

Topic	Question	Answer
grazing / cost to ranchers	When do grazing leases on SWB renew? How many leases are there on SWB?	Leases and permit schedules can be found on the BLM Reporting Application here: https://reports.blm.gov/reports/RAS . Users can select which field or district office they interested in. In this case, information for Sand Wash Basin would be found under the Northwest District Office in Colorado.
Where will captured horses be held? BLM prepared for increased costs (inflation)	I'm concerned about the welfare of horses in holding and would like to know if the BLM is making adjustments to the contracts for private holding facilities to account for dramatically increased hay costs?	Contractors can apply for equitable adjustments based on increased cost.
Gathers / use of bait traps	Can you please tell us more about "bait and trap?"	Bait and water trap gather operations create a fenced area on the range including food and water to attract horses inside the fenced area. A door closes behind the horse once they enter the fenced area. During bait and water trap operations, BLM personnel are present to ensure the safety of horses.
Public land use	How much acreage will be lost to the horses from the campground and ATV area proposed in SWB?	The Sand Wash Basin Recreation Area Management Plan proposes to improve signage and may provide an area for a vault toilet and designated camping. The recreation area already exists and there is no increased acreage proposed for the plan. Currently, the Sand Wash Basin allows for dispersed camping.
Canon City horses	As of today, are all animals in the Cañon City facility completely up to date on all vaccines and subsequent boosters? And is BLM CO evaluating any type of change to the initial vaccination protocol?	There are 91 horses partially vaccinated and we are waiting for the appropriate time frame for their booster shot, which is days away. All other horses are current on their vaccinations. Yes, BLM is revisiting policy for initial vaccination time frames.
Canon City horses	how can you claim your meeting animal welfare standards at CC when so many have died from your failing to vaccinate them?	In the Comprehensive Animal Welfare Program report, the BLM met 83% of standards and was compliant. The BLM's results can be found in the CAWP report located on the right side at https://www.blm.gov/programs/wild-horse-and-burro/herd-management/herd-management-areas/colorado
CAWP/Tested & vaccinated	Will all horses and burros that are removed from the range be tested for equine influenza and any other communicable diseases before they are transported to any facilities or areas outside of their current locations.	State required testing will be performed at the facility.
Population Surveys / HMAs/ AML	how do we try to make HMA's "horse only"?	Congress will need to designate as a Wild Horse range.
When was AML set? Who?	Who sets the AMLs anyway? And what kind of scientific evidence is used to determine the AMLs?	The AML for the PEDHMA was increased from a population range of 95-140 wild horses to the current range of 135-235 wild horses in 2002 following an in-depth analysis of monitoring data collected over several years and by utilizing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Decision Making Processes.

Canon City horses	Why were the horses not fully vaccinated or vaccinated at all? I've heard reasons such as too windy, dusty and or the horses were too unsettled. When I adopted my mustang last year, we sedated her to vaccinate her. Why is that not an option? When we know contagious diseases are a very real threat in crowded environments, it would make sense that it's a top priority to vaccinate as quickly as possible.	The Canon City epidemic review has been completed. Recommendations have been made to minimize future outbreaks. Staffing levels has been identified as an area needing improvement. BLM CO is in the process of adding new positions to remedy this shortcoming. The final review can be found here: https://www.blm.gov/programs/wildhorse-and-burro/herd-management/herd-management-areas/colorado
Why capture date moved up?	Why are you moving this up when it was supposed to be august?	The poor condition of the horses and range conditions coming out of the winter is driving the new schedule.
Who are the Wild Horse experts?	Who does those reviews?	Body Condition Scores are from evaluations performed by a veterinarian and veterinarian trained field staff.
Why capture date moved up?	if the EA was done last year why the sudden rush now?	The poor condition of the horses and range conditions coming out of the winter is driving the new schedule.
Science based?	the 2013 NAS review of BLM treatment of WHB said there was no scientific basis for AML it is a completely bogus number! why do you continue ignoring the Natl Academy of Sciences ...	The AML for the PEDHMA was increased from a population range of 95-140 wild horses to the current range of 135-235 wild horses in 2002 following an in-depth analysis of monitoring data collected over several years and by utilizing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Decision Making Processes.
Livestock forage allocation	Why are HMAs deemed not capable of sustaining populations of horses but then are suitable for herds of sheep and cattle? The most recent example of this is in Sand Wash Basin where the horses were rounded up because of the drought yet, thousands of sheep were then sent through to graze on the land after the round-up.	Wild horses are to be managed in balance with other resources such as Sage Grouse, Mule Deer, Rocky Mountain Elk, other wildlife, and Sensitive Status Species that depend on the sustainability of the range. The BLM must consider all land/resource uses when developing decisions.
