



FACT SHEET: Grand Junction Field Office Wild Horses

The BLM is committed to the continued success of the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range and to sustain a healthy, viable wild horse population while maintaining a thriving natural ecological balance of resources and uses.

Many current management actions would continue under all alternatives, including:

- The size of the Wild Horse Range (35,200 acres)
- The appropriate management level of between 90 and 150 horses (although this is dynamic and could be adjusted as range conditions warrant)
- Livestock grazing being prohibited within the wild horse range
- Motorized travel being seasonal restricted in Main Canyon (Dec. 1- May 1)
- Periodic removals and fertility control being used to maintain the appropriate management level
- Monitoring and maintaining genetic diversity within the Little Books Cliffs wild horse herd by conducting genetic analyses and periodically introducing wild horses from other wild horse areas if necessary

The proposed plan (Alternative B from the draft) includes additional measures to protect wild horses from disturbance during critical times and to enhance wild horse habitat, including:

- Target shooting would be prohibited in the Coal Canyon and Main Canyon areas.
- Motorized over-snow travel would be prohibited throughout the wild horse range.
- A No Surface Occupancy stipulation for energy development and other surface-disturbing activities throughout the Wild Horse Range.
- A full toolbox of available vegetation treatments would be allowed to benefit wild horses, including prescribed fire, and mechanical, biological, and chemical treatments.

Volume 4, Figure 2-4, Appendix A is a map of the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range. Proposed Management actions for wild horses are found beginning on page 2-125 in Volume 1.