

Warm Springs Herd Management Area

Burns District



LOCATION: Northern boundary is located 20 miles southwest of Burns, OR. State Hwy 205 lies along the eastern edge of the HMA.

ACREAGE: 475,460 acres

ELEVATION/LANDMARKS: Terrain consists of gently rolling sagebrush covered hillsides and rim rocks with small valleys between.

VEGETATION: There are five major vegetation types including big sagebrush, low sagebrush, silver sagebrush, greasewood, and spiny hopsage.

WILD LIFE: Mule deer, pronghorn antelope, sage grouse, chukars, quail and numerous non-game species.

HERD SIZE: 111 to 202 animals- including a few burros and occasional mule.

HORSE COLORS: Horses: Appaloosa, blue and red roan, palomino, buckskin, sorrel, brown, bay and a few pintos Burros: gray and dark brown

SIZE OF HORSES: 14.2 to 15.2 hands and weigh 1,000 to 1,200 pounds

Majority of horses have physical characteristics of the domestic saddle horse variety.

Generally, they are heavier muscled horses with good dispositions. Genetic analysis determined similarity with Old World Iberian breeds followed by North American Gaited Breeds.

GENERAL INFORMATION/HISTORY: It is not known how long horses have grazed in the Warm Springs HMA. It is known that horses have been produced in the area by local ranchers since the turn of the century. The herd was first gathered in 1976.