	Questions and comments are supposed to be visible to all attendees. Are my questions or comments being censored?	We received over 500 questions in hour, which takes time to address. All questions and answers are being posted online.
one horse died	one horse died at the adoption event on Mar 4th due to BLM negligence.... why?	Wild horses can be unpredictable. In this case, the horse charged a panel with zero pressure applied by staff.
Capture plan (CAWP) and capture	73 out of how wmany that were "gathered"? What happened to the rest of them?	Removal and shipping numbers from Sand Wash Basin can be found at www.blm.gov/whb . Remaining Sand Wash Basin horses await lifting of the quarantine to be made available for adoption.
Where will captured horses be held? Why capture date moved up?	if you are still evaluating how to avoid another outbreak due to being understaffed, why not wait till proper staffing is in place?	We are sending horses to a fully-staffed, contracted facility in Utah.
CAWP/Tested & vaccinated	What has the BLM learned from the EIV outbreak and how is it going to take steps to address deficiencies in protocol?	The Canon City epidemic was reviewed to determine the best path to minimize future outbreaks . Staffing levels have been identified as a high priority for improvement.

HMAPs	Have you created HMAPs for the 4 HMAs? If so, what are the dates of these HMAPs? How can we get a copy of them?	<p>The White River Field Office maintains a bureau-wide NEPA Register of current and past projects throughout the decision-making process. The 2022 PEDHMA horse gather is in the implementation phase of three separate decision areas including the West Douglas Herd Area, areas inside and outside of the PEDHMA, and private lands within the PEDHMA. All projects are available on the NEPA register listed below.</p> <p>West Douglas Herd Area (outside HMA boundaries): https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/43788/510</p> <p>PEDHMA (inside HMA boundaries): https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2003177/510</p> <p>PEDHMA (removal from private lands): https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2000200/510</p> <p>Piceance East Douglas Herd Area (outside HMA boundaries): https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/108096/510 https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/77052/510</p>
Canon City horses	What universities are examining cause of outbreak at Canon City?	The Colorado State University Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, the Equine Infectious Disease Research Laboratory at the University of CA, Davis and the Gluck Equine Research Center, University of Kentucky.
Canon City horses	It was recently reported that the outbreak of Influenza in Canon City has moved into the general population and more animals are infected and have died. Please comment and update	Only herds from West Douglas have been severely impacted by the outbreak. Fatalities for other herds have not happened and all fatalities or signs of infection in other pens can be found on our website in the Situation Reports: https://www.blm.gov/programs/wild-horse-and-burro/herd-management/herd-management-areas/colorado
Canon City horses	It has been said that not all the horses got the vaccines they were supposed to get before the outbreak...What do you say about this.	BLM Policy does not have a required time to begin vaccines after a gather. West Douglas horses were not vaccinated at the time of the outbreak. More information about vaccine schedules can be found on the right-side of our webpage here: https://www.blm.gov/programs/wild-horse-and-burro/herd-management/herd-management-areas/colorado
Public access to facility / events; Canon City horses	Is there follow up planned to ensure compliance and the violations are corrected?	The final report from the review team for the Canon City Outbreak is available on our website. The report outlines several areas for improvement and can be found here: https://www.blm.gov/programs/wild-horse-and-burro/herd-management/herd-management-areas/colorado
Adoption / CAWP	when you move Colorado horses to Utah how will our advocates get to identify and advertise horses to insure a high adoption rate. is that facility open to the public?	<p>The wild horses from this gather will be made available for adoption through adoption events once they complete processing. Wild horses may also be available through other adoptions or training programs. We will post adoption events on our local BLM and national program web pages and alert local media.</p> <p>The Adoption Incentive Program provides up to \$1,000 to adopt an untrained wild horse or burro from the BLM. The goal of the program is to reduce BLM's recurring costs to care for unadopted and untrained wild horses and burros while helping to enable the BLM to confront a growing over-population of wild horses and burros on fragile public rangelands. For more information on the Adoption Incentive Program, visit https://www.blm.gov/programs/wild-horse-and-burro/adoptions-and-sales/adoption-incentive-program.</p> <p>The Online Corral website provides opportunities to adopt or purchase a wild horse or burro on the internet and have them delivered to a pick-up location near you.</p>

Canon City horses	Are you going to have an independent investigation, not run by the BLM and if not why not, into the situation in Canon City?	A review team that includes representatives from the BLM's National Wild Horse and Burro Program, the BLM-Nevada State Office Wild Horse and Burro Program, the Colorado Department of Corrections (CDOC) Office of Inspector General, Colorado Correctional Industries (CCI), and the Colorado State Veterinarian's Office has reviewed the outbreak situation at Canon City. Their final report can be found here: https://www.blm.gov/programs/wild-horse-and-burro/herd-management/herd-management-areas/colorado
Canon City horses	How were the dead horses handled? As each horse died was he removed off range? necropsied there? Did BLM wait till end of day to remove all dead horses? Where were the bodies taken? What rendering company?	Deceased horses were removed from the pen as soon as they were identified, necropsied, and sent to a Sanitary Landfill.
