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."

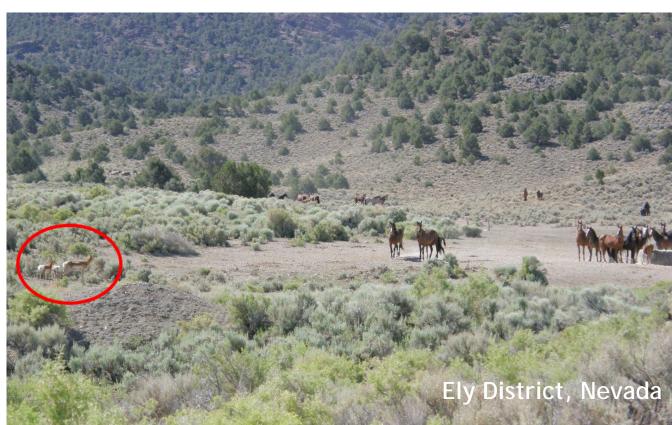
Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2017

Degradation of Habitat and Competition with Wildlife

Pancake HMA 438% of AML







Decline in the health of wild horses and burros

Spruce-Pequop HMA 1,857% of AML







Destruction of Private Property

Dolly Varden Spring

Antelope Valley HMA 678% of AML

Goshute HMA 1,162% of AML

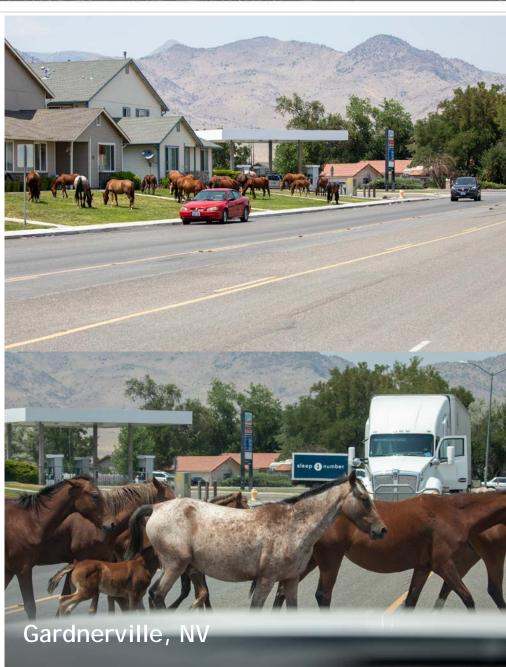




Public Safety

Pine Nut Mountains HMA 433% of AML





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?



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