

NOTE: This disposition is nonprecedential.



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CITIZENS AGAINST EQUINE)	Wild Horses and Burros
SLAUGHTER, <i>ET AL.</i>)	
)	Motion to Vacate and Remand
)	Granted; Appeal Dismissed

ORDER

Appellants have appealed from and petitioned to stay the effect of a June 24, 2016, decision issued by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). In the decision, BLM permitted licensed veterinarians to implement and monitor certain sterilization methods on female wild horses from overpopulated herds on public lands in Oregon. Counsel for BLM filed a motion to dismiss this appeal, arguing that appellants lack standing.

Before the Board could rule on either the appellant's stay petition or BLM's motion to dismiss, counsel for BLM filed a Motion to Vacate and Remand. Counsel states that BLM wants to rescind the decision at issue in this appeal because it no longer wishes to implement it. Therefore, counsel requests the Board to vacate the decision and remand the case back to the bureau. Based on counsel's representations, we grant the Motion.¹

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to the Board of Land Appeals by the Secretary of the Interior,² we vacate BLM's June 24, 2016, decision, and, as a ministerial matter, remand the case back to BLM.

_____/s/
Christina S. Kalavritinos
Administrative Judge

¹ 43 C.F.R. § 4.407(c).

² 43 C.F.R. § 4.1.

