



## Thompson Peak Veterinary Services

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Twin Peaks Gather Inspection

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I was at the facility today to examine a couple animals in the south observation pair pen. An appaloosa grey mare was involved in a kicking match last week and today appeared to have a swollen and crooked LF limb. There is also a newborn foal in this pen which is 24hrs old born to a buckskin mare. There is also a young foal with a swollen pectoral area.

The appaloosa mare is walking quite well on this leg. The wranglers will try to split this pen up 9/8/10 to try and sort off the mare and foal to get a good look. I recommend not attempting to bring the entire pen in as this may cause injuries especially to the newborn foal.

The young foal that has been with the buckskin mare upfront that was losing wt was fostered out to Palomino Armstrong who runs a rescue facility in Shingletown, CA. I was not aware of this until this morning. The foal apparently was sent out on 9/2/10 for weakness and bite wounds. The mare to this foal may have gone off her milk and the foal tried to steal milk from the other buckskin mare in the same pen and this mare may have gotten upset and bit the foal several times and possibly kicked the foal. This would have happened rather quickly as my last inspection on 9/1/10 did not reveal any injuries to this foal. The foal is being cared for at Crossroads Veterinary Clinic in Anderson, CA. I talked to Dr. Rodger regarding this case and will update the condition of the foal and medical history when it becomes available to me. At this point I will correspond with Dr. Rodger and relay information to the BLM.

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