

Jackies Butte Herd Management Area

Vale District



LOCATION: The Jackies Butte Herd Management Area is located in the south central part of Malheur County in the Jordan Resource Area of the Vale District. It lies southeast of Rome, Oregon near the rugged Owyhee River Gorge. The area is reached by Highway 95 which passes through Rome. From this point, practically all of the area can be reached over rough desert roads.

ACREAGE: 65,211 ACRES

ELEVATION/LANDMARKS: Jackies Butte is the prominent landmark within the HMA and rises to approximately 6,000 feet elevation. It is of volcanic origin with an old crater visible at its crest.

TOPOGRAPHY: The remaining area is a flat to gently rolling plateau surrounding the butte. The soils of the area are gravelly, rocky, and alkaline. The climate is hot and dry during the summer months with cold, blustery winters in which temperatures may drop well below zero.

HERD SIZE: 75-150 head

HORSE COLORS: Black, brown, sorrel, and bay

SIZE OF HORSES: 14 – 15.2 hands

GENERAL INFORMATION/HISTORY: The wild horses in the Jackies Butte HMA, though not true descendants of Army remount stallions, have physical traits similar to those of the remounts. Traits such as a hot-blooded temperament; small keen head; well defined, moderately elevated withers; and well proportioned and relatively small feet are present in the herd. Genetic analysis done in 2001 defined genetic similarity to American Light Racing and Riding Breeds. Horses in the Jackies Butte HMA are being managed through selective removal and introduction of horses from other HMAs to preserve this remount type.