

BIG SUMMIT HERD MANAGEMENT AREA

Lookout Mountain Ranger District

Ochoco National Forest



LOCATION: The herd area is about 30 miles east of Prineville in the Ochoco National Forest.

ACREAGE: Over 27,000 acres

ELEVATION/LANDMARKS: Elevation ranges from 4,000 to over 7,000 feet. Climate varies from cold, snowy winters to hot summers.

TOPOGRAPHY/VEGETATION: Area is timbered country with an herbaceous understory characterized by both heavily timbered country and open meadows divided by perennial and intermittent stream channels with numerous springs.

WILD LIFE: A large array of wildlife exists in the territory from deer mouse to big game animals like deer and elk; a variety of birds from wood-peckers to raptors can be found as well as predators like bear and cougar.

HERD SIZE: 55 to 65 head

HORSE COLORS: Typically bay/brown with some white markings, also black, sabino paint and palomino

SIZE OF HORSES: 800 to 1000 pounds, 13-15 hands

GENERAL HISTORY: The first wild horses originated on the Ochocos over 80 years ago, according to local residents. Horses either escaped from, or were let loose by various ranchers in the vicinity. Horses established their territories on and around Round Mountain, on which they continue to reside.