

NW RAC and wild horses

There will be hard copies of the formal recommendations at the Dec. 6 meeting. If you want to take a look before then, you can find the minutes at: <https://www.blm.gov/get-involved/resource-advisory-council/near-you/colorado/northwest-rac>

March 14, 2002 – White River Field Manager Kent Walter asks the NW RAC to be involved in planning for the West Douglas Herd Area.

Aug. 8, 2002 NW RAC forms West Douglas Wild Horse Herd Management Plan Working Group – Four members of the NW RAC. Continues through 2005

May 2003 – NW RAC Toured West Douglas wild horse areas in White River Field Office.

Wild Horse Plan Committee “proposed that BLM look at some creative ways to deal with wild horses, since the Bureau hasn't succeeded to date in dealing adequately with wild horse problems and issues.”

Discussion mentioned of an “adopt-a-herd” idea, where another entity manages individual herds.

June 1, 2004 – Letter from working group to Kent on RMP amendment for West Douglas Herd Area

July 29, 2005 – Meeting via teleconference devoted to the West Douglas Herd Area. Took public comments, passed a resolution supporting an Alternative in BLM's EA for that area that would remove all wild horses from the West Douglas Herd Area.

Feb. 14, 2008 – Comment from Little Snake Field Manager John Husband on Sand Wash : Having a real winter. Some people are concerned with about 30 horses near the highway. BLM is keeping a close eye on them. So far they are doing OK.

August 20, 2009 – Resolution 2009-03, in support of increasing management options for wild horses on public lands

Feb. 25, 2010 – Letter to Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar requesting to be involved with the BLM teams developing the new wild horse management strategy.

August 23, 2012 – Resolution 2012-002 in support of practical, cost-effective wild horse management

August 21, 2014 – Resolution 2014-001a in support of a pilot population control program at the Sand Wash Herd Management Area