks as well as articles? See earlier year's ATF reports.

20th – 21st: Summer Solstice on 21st. Review WSOS book and send it into editorial team of publisher. It should soon be published. I will inform all of you. Prepare and give guidance to the N. Peru project. Professional German lady in Peru agrees to meet A. Zegarra in Sullana and offers her help. I give her his number and email. She may have been scared off by the demonstrations in that country and returned to Germany, since there was no follow through. I hope she is alright!

22nd: Finally on this day we realize the first Equine Collaborative Wild Horse Solutions Summit with host Scott Beckstead of Oregon and moderator Barbara Moore of New York. Several of us give presentations and answer questions. James Anaquard Kleinert goes first, followed by me, then Heather Hellyer, then others. Turns out great and we are planning another one on July 28th where I will share this opportunity with Anthony Marr and his Marr plan. Much more about Reserve Design and its integrity and honoring of nature and horses and burros true nature will be explained in this webinar. This is a great opportunity. Sponsored by A.W.E. These conferences were recorded. The one of the 22nd June should be available by checking with Barbara Moore at 411eci@gmail.com or phoning 716-912-2100. This

conference had a lot of viewers and interactors. It is a sign that we can talk together even though not agreeing with PZP. Indeed, Marr, Beckstead and, I think, Moore herself are doing more questioning of PZP and thinking more about the virtue of Reserve Design. At this webinar I had less than half hour to give my presentation (much the same as I was keynote speaker at the April 23rd rally in Carson City). I added more about Reserve Design as the right approach to wild horse/burro conservation and restoration and received some nice compliments. Wild horse roundup photographer Monica Ross audio-video recorded this and other speeches and shared her video on the internet. I put it out in my alerts.

23rd: I helped with rescue of two Spanish Mustang Stallions that were part of a wonderful rare herd that had been rescued many year ago by the Brislawn family in Wyoming and other parts of the West. Funds were given to an experienced hauler to deliver these two stallions from a questionable situation near Nampa, Idaho, to an experienced caring family near Placerville, Calif. This was arranged through Anne-Marie Pinter who rescues Spanish mustangs. Our organization also helped Pinter rescue two mares and one colt from the same herd. The old mustanger had just passed on in his mid-90's and his wife did not want to keep the herd. The idea is not to sterilize these horses but to keep them in touch and reproducing at a moderate level into the future so that this special lineage will not die out. When Anne-Marie is able she has promised to repay the \$1,500 given by our organization.

24th – 25th: Review ATF & WHBF calendar of events and projects, taking notes to prepare for the annual meeting of our board on Tuesday, June 28th, 2022, at Noon. I realize this meeting with ATF Secretary Jesica Johnston. Treasurer Helen Madeleine and board member Gloria Wilkins are not able to attend due to serious health issues in their families. We wish and pray for their prompt recovery and restoration of health. Jesica and I have a fruitful conversation covering the activities and accomplishments of our organization, which have been significant this past year, both concerning the wild horses and burros and also concerning the Peruvian mountain tapir and burro projects, also the Amazonian project involving the lowland tapirs and the Shipibo tribe.

26th – 31st : Realize BATF / WHBF board meeting, see above. Do final revision of new book WSOS. This will be a great surprise for all of you! Continue to promote ROAM-RD in conferences and communications. Follow through on Horse and Rider Living magazine articles sharing and discussion. Do near final review of Arizona ASNF Heber wild horse article and send back to editors of this professional journal.

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