

Table 5-13.

**WILD FREE-ROAMING HORSE AND BURRO REMOVAL  
AND ADOPTION BY OFFICE, FISCAL YEAR 2008**

Administrative State /b/	Animals Adopted				Animals Removed /a/	
	FY 1971–FY 2007 /c/		FY 2008		FY 2008	
	<i>Horses</i>	<i>Burros</i>	<i>Horses</i>	<i>Burros</i>	<i>Horses</i>	<i>Burros</i>
Arizona	3,387	2,991	86	33	2	137
California /b/	18,192	6,500	308	114	89	46
Colorado	6,771	820	120	24	2	0
Eastern States /b/	58,108	14,704	995	153	0	0
Idaho	4,188	293	16	0	0	0
Montana /b/	9,920	1,298	30	16	0	0
Nevada	4,035	302	101	6	3,782	1
New Mexico /b/	20,566	4,058	906	70	5	0
Oregon /b/	13,497	1,329	216	3	322	0
Utah	5,750	477	173	32	95	83
Wyoming /b/	16,414	1,144	137	6	711	0
National Program Office /b/	21,358	1,265	125	36	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>182,186</b>	<b>35,181</b>	<b>3,213</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>5,008</b>	<b>267</b>
<b>Total Adopted, Fiscal Years 1971 through 2007 /c/:</b>			<b>217,367</b>			
<b>Total Adopted, Fiscal Year 2008:</b>			<b>3,706</b>			
<b>Total Removed, Fiscal Year 2008 /a/:</b>			<b>5,275</b>			

Note: Mules are reported as burros.

/a/ Removal numbers include 133 animals removed from Forest Service territories; 25 in California; 5 in New Mexico; 1 in Nevada; and 102 in Oregon.

/b/ Prior to 1996, adoptions were reported by geographic State, including the District of Columbia. Beginning in 1996, adoptions were reported by the BLM administrative State. Beginning in 1999, adoptions conducted in the national centers, Elm Creek, Nebraska, and Palomino Valley, Nevada, are reported under the National Program Office. California administers the wild horse and burro program in Hawaii; Eastern States Office administers the program in the 31 States east of and bordering on the Mississippi River and the District of Columbia; Montana administers the program in North and South Dakota; New Mexico administers the program in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas; Oregon administers the program in the State of Washington; and Wyoming administers the program in Nebraska.

/c/ The adoption numbers have been adjusted downward to account for animals that have been returned to the BLM and have been re-adopted. These adjustments have been made since 2004 to account for the 300 to 500 adopted animals that are returned to the BLM annually.