Canon City horses	Was monensin poisoning found in the Canon City necropsies? Where can we find veterinarian reports on the horses?	Findings regarding the outbreak and Situation Reports can be found on our website: https://www.blm.gov/programs/wild-horse-and-burro/herd-management/herd-management-areas/colorado
Use horses for fire management	Have you heard of the new management plan called 'Wild Horse Fire Brigade' which uses a cooperative relocation of excess wild horses under the 'Humane Transfer of Excess Animals Act' in cooperation with western states counties who require wild horses as 'work animals' under the HTA for deployment in approved USFS areas for wildfire grazing, which is already being accomplished with available livestock.	This is not currently used in the BLM's Wild Horse and Burro Program. For more information about our program, please view: www.blm.gov/whb
Livestock forage allocation	has an EA been done on Livestock Grazing???	An environmental analysis is completed to issue or renew permits or leases in compliance with NEPA and FLPMA.
Livestock numbers/Livestock population	How did the BLM count the number of horses occupying this area?	In March 2021 Bureau of Land Management (BLM) personnel conducted simultaneous double-observer aerial surveys, from a helicopter, of the wild horse abundance in the Piceance-East Douglas herd management area (HMA). 1,150 horses were determined to be in the HMA. An estimated population gain of 20% from the 2021 foal crop puts the population at 1,380 without counting 2022 foals
Livestock forage allocation	If the wild horses are struggling in the Piceance area, then why isn't ALL domestic livestock removed???	The Piceance East Douglas area is federally mandated as multiple use public lands -- wild horses, wildlife, recreation, and resources are just a few considerations. The BLM supports a multiple-use mission in this area and managing horses to the appropriate management level will allow healthy populations to continue living on healthy rangelands. Livestock is a permitted use and there is a voluntary reduction of livestock due to drought.
Population Surveys / HMAs/ AML	Why does the BLM allow the population to exceed AML ?	Gathers and holding of wild horses is organized, conducted, and funded at a national level. Competing priorities only now allowed for the removal of excess horses on this HMA.
Pictures/camera footage	Do you know what time of year each of these pictures where taken?	March/April 2022.
Name the cattle ranchers/ BLM employees	Can you provide a list of the names of the cattle ranchers which are grazing cattle on our public lands, and whether they are current in their payments to BLM/the U.S. Treasury?	All of the publicly-available information on BLM permits and leases: BLM Reporting Application - Rangeland Administration System Reports is available here: https://reports.blm.gov/reports/RAS

Livestock forage allocation	So the horses are leaving the area because LIVESTOCK is destroying the range lands that horses share with them.	The monitoring data does not support that statement.
Livestock forage allocation	If there is such a severe drought warranting the acceleration of the roundup schedule, why are there cattle out there right now?	The Piceance East Douglas area is federally mandated as multiple use public lands. Considerations include wild horses, wildlife, recreation, and resources. Livestock is a permitted use of public land.
Livestock forage allocation	Why don't you leave the wild horses and burros on their legally mandated public lands?? Instead, you provide subsidized grazing to private livestock companies??	The Taylor Grazing Act of 1934 authorized the Secretary of Interior to issue permits and leases to qualified applicants to graze domestic livestock on public lands. That authority was delegated to the Bureau of Land Management. These permits and leases are on 250 million acres, administered by the BLM. The Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act of 1971 provided for the use of the lands where horses and burros were found when the Act was signed, an estimated 27 million acres. The Act also specified that their range be "...devoted principally but not exclusively to their welfare in keeping with the multiple-use management concept for the public lands."
