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Dorothea Boothe
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Ms. Boothe,

As you know, the management of wild horses continues to be a challenge across Oregon and the West. As the Bureau of Land Management continues to work towards long term solutions, the Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board (Board) will play an important role. I have been contacted by Mr. William Simpson regarding his interest in service on the board and ask that you give his application full and fair consideration.

As you will see in Mr. Simpson's resume, he brings a diverse background as well as firsthand experience with managing wild horses on his own property. Most recently, he has been actively engaged in the public discourse around wild horses and wildfire management. He strongly believes this background will be a solid asset to the Board.

As you work to fill the vacant seats on the Board, I again strongly urge you to give full and fair consideration to Mr. Simpson's application.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Greg Walden".

Greg Walden
Member of Congress



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March 29, 2019

National Wild Horse and Burro Program
Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management
1849 C Street, N.W., Room 2134 LM
Attn: Dorothea Boothe, WO-260, Washington, DC 20240.

Subject: Letter of Support for William Simpson's Nomination to BLM Wild Horse & Burro Advisory Board, Human Advocacy Seat

To Whom it May Concern,

As the Siskiyou County Agriculture Commissioner and Animal Control Officer; I am pleased to submit a statement of support for William Simpson for nomination to the BLM Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board's Humane Advocacy seat. I've known Bill for 3 years and am intimately involved with his personal commitments towards advocating better treatment and utilization of wild horses. Bill lives on a ranch that contains feral horses which he studies and watches over. Bill is a vocal advocate for wild horses.

Please consider some of the more unique qualifications Bill will bring to your agency if appointed to this position.

- He has spent *5-years living among free-roaming feral horses* along with his wife Laura in the lands surrounding their home and studying their feeding habits and behavior.
- He has published over 100 articles across an array of publications that contain the results of his 5-year study of wild horses and forest and wildlife management, including thousands of photographs and dozens of videos of the behavioral ecology of wild horses.
- His most recent documentary video, "Wild Horses" won a prestigious 'Winnie' award at the 2018 EQUUS Film Festival in New York.
- Bill has completed collegiate formal training in chemistry, physics, botany, meteorology and biology at a reputable scientific institution in Oregon. He has practiced those scientific disciplines in the management of his ranch for some years.
- Bill is an accomplished businessman who understands the challenges faced by the livestock industry.
- He has an empirical understanding of the challenges facing our western landscapes from depletion of wildlife and more recent devastation from catastrophic wildfire. Bill

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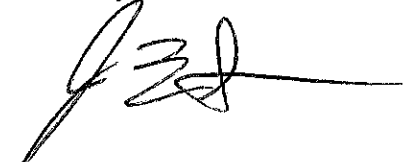
established a privately-owned wild horse reserve in his community that was recently threatened by the 2018 Klamathon Fire. He has firsthand experience demonstrating how his Wild Horse grazing practices saved his property from catastrophic loss.

It is obvious that the status quo regarding wild horse management is not working. I recognize the effort being undertaken dealing with the issues surrounding wild horses in the west, and the desire to address the issue scientifically, ecologically, and as economically as possible, however, it would be quite helpful to have an advocate who will consider all relevant scientific evidence leading to well informed decision making.

I recommend Mr. Simpson for this vacancy because Bill will be a benefit to this board, and bring fresh perspectives to the issues you constantly deal with.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely;



James E Smith

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February 21, 2019

Dear Ms. Dorothea Boothe,

I am writing to you in reference to the notice of referral for nomination to the National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board.

I submit to you a referral of William E. Simpson, specifically, for the "Humane Advocacy" open position. Mr. Simpson has been the most consistently involved and dedicated individual to bring wild horse and wildlife (cervid) advocacy to a forefront in our region of southern Oregon and northern California. I can think of no other individual that fits the description of the sought values and duties of the open position on the board. His attributes of tenacity, knowledge, and dedication to the cause of wild horses make him a candidate well worthy of consideration for this position.

Thank you for considering my nomination for the open position of "Humane Advocacy" for the National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board.

