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# BLM's Approach to Manage Wild Horses and Burros

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# BLM's Vision

- **On-range Vision** – healthy horses & rangelands = healthy communities
- **Off-range Vision** – Placement into good homes = Removals from the Range



# Consequences of Overpopulation



Overpopulation causes resource degradation and affects the health and well-being of the animals, the land and of the local communities.

*"The failure to address these problems will result in irreparable damage to the landscape and the welfare of the animals protected by the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act."*



# Degradation of Habitat and Competition with Wildlife

Pancake HMA  
438% of AML

Moody Spring



Ely District, Nevada



# Decline in the health of wild horses and burros

Spruce-Pequot HMA  
**1,857% of AML**

Boone Spring



Elko District, Nevada



# Destruction of Private Property

## Dolly Varden Spring

Antelope Valley HMA

678% of AML

Goshute HMA

1,162% of AML





# Public Safety

Pine Nut Mountains HMA  
433% of AML



Gardnerville, NV





# On-Range Vision

Healthy Horses and Rangelands = Healthy Communities







# Gathers and Removals

Gathers will remain an important management tool.





# Population Growth Suppression

All forms of fertility control will be considered.





# Off-Range Vision

Placement of animals into good homes = Animals  
Removed from the Range





# Increasing Adoptions and Sales





# Partnerships

Growing and strengthening public-private partnerships





# What comes next?

