

KINGMAN FIELD OFFICE SCOPING FORM

Proposal: **Big Sandy Private Land Nuisance Wild Burro Removal**

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Land Description: Private land inside and outside of the Big Sandy Herd Management Area, Mohave County, Wikieup, Arizona.

INVOLVEMENT: Indicate in the left column which disciplines need to provide information into the EA.

Needed Input (X)	Discipline	Signature
	Lands	
	Minerals	
x	Range	/s/ David Brock 07/01/2010
x	Wild Horse and Burro	/s/ June Wendlandt 06/30/2010
	General Recreation	
x	Cultural and Paleontological Resources	/s/ Tim Watkins 06/30/2010
	Wilderness	
	Soils	
	Surface and Groundwater Quality/Water Rights	
	Air Quality	
x	Wildlife	/s/ Ammon Wilhelm 06/30/2010
x	Threatened and Endangered Plants and Animals	/s/ Ammon Wilhelm 06/30/2010
x	Migratory Birds	/s/ Ammon Wilhelm 06/30/2010
	Surface Protection	
	Hazardous Materials	
	Areas of Critical Environmental Concern	
	Visual Resources	
	Socio-Economics/Environmental Justice	
	General Botany/Noxious Weeds	
	Energy Policy	

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Categorical Exclusion Documentation Format for Actions Other Than Hazardous Fuels and Fire Rehabilitation Actions

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A. Background

BLM Office: Kingman Field Office Lease/Serial/Case File No.:

Proposed Action Title/Type: Big Sandy Private Land Nuisance Wild Burro Removal

Location of Proposed Action:

The nuisance wild burros are found on private land inside and outside of the Big Sandy Herd Management Area, Mohave County, Wikieup, Arizona.

Description of Proposed Action:

BLM proposes to conduct nuisance wild burro removal. The removal of up to 15 burros would be conducted in the months of June through September, 2010. A bait trap would be placed in an area where burros have created a nuisance situation. The trap would be located on the private land in an already disturbed site. Burros are enticed into a corral constructed with a one way gate; the animals enter, but not able to exit the corral. Since wild burros generally have not acquired a taste for alfalfa hay, it takes time to get them used to hay and panels before initiating a bait trapping operation. Once burros begin to utilize the hay offered, a temporary corral is constructed around the bait site. The bait trap would be temporary and the area can be reclaimed just by removing the corral panels, raking up hay and manure.

Background:

Kingman Field Office has received several complaints from private land owners pertaining to numerous wild burros residing outside of the HMA. Burros have dug up and broke livestock water pipes.

Individuals and agencies (including those who have expressed issues with the burros) will be notified by phone calls, email, or face to face contact prior to any initial bait trapping of the burros.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: *Kingman Resource Management Plan/EIS*

Date Approved/Amended: March 1995

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision(s):

HB01/I Manage for a viable population of wild and free-roaming horses and burros to achieve, maintain a thriving, natural ecological balance in herd management areas

Attachment 1: Extraordinary Circumstances Review

Extraordinary Circumstances	Comment (Yes or No with supporting rationale)
1. Have significant effects on public health or safety.	No
2. Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988) national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.	No
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)].	No
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.	No
5. Establishes a precedent for future action or represents a decision in principle about future actions with significant environmental effects.	No
6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.	No
7. Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the bureau or office.	No
8. Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species.	No
9. Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.	No
10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).	No
11. Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (Executive Order 13007).	No
12. Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112).	No

