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RE: Improper Notice of Advisory Board Meeting

Dear Sirs:

On behalf of my clients, the American Wild Horse Campaign and The Cloud Foundation, I am writing to notify you of statutory legal violations relating to public notice of the March 27, 2018 meeting of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board in Salt Lake City.

Under 43 C.F.R. § 1784.4-2, the BLM is required to publish notices of meetings of advisory committees in the FEDERAL REGISTER and distribution to the media thirty (30) days in advance of a meeting. If urgent matters arise, the BLM may provide notice of such meetings by publication in the federal register and distribution to the media AT LEAST fifteen (15) days in advance of a meeting.

Notice of the upcoming BLM National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board meeting was published yesterday, March 13, 2018, in the Federal Register. This fourteen (14)-day public notification violates 43 C.F.R. § 1784.4-2. It must be noted that the notice published yesterday in the Federal Register gives no indication of an urgent matter. In fact,

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the agenda published in the Federal Register indicates that routine program updates and board discussion are planned for this meeting.

As a result, I am requesting that your agency immediately rescind the Federal Register Notice and reschedule the meeting in compliance with the legally required 30-day notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER and distribution to the media. If the BLM fails to take action to correct this violation, my clients are prepared to take legal action to compel your agency to do so and seek injunctive relief.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Miller', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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