BLM to Issue Proposed New Wild Horse and Burro Management Strategy After Upcoming Holidays

Because of extensive public input into the Bureau of Land Management’s development of a new wild horse and burro management strategy – consisting of some 9,000 e-mails and letters that have merited close review – and because of the recent report published by the Interior Department's Office of the Inspector General, the BLM will not issue a proposed new direction for the Wild Horse and Burro Program until after the first of the new year.

The Inspector General's report, which concluded that the BLM "is doing its best to perform a very difficult job" and found that the agency's gathers of wild horses are both necessary and humane, made several recommendations that the BLM would like to consider as it works toward finalizing its new wild horse and burro management strategy. The issuance of the proposed new strategy after the upcoming holidays will enable the public to focus on the strategy document as the BLM works to put the Wild Horse and Burro Program on a sustainable course.

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