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The National Reining Horse Association (NRHA) appreciates the opportunity to comment on Docket No. 2026-00341: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Reinstatement.

We wholeheartedly support APHIS' request to reinstate information collection to conduct the NAHMS Equine 2026 Study. The previous NAHMs Equine Studies have provided key information that allows the industry to identify critical focus areas for targeted education, outreach, and research related to horse health and welfare.

The 2025 multistate EHV-1 outbreak, which originated at an equine event, demonstrated how devastating infectious disease can be. Loss of equine life and widespread disruption of equine activities was a critical industry impact. Protecting equine health depends on understanding disease risks and consistently implementing effective mitigation strategies.

The proposed NAHMS Equine Event Study will deliver essential data and insights needed to strengthen equine health protections at events and help prevent future infectious disease outbreaks. The industry relies on large scale studies such as these to protect the national herd from issues related to disease and neglect.

The NRHA Futurity and North American Affiliate Championship (NAAC) was due to start in late November. We had to postpone the NAAC portion of the event and will hold it this June due to the EHV-1 outbreak. This was hard on our association financially.

The US horse industry contributes \$177 billion in value to the US economy, involves at least 7.2 million horses, and over 2 million horse owners in the US. On top of that, it provides 2.2 million jobs to Americans.

NRHA looks forward to the study launch and the results.

Sincerely,

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