

Cold Springs Herd Management Area Vale District



LOCATION: Thirty miles south of Juntura, Oregon near Star Mountain and bordered by the Rooster Combs, Malheur Resource Area.

ACREAGE: 29,883 acres

ELEVATION/LANDMARKS: Topography of the HMA varies from gentle north facing slopes on the north to a high plateau of 4,600 feet on the south. The most significant landmark is the Rooster Combs on the western boundary.

VEGETATION: Big sage brush and bunch grasses are the predominate vegetative species with a few isolated patches of aspens on the higher elevations.

WILD LIFE: The HMA supports mule deer, pronghorns, and occasional elk.

HERD SIZE: 75 to 150 head

HORSE COLORS: Black, bay, brown, sorrel, grey, and roan.

SIZE OF HORSES: Average adult size is 1,000 pounds and 15 hands.

GENERAL INFORMATION/HISTORY: An extremely hard winter in the early nineties resulted in a die off of most of the horses in this HMA. Prior to that event there was a strong draft horse influence in the Cold Springs horses. Lacking the same type of horses to restock the area, quality saddle type conformation horses from other HMAs were used to restore herd numbers.