

Wild Horse and Burro Daily & Final Gather Report

State: OREGON **District/Field Office:** VALE

Gather Name: JACKIES BUTTE FIRE EMERGENCY

Date/Time: 8/7/2012 0600-1230 Mountain Time

Number of Animals Gathered: 84

Cumulative Number of Animals Gathered: 84-gather is complete

Number of Animal Deaths: 7

Number of Gather Related Deaths: 1

Cause: Mare broke her left hind leg after getting leg stuck in panel while in the trap-humely euthanized.

Number of Non-Gather Related Deaths: 6

Cause: Humely euthanized these 6 horses which had debilitating injuries suffered during the wild fire:

- One old stallion was euthanized due to burn injuries to his feet preventing him from walking very well and a body condition of 2.
- One middle aged stallion was euthanized due to burn injuries to his eyes causing blindness.
- One middle aged mare was euthanized due to burn injuries to her eyes causing blindness.
- One young mare was euthanized due to a broken fetlock injury (prior to gather) with no prognosis of improving.
- Two foals were euthanized due to burn related injuries to their feet causing their feet to fall off.

General Condition of Animals (Henneke Score and Description of General Health):

Excluding the horses listed above with major fire related injuries, all horses captured were a BCS of 3-5 or better. Once in the trap, all foals, and any horses with obvious injuries were immediately placed in separate pens for further evaluation. All gathered horses were transported to the Burns Wild Horse Corral Facility by 3:45 PT this same day. No injuries or additional health problems were encountered upon arrival in Burns.

General Terrain and Weather: Rolling hills with sparse vegetation. Sunny and warm. Gather was completed at approximately 1230 with a temperature of around 89° F.

Method of Gathering: HELICOPTER

Approximate Number of Public/Media/Observers Present: No public present.

Note any Public/Media/Observers Concerns and Reactions, if any: None.

Security-Related Issues and BLM Response: None.

Any Concerns or Problems, Including Significant Incidents and Other Relevant

Information: No other problems were identified. The gather is now complete. Twelve un-gathered wild horses remain within the HMA following the gather. There is adequate unburned forage within the HMA to sustain this number of horses.

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