

Nev. board gives up control of wild horses

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The Nevada Board of Agriculture voted 8-1 to hand over control of as many as 3,000 wild horses in the Virginia Range to a yet-to-be-determined nonprofit group.

The board's vote in favor of the plan came despite widespread opposition from wild horse enthusiasts who say it puts the horses at risk of slaughter and business interests who say horses on the range are integral to the state's frontier image and business recruitment.

"This is a dangerous move, it is an illegal move and it is totally against the will of the public," said Suzanne Roy, executive director of the American Wild Horse Campaign.

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