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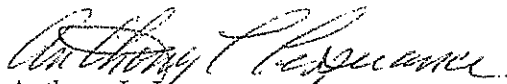
The situation with horses on the Virginia Range has reached a point where action must be taken to protect public welfare. The number of horses has exceeded the resource. Horses are crossing Highway 50 routinely, Highway 95-A routinely, and are becoming an increasing menace in the Damonte-Hidden Valley area.

In order to protect the public, both welfare and property, I am left with little option but to authorize you to start estraying those horses that continue to present problems from a public welfare standpoint.

The laws of the State of Nevada are very clear on estray. The contained horses must be advertised, then sold at public auction precisely as described in NRS 569. I full well realize that there are those advocates that will disagree with this decision. I understand their love for horses. However, in the final analyses, when public safety becomes an issue, offending horses must be removed.

Please keep me informed on all actions you take, or propose to take.

Sincerely;


Anthony L. Lesperance

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