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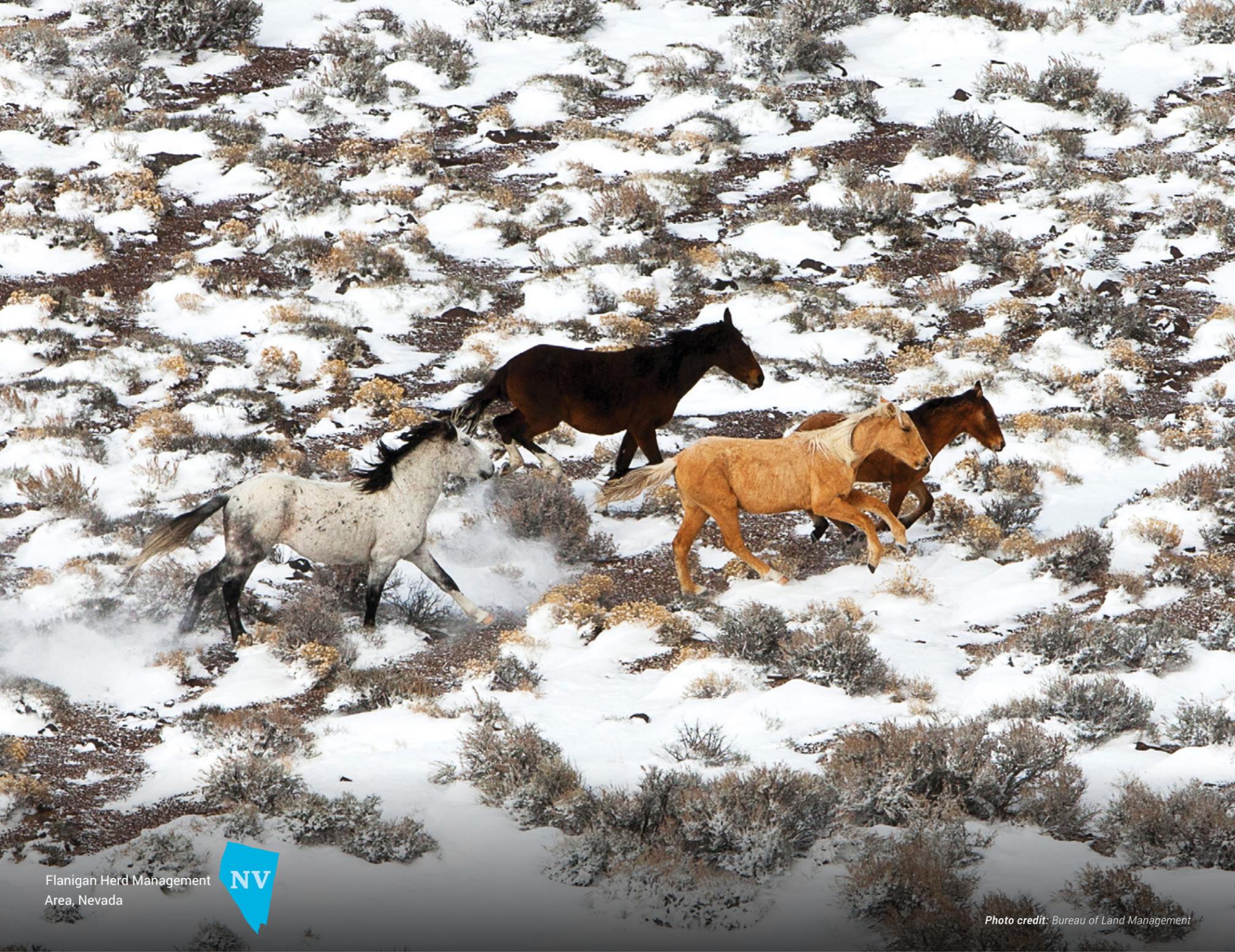
# America's Living Legends

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24-Month Planner 2021-2022





Flanigan Herd Management  
Area, Nevada



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# JANUARY 2021



The Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act of 1971 provided wild horses and burros (WHB) on Federal lands with legally protected status for the first time, placing them under the stewardship of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service.

The Act was passed unanimously by both houses of Congress and signed into law by President Richard M. Nixon. The Act defines WHB as “all unbranded and unclaimed horses and burros on public lands of the United States” and recognizes them as “living symbols of the historic and pioneer spirit of the West; that they contribute to the diversity of life forms within the Nation and enrich the lives of the American people.”



Angeline Saliceti and Samson Hutchinson, Kansas

Cover photo: Clan Alpine Herd Management Area, Nevada

Cover photo credit: Bureau of Land Management

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**True or False:** Wild horses and burros are only found on BLM or Forest Service managed lands.



