

# Forest Service Wild Horse and Burro Program



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34 Active WHB Territories

23 JMAs with BLM

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in charge



# Overall Situation

## Horses

AML 2,100

Current 9,800

## Burros

AML 300

Current 1200

Growth is ~ 20%/yr



# Forest Service Corrals



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Implantable microchip



# Specific Territory Examples

- **Modoc National Forest**
  - AML by 2024
- **Black Bear Burro Territory**
  - No money for emergency gathers
- **Jicarilla Horse Territory**
  - Darting contraceptives
- **Inyo National Forest**
  - In process new Territory Plan
- **Region 4**
  - Multiple census flights scheduled in 2023



# Consequences Damage to Environment



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- Lack of water, forage, and habitat for native wildlife





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# Consequences

Poor Animal Welfare.



# Capture and Removal



# Coalitions

- Tribes
- Ranchers
- Wildlife officials and advocates
- WHB Advocacy groups
- Recreation groups

*WHB Coalition in Oregon*



# Training



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# Contraceptive Use



- PZP used in some territories
- GonaCon shows more promise
- Other future solutions

## Goals

1. Obtain funding for WHB Program
2. Work towards achieving AML
3. Increase cooperative relationships (public, tribal)
4. Increase scientific solutions for monitoring and population control
5. Increase public awareness of wild vs Wild