Sincerely,

Colleen Roberts
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March 28, 2019

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Attn: Dorothea Boothe, WO-260,
Washington, DC 20240

RE: CAPTAIN WILLIAM E. "BILL" SIMPSON REFERENCE

Dear Ms. Boothe:

I am writing this letter of reference recommending Captain William "Bill" E. Simpson for the National Wild Horse & Burro Program Advisory Board.

Bill is a dedicated and knowledgeable scientist and horse advocate. He has been a valuable advisor regarding wild horses to local and state authorities. He will be a great asset to your Board and I am proud to recommend a Josephine County native to represent Southern Oregon interests. I would specifically nominate Bill for the open Humane Advocacy position.

If there is any further information you would need, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

Lily Morgan
Josephine County Chair



Court Boice, Commissioner

94235 Moore Street, Ste. 122

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March 26, 2019

RE: Humane Advocacy Position for the National Wild Horse Advisory Board...

Dear Ms. Dorothea Boothe:

It is a privilege for me to encourage and fully support the nomination of Capt. William E. Simpson II - USMM Ret.

His experiential background and extensive empirical knowledge of our Native American Wild Horses and Burros is without equal in the Pacific Northwest. He is a candidate most worthy of consideration for this very important position.

He is well respected and with unquestioned integrity

- **College Training in meteorology, biology, physics, botany, and chemistry**
- **A popular writer with over 100 published articles**
- **Dedicated Naturalist specific to wildlife preservation and study**
- **Invaluable resource for the understanding of Forest Fires, especially Catastrophic Fires**
- **Substantial ‘hands on’ executive business experience**
- **Successful rancher, avid outdoorsman, managed his own forests**

Thank you for this consideration of the nomination for the open position of “Humane Advocacy” for the National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board.

Sincerely,

**Court Boice
Curry County, Oregon Commissioner**

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Siskiyou County



Sheriff's Department

JON LOPEY
Sheriff

March 11, 2019

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Attn: Dorothea Boothe, WO-260
Washington, DC 20240

RE: Nomination of William E. Simpson as 'Humane Advocate' to the National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board

Dear Ms. Boothe:

The purpose of this letter is to nominate Mr. William E. Simpson as a "human advocate" to the National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board. Mr. Simpson has extensive experience working with wild horses and he is an accomplished author, former US Merchant Marine Captain, and advocate for these animals.

He is a resident of Siskiyou County, CA, which, is the fifth largest county in California with 6,172 square miles. Our county and contiguous counties in our state and Oregon have significant issues with wild horses and burros.

I am confident Mr. Simpson will serve the board with integrity, enthusiasm, and good leadership.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (530) 842-8310.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jon E. Lopey". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed within a blue rectangular box that has a slightly irregular, hand-drawn appearance.

Jon E. Lopey, Sheriff-Coroner

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March 8, 2019

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As the District 5 elected representative on the Board of Supervisors of Siskiyou County; I am pleased to submit a statement of support for William Simpson to the nomination the BLM Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board's Humane Advocacy seat. I've known Bill for approximately 5 years and more specifically his personal commitments and sacrifices made to advocate better treatment and utilization of these animals. Bill resides within my Supervisorial District in a remote area of the county where the more open Juniper grass biome interfaces BLM Administered lands. It is my understanding that Bill has a collaborative working relationship with the Bureau's Medford Office and provides them feasible solutions to Wild horse Administration issues in this area.

Please consider some of the more unique qualifications Bill will bring to your agency if appointed to this position.

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- Bill is an accomplished businessman who understands the challenges faced by the livestock industry and is a member of the FFA.
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My observation of the BLM Wildhorse and Burro program is that it ignites deep felt emotional National Debate in the west that often gains eastern support for programs that in the end results in decision making that neither resolve animal welfare concerns or the associated land impacts. Often the debates are driven by great emotional attachments to the animal, the powerful lobby groups in an atmosphere that diminishes the more practical scientific judgement required to aid in the successful management of these herbivores. As you wrestle the ecological and social impacts of this program it would be quite helpful to have more advocates who will consider all relevant scientific evidence leading to well informed decision making. I recommend Mr. Simpson for this vacancy because Bill will strengthen this aspect of your advocacy group should you decide to appoint him.

Please feel free to contact me regarding any aspect of this letter of recommendation or the process before you.

Sincerely;

Ray A. Haupt

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Siskiyou County Supervisor
District 5