Canon City horses	Does the BLM plan to ensure Canon City has an authorized person available on-site at all times to administer euthanasia when necessary in order to not prolong and to prevent suffering of wild horses and burros?	There is an on-site veterinarian at Canon City and during the outbreak, an additional State Veterinarian to assist with assessing horse conditions and the right path for treatment. The Canon City epidemic was reviewed to determine the best path to minimize future outbreaks. Staffing levels have been identified as a high priority for improvement. BLM Colorado is focusing on staffing and training moving forward to ensure a tragedy like this can be prevented.
Contraception / Fertility Control	IF the population has been increasing so dramatically, why did BLM just start a fertility control program last fall? Fertility control has been available for decades, wouldn't the agency be in a lot better position today if it had invested in fertility control instead of helicopter roundups?	BLM Colorado has embraced contraception for the wild horses. Programs have been developed throughout the state on each HMA. The final NEPA for Piceance East-Douglas was just completed last year, allowing the BLM to finalize partnerships and staffing to implement fertility control. The overpopulation is at a point where a gather is needed in order for fertility control to be effective.
What happened to all the horses you gather? How many are released?	What happens to all the horses you round up? Surely they are not all adopted?	Once enough wild horses are caught to make a load, about 10-30 wild horses are transported to corrals to be adopted, sold or receive long-term care. More information can be found here: https://www.blm.gov/programs/wild-horse-and-burro/adoption-and-sales
3rd party verification	My question is who evaluates the horse conditions is it an independent non-BLM scientist and environmentalist?	Body Condition Scores are from evaluations performed by a veterinarian and veterinarian trained field staff.
grazing	Your experiment on forage does not take into account elk a grazer and deer a browser etc other ungulates. How is this scientific?	BLM manages for multiple uses. This includes habitat for big game like deer and elk. When permitting for livestock use or appropriate management level (AML), BLM makes decisions to allocate forage for big game too. Because of our multiple use mission, big games gets a percentage of forage, as do horses and livestock.
Canon City horses	It was our understanding that the death rate is 145, with 1 colic and one other death outside of the Douglas herd? Please address deaths to date? 147? Have any died since last report of June 10, 2022. thank you.	Answered live and Situation Reports related to any Canon City fatalities can be found here: https://www.blm.gov/programs/wild-horse-and-burro/herd-management/herd-management-areas/colorado

oil and gas	what percentage permits for oil and mining production in these areas in 2018-2019	Allocations for oil and gas and mining are land use plan decisions. You can find more information on permitted oil and gas leasing in the 2015 White River Field Office Oil and Gas Development Amendment on BLM's eplanning site. You can find out the number of wells in any area of interest (AOI) on the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission site - https://cogccmap.state.co.us/cogcc_gis_online/
Water trap	Could you define drop trap please?	This is another term for bait trap, referring specifically to how the door mechanism closes behind horses to trap them.
Sage grouse	show us your data on sage grouse ... so we can validate your claims ... that would be an open, honest, transparent approach!	We partner with Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) to monitor sage-grouse leks and sage-grouse populations. CPW maintains and are the data stewards for the data we referenced.
Livestock forage allocation	How much of the decreased leks can be attributed to cattle and sheep?	Currently, we are seeing different sage-grouse population trends inside horse management areas (HMA) than areas outside of those HMAs. Horses are currently utilizing 80% of the available forage in Piceance.
Who are the Wild Horse experts?	who are the wild horse experts?	On-site veterinarian and veterinarian trained field staff.
Where will captured horses be held?	What holding facility will the captured horses go to in Utah?	Axtell Contracted Facility.
Who are the Wild Horse experts?	Who are your wild horse experts?	On-site veterinarian and veterinarian trained field staff. We also have BLM trained staff in the Wild Horse and Burro program.
Why capture date moved up?	Who did you consult with when you made the decision to move the roundup from Septmeber to July?	On-site veterinarian and veterinarian trained field staff.
Where will captured horses be held?	What horse holding facility in Utah are the Horses going to?	Axtell.
Who are the Wild Horse experts?	I'd be interested to know WHO your wild horse "Experts" are?	On-site veterinarian and veterinarian trained field staff. We also have BLM trained staff in the Wild Horse and Burro program.
Contraception / Fertility Control	How many horses have been treated with Fertility control, and are you talking PZP?	With cooperation from volunteers, the BLM has treated approximately 150 mares in the Piceance-East Douglas Herd Management Area since 2021. Each herd managed by BLM Colorado has an on-going fertility control program that aims to slow growth and reduce the need for future gathers.
