

**National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board**  
**October 9-11, 2018 Salt Lake City, UT**  
**Recommendations to the BLM**

1. Encourage BLM to gather horses in HMA's that are over AML that are reliant upon supplemental water. Once HMA is at AML, stop hauling supplemental water except under extreme circumstances.
2. Continue to support and increase funding and the use of programs like the Mustang Heritage Foundation Trainer Incentive Program to place horses and burros in good homes.
3. Encourage volunteer and partnership opportunities for fertility control and adoptions including inmate training programs or 4-H and youth programs, local fertility control advocacy groups, public off-range pastures, and organizations like The Mustang Heritage Foundation.
4. Support the existing Great Lakes Marketing Research Report submitted to BLM. Support and implement the list of feasible recommendations from the marketing report.
5. Reach out to military and veteran organizations for help with adoption and volunteer fertility control application.
6. Board accepts Option 1 and the required changes to the regulation and the Act from the report to Congress as the preferred path forward to reach AML.
7. The advisory board recognizes the value of and supports ongoing research and funding of humane permanent sterilization as one of many viable tools in our quest to achieve a thriving ecological balance by achieving and maintaining AML.
8. The board encourages the BLM to collaborate with interested equine advocacy groups to decrease current unadoptable horse and burro inventories.
9. We recommend that the BLM first focus resources on reaching AML in 3-5 years by utilizing removals as can be accomplished and accommodated by off-range holding.
10. On the HMA and HA that exceed AML, initiate emergency gathers where these boundaries overlap primary habitat of sensitive, threatened and endangered species and initiate the evaluations to establish carrying capacity.
11. Implement safe, reversible fertility control vaccines as part of the management control to mares captured and returned to the range.
12. Update and make available to all BLM field offices the existing national database to track all treated mares.
13. We as the board prefer non-lethal management options for population control purposes when possible.