Marietta Wild Burro Range Herd Management Area, Nevada



Photo credit: Bureau of Land Management

# FEBRUARY 2021



Prior to being granted Federal protection, wild horse and burro (WHB) populations on public rangelands were in steady decline due to aggressive activity by so-called “mustangers” who harvested WHB for commercial purposes.

Since 1971, WHB populations have grown steadily. Today, the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service strive to maintain WHB as part of a thriving ecological system on public lands. The agencies do so through a strategic approach to control herd sizes involving periodic removals of excess animals supported by a robust Adoption and Sales Program and targeted use of on-range fertility control.

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Inmate trainer with burro at Wyoming Honor Farm, Riverton, Wyoming



What two Federal agencies manage wild horses under the authority of the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act?



Lost Creek and Stewart Creek Herd Management Areas, Wyoming



Photo credit: Kristine Collins

# MARCH 2021



**Velma B. Johnston, also known as “Wild Horse Annie,” is credited as the driving force behind the enactment of the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act. She led a grassroots campaign, famously involving school children, to raise awareness about the plight of wild horses and burros (WHB).**

Her first success was the passage of the “Wild Horse Annie Act” in 1959 that barred the use of motorized vehicles to hunt WHB on public lands. That was followed later by the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act of 1971 that granted formal Federal protections to WHB.

## WILD TRIVIA

The goal of the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act is to:

- A** Keep wild horse and burro populations as low as possible.
- B** Maintain wild horse and burro populations at the same level as they were when the Act was passed in 1971.
- C** Protect and maintain wild horses and burros as part of a thriving ecological system on public lands.



Velma B. Johnston, aka “Wild Horse Annie”

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Big Summit Wild Horse  
Territory, Oregon  
Forest Service



Photo credit: USDA Forest Service

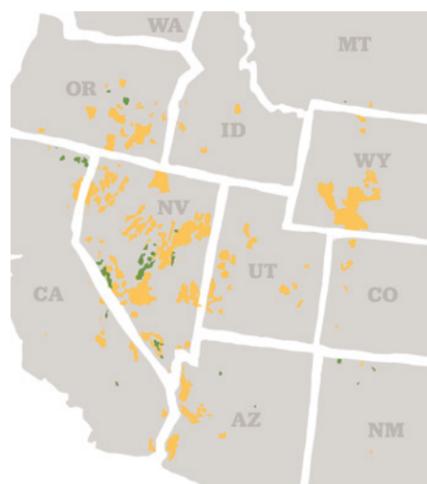
# APRIL 2021



Modern equines were introduced to North America by Spanish explorers in the 1500s. Subsequent waves of European migration brought other breeds to the continent.

Most wild horses and burros (WHB) living today are descendants of animals that were released or escaped from Spanish explorers, ranchers, miners, settlers, the U.S. Cavalry and Native Americans over the course of hundreds of years.

The Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service protect and manage WHB in balance with other public resources.



**177** BLM Herd Management Areas across **26.9 million** acres

**34** U.S. Forest Service Active Wild Horse Territories across **2.1 million** acres

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## WILD TRIVIA

Velma B. Johnston, who is credited with energizing early efforts to enact protections for wild horses and burros, had a popular nickname. What was it?



Black Mountain Herd Management Area, Arizona



Photo credit: Bureau of Land Management

# ⇒ MAY 2021

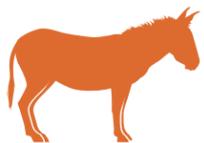


Wild horses and burros (WHB) are beautifully diverse in their coloring, ranging from solid browns and blacks to colorful pintos and palominos.

### WHB SIZES



**WILD HORSES**  
13 – 15 hands high  
(52 – 60 inches)  
700 – 1,000 pounds



**WILD BURROS**  
11 hands high  
(44 inches)  
500 pounds

WHB are extraordinarily sturdy, agile and intelligent – characteristics bred into them in the wild that help them survive on the rugged, arid landscapes of the West. These same characteristics make them ideal for domestication as work, recreation or companion animals.



Mahima White and Apollo  
Boise, Idaho

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### WILD TRIVIA

**True or False:** Wild horses and burros have roamed freely in North America for over 10,000 years.



Swasey Herd Management Area, Utah



Photo credit: Tim Flatch

# JUNE 2021



Because wild horses and burros (WHB) lack predators that would naturally regulate herd size, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) manages population growth by gathering and removing excess animals before their habitat becomes degraded by overgrazing.

Gathers are safely conducted either with the use of helicopters or bait traps. Gathered animals are prepared for domesticated life and placed into the Adoption and Sales Program to find their new homes. Absent a willing owner, the BLM cares for WHB for the rest of their natural lives on off-range pastures under contract throughout the country.

