Wild Horses in Colorado
Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board update
Colorado’s HMAs and HAs
Sand Wash Basin HMA

154,940 acres
163-362 AML
650 Current Estimated Population
4 Grazing Allotments
Priority and General Sage Grouse Habitat
Partners:
Sand Wash Advocate Team
PZP darting Program in Place
Piceance-East Douglas HMA

190,130 Acres
135-235 AML
740 Current Estimated Population
4 Grazing Allotments
General Sage Grouse Habitat
No Established Partnerships
No PZP Program in Place
Little Bookcliffs Horse Range

- 36,113 Acres
- 90-150 AML
- 155 Current Estimated Population
- No Grazing Allotments
- No Sage Grouse Habitat
- Partnerships:
  - Friends of the Mustangs
- PZP Darting Program in Place
Spring Creek Basin HMA

21,932 Acres
35-65 AML
65 Current Estimated Population
1 Grazing Allotment
No Sage Grouse Habitat
Partnerships: TJ Holmes
PZP Darting Program in Place
U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook

Drought Tendency During the Valid Period

Valid for September 21 - December 31, 2017
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NOTE: The ten areas imply at least a 1-category improvement in the Drought Monitor intensity levels by the end of the period, although drought will remain. The green areas imply drought removal by the end of the period (D0 or none).

Drought persists
Drought remains but improves
Drought removal likely
Drought development likely

http://go.usa.gov/3eZ73
Partnerships

Great Escape Mustang Sanctuary
Sand Wash Advocate Team

Friends of the Mustangs

TJ Holmes

Burro Base Camp

Spirits of the West 4-H Club

Mustang Heritage Foundation

Colorado Correctional Industries
Wild Horse Inmate Program

Colorado Correctional Industries
Started in 1986 3000 head capacity

Inmates feed, care for, and train horses and burros

Halter, Pack, and Saddle Trained Horses and Burros

Monthly Adoptions of Trained and Untrained Animals

Average 80-100 trained each year

Trained horses go to US Border Patrol, USDA’s Forest Service, local law enforcement agencies, and public
Challenges

- Weather extremes
- Being competitive for gathers
- Increasing adoptions
- Meeting demand for trained horses, especially pack-trained
- Fertility control in steep terrain
- Horses trespassing onto private lands
Innovations

4-H project in Colorado

Assist Montana/Dakotas starting 4-H project in Montana

Training horses for other Federal, State, and County agencies

Utilizing Partners to foster horses for adoption

Adding full adoption components to store fronts
Questions?