



**Wild Horse  
Management**



## **Wild Horse Interpretation**

### **Resource Objectives and Planned Actions**

Interpretation of the Pryor Mountain wild horses and their management will be pursued as a cooperative venture between the BLM; the U. S. Forest Service, (Custer National Forest); and the NPS (Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area). Developments formerly proposed in an already completed activity plan will not be pursued at this time. However, some additional interpretation is possible, dependent upon the outcome of the Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Herd Management Area Plan which is to be completed by the three agencies.

Major interpretive efforts will be centered at the Lovell, Wyoming, NPS Visitor Center. Upon completion of the herd management area plan, a roadside interpretive panel may be placed along the Bad Pass Highway within the Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area. Interpretation on BLM administered lands will be limited, in most respects, to six boundary or roadside signs. No major structure or overlook is anticipated on BLM administered lands at this time though the possibility remains for development of such facilities in the future, depending on demand and budgetary capabilities.

### **Rationale**

The Pryor Mountain wild horses graze on lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management, the U. S. Forest Service, and the National Park Service. As such, wild horse interpretation should be conducted on a cooperative basis with these agencies at a central location, preferably at the NPS visitor center in Lovell, Wyoming.

In addition, individuals visiting the PMWHR are most likely to view wild horses near the NPS Bad Pass Highway, which traverses the Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area.

Because of these factors, the Winddrinker overlook site is not the most likely area from which to view wild horses since watering facilities which horses frequent are located approximately 1/2 mile north of the site and are partially hidden by the topography. Costly road improvements would also have to be made to the location and considerable Federal funds expended to develop interpretive facilities. The proposed location of the Winddrinker site also is encumbered by the existence of significant archeological values which could be disrupted by any development.

### **Monitoring**

Monitor the amount of use on the PMWHR by periodically placing traffic counters at the main access roads. With the cooperation of the NPS, monitor the use along the Bad Pass Highway within the Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area.

### **Implementation Priorities**

1. Place six boundary or roadside interpretive signs in the PMWHR.
2. Continue to coordinate efforts for wild horse interpretation with the the NPS.

### **Support**

None