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27	28	29	30	 <b>WILD TRIVIA</b> How many Herd Management Areas does BLM manage? <b>Bonus:</b> What is the total acreage of all BLM Herd Management Areas?		



Wild horses at Mowdy Public Off-Range Pasture Near Coalgate, Oklahoma



Murderer's Creek Wild Horse Territory, Oregon  
Forest Service



Photo credit: John Wheland

# JULY 2021



The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) supports and uses several forms of fertility control to slow growth in some herds and reduce reliance on gathers as the primary means of population control.

Several forms of temporary vaccines exist that can safely prevent pregnancy in wild mares for 1–5 years, though gathering, treating and releasing enough mares to slow growth within a given population can be a challenge. In some places where animals are more approachable, the BLM works with local volunteers and partner organizations to remote dart animals on foot.



Brooklyn Pickering and Jax  
Hutchinson, Kansas

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## WILD TRIVIA

How many Active Wild Horse Territories does the Forest Service manage? **Bonus:** What is the total acreage of all Forest Service Active Wild Horse Territories?



Red Rock Canyon Herd Management Area, Nevada



Photo credit: Daniel Hackett

# AUGUST 2021



The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) relies on the latest science as part of its efforts to manage wild horses and burros (WHB) on healthy public rangelands.

The BLM uses science to monitor genetic diversity, rangeland vegetation, soils, water, wildlife habitat and the effects of wildfire on rangeland resources. The BLM uses these monitoring data, in part, to determine appropriate management levels for WHB herds.

The BLM also supports a robust research program to develop and improve tools for effectively managing WHB, including longer-lasting fertility control methods and more accurate population survey techniques.



Extreme Mustang Makeover Fort Worth, Texas

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29	30	31	 <b>WILD TRIVIA</b>			
How many members of Congress voted against the passage of the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act in 1971?						



Pryor Mountains Wild Horse Range, Montana



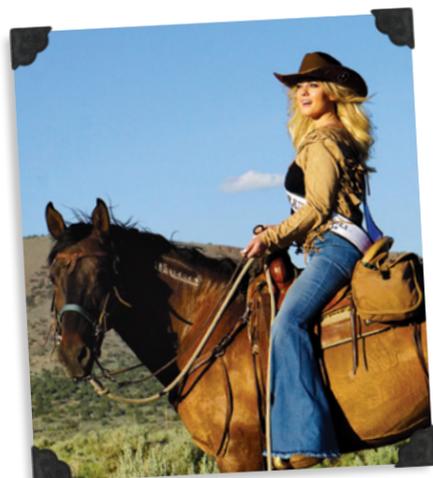
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# SEPTEMBER 2021



Over time, certain Herd Management Areas (HMAs) have gained special followings among the public for the unique qualities of the animals that live there.

One of these is the Pryor Mountains Wild Horse Range that straddles the border of Montana and Wyoming. This Range was established in 1968 before the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act was passed. This special status as a Range means the area is managed principally, though not exclusively, for the benefit of the horses. Three other HMAs are also designated as Ranges: the Nevada Wild Horse Range, the Marietta Wild Burro Range, both located in Nevada, and Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range in Colorado.



Madeleine Elizabeth Delp, Ms. Wheelchair USA 2017  
Reno, Nevada

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>WILD TRIVIA</b> Which state has the most BLM Herd Management Areas (HMAs) within its borders? <b>Bonus:</b> How many HMAs does the state have? <b>Double bonus:</b> What is the total acreage of all HMAs in the state?			1	2	3	4
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Challis Herd Management Area, Idaho



Photo credit: Bureau of Land Management

# OCTOBER 2021



The Bureau of Land Management seeks to place excess wild horses and burros (WHB) into good homes through its Adoption and Sales Program (the Act was amended in 2004 to allow for direct sales along with traditional adoptions).

The agency holds hundreds of events all across the country and online, offering WHB to good homes. Since the inception of the adoption program in the mid-1970s, the agency has placed over 260,000 WHB with individuals and families whose lives have been greatly enriched by their versatility. WHB are used for work, recreation or simple companionship. Many are even used by law enforcement and the military.



U.S. Border Patrol agents Laredo, Texas

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## WILD TRIVIA

An area of public land that is managed principally – though not exclusively – for the benefit of wild horses or burros is called what? **Bonus:** How many such areas are there?



Photo credit: Bureau of Land Management

Svaty Ranch Public Off-Range Pasture, Ellsworth, Kansas

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# NOVEMBER 2021



Excess wild horses and burros (WHB) removed from the range that cannot be (or have not yet been) placed into private care through adoption or sale are held in Bureau of Land Management (BLM)-managed or BLM-contracted corrals or pastures.