Water allocation for livestock	Water hauling has been used as a temporary measure in the past to assist the Piceance horses. Has permission been sought for water hauling in 2022? If so, what was the response?	Water hauling will not provide additional forage, which is the main issue on the Piceance East-Douglas range.
Contraception / Fertility Control	Why are all mares being given birth control before being released?	To reduce gather population growth reducing the numbers of horses gathered in the future.
Public access to facility / events	Are you going to allow animal rights to be on site at the trap site during the gather?	Public viewing will be available for the drive trap portion of the gather.

Why capture date moved up?	Is the rule not to roundup between March and July not honored.	The policy only applies to drive trap removals. It does not apply to bait/water trap removals.
Sage grouse	The US Fish & Wildlife allows hunting of Sage Grouse so that is not a legit reason for wild horse removal	BLM CO considers Greater Sage-Grouse a sensitive species. Greater Sage-Grouse populations have declined significantly over the last six decades, with an 80% rangewide decline since 1965 and a nearly 40% decline since 2002. Greater Sage-Grouse have been petitioned for listing on the Endangered Species Act, and were listed as a candidate species by the USFWS prior to the BLM completing rangewide planning efforts in 2015 because of lack of regulatory guarantees for Greater Sage-Grouse.
WHOA National Plan	I have offered the WHOA National Plan to the BLM and the USDAFS but no response.	The BLM has an obligation to follow the policy outlined by Congress in the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act of 1971. In order to change current management plans, an Act of Congress would need to be passed directing the BLM to acquire additional lands or to repurpose other federal lands.
Canon City horses	Are there going to be adoption events for the Red Desert Complex horses that are in Canon City?	Red desert horses remaining in Canon City will continue to be made available through the TIP program, TIP Challenges, other states for adoption to include facilities and of site adoptions. Some remaining Red Desert horses may be available at the next facility adoption.
Sale Barns /Sell horses for slaughter?	Can you guarantee that none of the horses from the Peance-East Douglas roundup will be sent to slaughter?	The Bureau has not been and is not selling or adopting any wild horses to slaughterhouses or to "kill buyers." All animals in holding retain their status as "wild" animals and remain under the BLM's protection. Also, adopters must certify under penalty of prosecution, that they will not knowingly sell or transfer the animal for slaughter or processing into commercial products.
public information	Did you state that the public comment period and EIS was Last year?	Yes, you can view the EA and associate documents here: https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2003177/510
Canon City horses	What bacterial pathogens were identified in the Douglas equines that were transported and housed in Canon City?	The specific pathogens can be found on the July 1 Situation Report for Canon City. The reports also include a timeline of testing, please view here: https://www.blm.gov/programs/wild-horse-and-burro/herd-management/herd-management-areas/colorado
AML	How is the AML determined?	The AML for the PEDHMA has been 135-235 wild horses since 2002 following an in-depth analysis of monitoring data collected over several years and by utilizing NEPA. More info on AML is here: https://www.blm.gov/programs/wild-horse-and-burro/herd-management/maintaining-range-and-herd-health
Livestock forage allocation; grazing area	Thank you for holding the webinar. Is there any way for BLM to increase forage area? Why not repurpose other federal lands? Acquire additional federal lands?	Congress specified in the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act of 1971 that they would be protected in the areas they were found in 1971. In order to increase their area, an Act of Congress would need to be passed directing the BLM to acquire additional lands or to repurpose other federal lands.
Where will captured horses be held?	Where are the horses to be "held" in Utah? What kind of conditions? What's the end plan for them?	All wild horses gathered will be checked by a veterinarian and provided care as needed. Wild horses gathered from the Piceance-East Douglas HMA will be transported to the wild horse off-range corral in Axtell, Utah which is not under quarantine or experiencing an outbreak of any disease. When it is safe to do so, wild horses will be vaccinated against all common equine diseases. Horses can be adopted, sold, or sent to a long-term BLM care facility.
Budget/inflation concerns; staffing	If you do not have enough people to care for the horses now hence the death of horses how in the world are you able to care for More?	The horses will be held in a facility in Utah.

Sale Barns /Sell horses for slaughter?	finding homes for mustangs means folks who want to collect \$1K & title to a mustang and then auction them off to the slaughter pipeline... the BLM has created a cottage industry supporting the slaughter of our wild horses!	The BLM has not been and is not selling or adopting any wild horses to slaughterhouses or to "kill buyers." Also, adopters must certify under penalty of prosecution, that they will not knowingly sell or transfer the animal for slaughter or processing into commercial products.
