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Twin Peaks Gather Processing and Inspection September 16, 2010

Processing studs today and things are going well other than they are very difficult to remove from the back pens to bring up to the sorting pens, lead up and chute area. A yearling chestnut stud went down in the sorting pen and acted like he was colicy, tying up in the muscles and lying down near the panels. Went to get medication to administer and he was dead. Upon examination, no visible wounds were found but I suspect he suffered a spinal cord injury and was the result of hitting the panels and possibly crushed by some of the larger horses. He may have been injured while bringing them up from the back. BLM personnel buried the horse. No necropsy was performed.

During processing which includes vaccine, aging the animals, EIA sampling, freeze branding and a collar with individual ID, the animals are examined for wounds. #1588 yearling chestnut stud was treated for an old wound to the LR caudal fetlock, primarily scar tissue. The wound was cleaned and antibiotics administered. He is walking on it well. #1590 bay stud is sore in both front feet with a large amount of laxity in the pastern areas, this is possibly a flexor tendon issue or check ligament issues. We sorted him off and will re-evaluate 9/17.

Checking the hospital pens; the bay mare with the neurological issues is not eating, very depressed and not moving much. I think she will be euthanized and possibly a necropsy performed on 9/17. The mare with the RR bandaged laceration is doing well, will change the bandage and administer medications 9/17. The bay mare with the young foal with the abscess shows some improvement in the hind leg swellings. Her foal is nearly 100% cleared up with the abscess, we will treat her for this swelling 9/17 and probably turn her back out with the pairs, re-evaluate when the pairs are processed. The gelding with the old abscess L flank looks great, will probably turn him back into the gelding pen 9/17. The young sorrel stud and the bay gelding found in the feed trough are doing well and putting back some weight, eating and drinking well. Will monitor. The buckskin stud with the carpal swelling seems to improved with decreased swelling. He was treated on 9/15 and will be re-treated with medications on 9/17. The big bay stud with the RF leg laceration is doing well and the wound will be checked out, cleaned, rebandaged and medications administered on 9/17. The sorrel stud that suffered a L caudal elbow laceration seems to be doing well, eating well and walking good. We will retreat him on 9/17 and examine the wound.

Ten jacks, one jenny and one burro foal were brought to the facility today. Upon inspection, they seem to be in good shape other than superficial bite wounds. There are no new reports on the other animals at the facility, all seem to be doing well, will continue to monitor. I have a call in to the veterinary facility in Anderson, CA where the

young foal has been treated and is being cared for by a rescue organization. I will advise BLM when I receive new information.

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