Corrals are generally a short-term holding solution for animals awaiting adoption or sale. Pastures provide a safe, long-term, free-roaming environment where unadopted or unsold animals live out the remainder of their natural lives. Some pastures are open to the public to view the horses and learn more about the history and importance of WHB management. Individuals may even adopt or purchase WHB at these special public, off-range pastures.

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Maggie with Grizzly  
Reno, Nevada

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Lost Creek and Stewart Creek Herd Management Areas, Wyoming



Photo credit: Kristine Collins

# DECEMBER 2021



The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) partnerships with private organizations like the Mustang Heritage Foundation (MHF) are key to the success of the Adoption and Sales Program.

MHF recruits world-class trainers who showcase the beauty and versatility of wild horses and burros (WHB) for the adopting and purchasing public through marquee events such as the Extreme Mustang Makeover. MHF also maintains a network of trainers and storefronts that offer animals for adoption and sale year-round at locations throughout the country.

OVER  
**16,000**  
Total number of animals placed through MHF since the beginning of the BLM-MHF partnership in 2007 (thru fiscal year 2020).



Extreme Mustang Makeover Fort Worth, Texas

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Mowdy Ranch Public Off-Range  
Pasture, Oklahoma

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Photo credit: Bureau of Land Management

# 2022 PLANNER



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## WILD TRIVIA ANSWERS

**JANUARY** – True or False: Wild horses and burros are only found on BLM or Forest Service managed lands.

**Answer:** True, but...The term “wild” is a legal designation of the Wild Free-Roaming Burros Act that applies only to animals on federally managed lands. Feral and stray horses and burros are found on state and tribal lands throughout the United States as well.

**FEBRUARY** – What two Federal agencies manage wild horses under the authority of the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act?

**Answer:** The BLM and Forest Service

**MARCH** – The goal of the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act is to:

- A. Keep wild horse and burro populations as low as possible.
- B. Maintain wild horse and burro populations at the same level as they were when the Act was passed in 1971.
- C. Protect and maintain wild horses and burros as part of a thriving ecological system on public lands.

**Answer:** C. Protect and maintain wild horses and burros as part of a thriving ecological system on public lands.

**APRIL** – Velma B. Johnston, who is credited with energizing early efforts to enact protections for wild horses and burros, had a popular nickname. What was it?

**Answer:** Wild Horse Annie

**MAY** – True or False: Wild horses and burros have roamed freely in North America for over 10,000 years.

**Answer:** False: Modern equines were introduced into North America by Spanish explorers in the 1500s.

**JUNE** – How many Herd Management Areas does BLM manage? Bonus: What is the total acreage of all BLM Herd Management Areas?

**Answer:** 177 Herd Management Areas

**Bonus Answer:** 26.9 million areas

**JULY** – How many Active Wild Horse Territories does the Forest Service manage? Bonus: What is the total acreage of all Forest Service Active Wild Horse Territories?

**Answer:** 34 Active Wild Horse Territories

**Bonus Answer:** 2.1 million acres

**AUGUST** – How many members of Congress voted against the passage of the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act in 1971?

**Answer:** Zero. The Act was passed unanimously by both houses of Congress.

**SEPTEMBER** – Which state has the most BLM Herd Management Areas (HMAs) within its borders? Bonus: How many HMAs does the state have? Double Bonus: What is the total acreage of all HMAs in the state?

**Answer:** Nevada

**Bonus Answer:** 83 HMAs

**Double Bonus Answer:** 15.5 million acres

**OCTOBER** – An area of public land that is managed principally – though not exclusively – for the benefit of wild horses or burros is called what? Bonus: How many such areas are there?

**Answer:** Wild Horse (or Burro) Range

**Bonus Answer:** Four

**NOVEMBER** – The Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act was amended in what year to grant the agency authority to sell animals (as well as to adopt them)?

**Answer:** 2004

**DECEMBER** – When does the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act expire?

**Answer:** It doesn't! It is a standing Act of Congress that ensures that wild horses and burros are protected and preserved as enduring symbols of the historic and pioneer spirit of the West that enrich the lives of the American people. Fifty years old, 2021 marks **A Milestone for America's Living Legends!**



Congratulations on completing the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Wild Trivia Challenge!

We hope you enjoyed learning about the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act and the Bureau of Land Management's and Forest Service's role in preserving these Living Legends. If you'd like to download any or all of the images in this 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planner to print or use as a background image, simply scan the QR code below with your mobile device or enter [www.BLM.gov/WHB/50years](http://www.BLM.gov/WHB/50years) into your computer's browser and follow the on-screen instructions.

Thank you for helping us commemorate this important milestone!