Livestock forage allocation; Livestock numbers/Livestock population	The wild horses have evolved on the natural forage, cattle and sheep have not. Studies prove that wild horses benefit their ecological environment. Cattle and sheep destroy the environment. You removed 680 horses from the Sand Wash Basin and then the next April 2022 you put THOUSANDS of sheep on the same area. How does that make sense?	<p>The BLM manages public lands for multiple uses as directed by law. The Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act prohibits placement and management of horses and burros on areas of public lands where they were not found when the Act was passed, and the Act directs the BLM to remove excess horses to preserve and maintain a thriving natural ecological balance and multiple-use relationship in an area. Livestock is also managed, through a permit system. It should be noted that removing livestock and other users of the land does not affect herd growth. Wild horse herds grow 15-20% annually and will always need to be managed to preserve land and herd health, regardless of whether they share the range with livestock or wildlife. Finally, the BLM must act now to gather animals before forage is completely depleted and body condition begins declines more precipitously.</p> <p>The BLM is dedicated to increasing the use of fertility control to manage wild horse populations. Each of the four herds in Colorado is part of an on-going fertility control program, including the Piceance-East Douglas herd where the BLM and its volunteers have already darted approximately 150 mares since 2021. However, while fertility control can play a role to slow growth, it cannot reduce the overpopulation that is already impacting the herd and the land. Gather and removal for adoption is the only way to quickly and humanely reduce overpopulation and protect animal and land health.</p>
Livestock numbers/Livestock population	Since the 1971 law says that HMAs are for the "principal use" of wild horses, why aren't livestock reduced first, from 40% to zero?	HMAs must be managed within AML. AMLs are based on productivity studies and ongoing monitoring in conjunction with other permitted uses. AMLs are established through the land-use planning process, which includes opportunities for the public to review and provide comment. The BLM manages all uses of the range, including livestock grazing, according to identified rangeland health standards.
Science based?	How can you possibly say it's science based to deterime AML??? You can't!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	The EA can be found at https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2003177/510 . More information on science/research behind the BLM's Wild Horse and Burro program can be found here: https://www.blm.gov/programs/wild-horse-and-burro/herd-management/science-and-research
WHB Act; science based	According to the 1971 act, wild horses are to be first in all considerations. If there is to be removal according to the law, it is to be livestock. Can you please explain why livestock was left on the range and the condition of the horses was left to reach a 3? What science did you use to reach your AML's.	<p>The Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act prohibits placement and management of horses and burros on areas of public lands where they were not found when the Act was passed, and the Act directs the BLM to remove excess horses to preserve and maintain a thriving natural ecological balance and multiple-use relationship in an area. Livestock is also managed, through a permit system. It should be noted that removing livestock and other users of the land does not affect herd growth. Wild horse herds grow 15-20% annually and will always need to be managed to preserve land and herd health, regardless of whether they share the range with livestock or wildlife. Finally, the BLM must act now to gather animals before forage is completely depleted and body condition begins declines more precipitously.</p> <p>The EA can be found at https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2003177/510. More information on science/research behind the BLM's Wild Horse and Burro program can be found here: https://www.blm.gov/programs/wild-horse-and-burro/herd-management/science-and-research</p>

<p>WHB Act/Sale Barns /Sell horses for slaughter?</p>	<p>The 1971 WHB act did not provide for subsidized livestock grazing. You mentioned adoption. Our horses and burros are not safe in this program . The AIP is corrupt! Please see 2021 NYTs now famous article. The equines are sold to slaughter after the mandated year of holding! How can you send them to a brutal death!?</p>	<p>The Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act prohibits placement and management of horses and burros on areas of public lands where they were not found when the Act was passed, and the Act directs the BLM to remove excess horses to preserve and maintain a thriving natural ecological balance and multiple-use relationship in an area. Livestock is also managed, through a permit system. It should be noted that removing livestock and other users of the land does not affect herd growth. Wild horse herds grow 15-20% annually and will always need to be managed to preserve land and herd health, regardless of whether they share the range with livestock or wildlife. Finally, the BLM must act now to gather animals before forage is completely depleted and body condition begins declines more precipitously.</p> <p>BLM wild horses are not sold to slaughter. They are adopted, sold, or sent to long-term care facilities managed by BLM. Buyers of wild horses must agree not to sell the horses for slaughter.</p>
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