



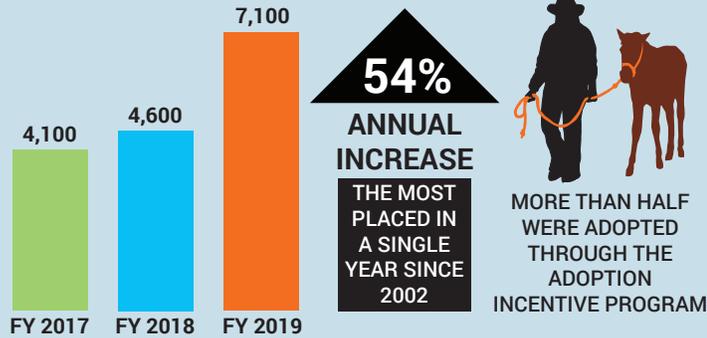
WILD HORSE AND BURRO PROGRAM

Highlights from Fiscal Year 2019

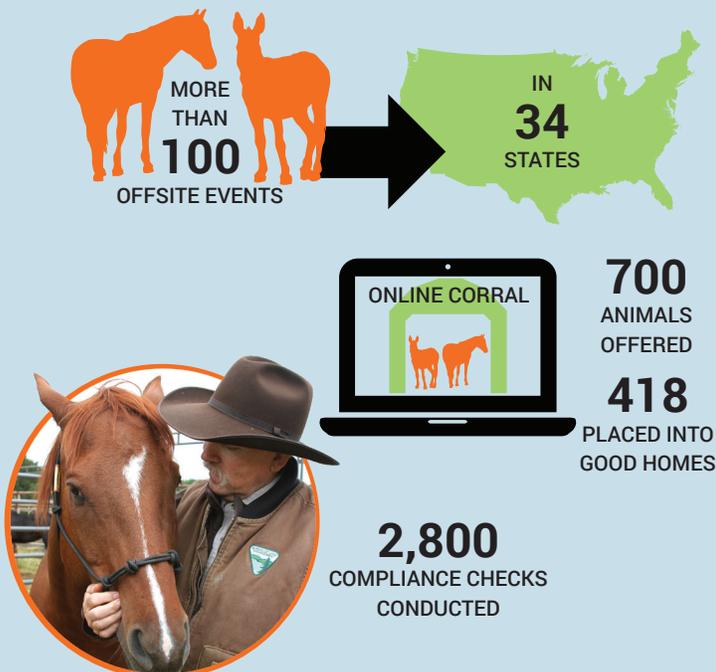
The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM's) Wild Horse and Burro Program made significant progress during fiscal year 2019 toward achieving its goal of managing healthy wild horses and burros on healthy public rangelands. Through the work of its dedicated staff, partners, and volunteers, the BLM placed a record number of animals into private care, provided training for more wild horses and burros, and continued an accelerated pace of gathers to address overpopulated herds on public lands.

ADOPTIONS AND SALES

The launch of the BLM's Adoption Incentive Program, which offers up to \$1,000 to adopt an untrained wild horse or burro, contributed to a significant increase in the number of animals placed into good homes.



The BLM offered adoptions and sales through offsite events and its Online Corral and conducted compliance checks to ensure adopted animals were receiving proper care.



TRAINING THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS

BLM partners and contractors helped train wild horses and burros to improve their chances for adoption.



PUBLIC OFF-RANGE PASTURES

Four public off-range pastures provided opportunities for visitors to see and learn about wild horses and their management.

4 PUBLIC OFF-RANGE PASTURES COVERING MORE THAN **10,000** ACRES



SVATY RANCH IN ELLSWORTH, KS



DEERWOOD RANCH IN LARAMIE, WY

6 PUBLIC EVENTS

134 ANIMALS PLACED INTO GOOD HOMES



WIND RIVER RANCH IN LANDER, WY



MOWDY RANCH IN COALGATE, OK

RESEARCH

The BLM continued supporting research and development of a better, longer lasting fertility control method for wild horses and burros.



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ONGOING RESEARCH PROJECTS FOCUSED ON FERTILITY CONTROL, POPULATION MODELING, AND MORE



SURVEYS

The BLM continued efforts to survey at least one-third of all herd management areas (HMAs) every year using widely acceptable wildlife survey tools and methods.

75
HMAs SURVEYED
IN FY 2019
OUT OF
177
TOTAL HMAs



31
WILD HORSE
AND BURRO HERDS
AT APPROPRIATE
MANAGEMENT
LEVEL AS OF
MARCH 1, 2019

GATHERS AND FERTILITY CONTROL

The BLM conducted gathers to protect animal and habitat health from the effects of overpopulation. The BLM also continued implementing fertility control to slow herd growth and reduce the need for gathers. In addition, the BLM began using microchips to better track and manage wild horses and burros.



NEARLY 7,300 ANIMALS GATHERED FROM 30
WILD HORSE AND BURRO HERDS

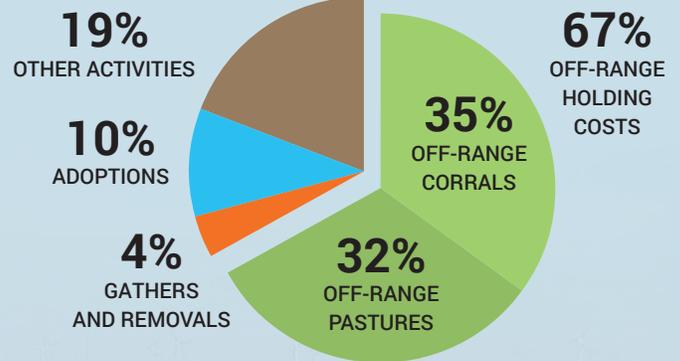
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HERDS WITH ONGOING FERTILITY
CONTROL PROGRAMS



NEARLY 6,400
ANIMALS IN HOLDING AND
PLACED INTO PRIVATE CARE
RECEIVED MICROCHIPS

PROGRAM EXPENDITURES

The biggest cost of the Wild Horse and Burro Program continued to be feeding and caring for unadopted and unsold wild horses and burros in off-range corrals and pastures.



SVATY RANCH PUBLIC OFF-RANGE PASTURE
IN ELLSWORTH, KANSAS



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