

Stinkingwater Herd Management Area

Burns District



LOCATION: The herd area is 30 miles east of Burns, Oregon. Access to the west side of the herd area is by way of the Stinkingwater access road.

ACREAGE: Over 78,000 acres

ELEVATION/LANDMARKS: Elevation varies from 3,885 feet at Warm Springs reservoir to 5,935 at Buzzard Ridge on Stinkingwater Mountain.

TOPOGRAPHY/VEGETATION: Much of the area consists of moderate to steep, rocky slopes. Vegetation utilized by the horses includes bluebunch wheat grass, Idaho fescue, Thurber=s needlegrass, basin wildrye and bottlebrush squirreltail. Sedges, willows and other species are common in riparian areas and spring sites.

CLIMATE: Precipitation ranges from 10 to 16 inches and comes mainly in the form of winter snowfall. Summers are short, warm and dry while winters are typically long and cold.

WILD LIFE: Deer, antelope, sage grouse, chukars, doves, ducks, geese, coyotes, bob cats.

HERD SIZE: Appropriate management level is 40 to 80 head

HORSE COLORS: Blue roan, red roan, bay, black, sorrel

SIZE OF HORSES: The herd has been managed for a larger draft type horse. Horses will range in size from 14.2 to 16 hands and 950 to 1350 pounds.

GENERAL INFORMATION/HISTORY: Horses in the herd trace their ancestry primarily to horses abandoned by homesteaders, horses escaped from ranches in the area and offspring of licensed and trespass horses that have used the area in the past.