

## **Pancake Complex Gather Fact Sheet**

**What:** Pancake Complex Wild Horse Gather

**Where:** Approximately 30 miles west of Ely and 80 miles northeast of Tonopah, Nev.

**Planned number of horses to be gathered and removed:** 800 to 1,000 excess wild horses

**Planned number of animals to be treated with the fertility-vaccine PZP and/or released back to the range:** The BLM is proposing to treat up to 260 mares with porcine zona pellucida (PZP) before releasing them and up to 390 stallions back into the Pancake Complex. The BLM is implementing a newly proposed method of managing large herd management area (HMA) complexes that utilizes a phased-in approach to reach Appropriate Management Level (AML) over a six to ten year period by gradually removing excess animals while increasing the use of population controls to slow the wild horse population growth rate. Attainment of this pilot management alternative would also result in placing fewer excess wild horses in short or long-term holding or in the adoption or sale pipelines over the next 10-year period.

**Planned number of horses to be removed from HMAs:** 800 to 1,000 excess wild horses

**Population to be left in HMAs:** Pancake HMA, 240-493 wild horses; Sand Springs West HMA, 49 wild horses; and Jakes Wash Herd Area (HA), 67 wild horses. Wild horse numbers fluctuate between the HMAs, HA and the adjacent Wild Horse Territory (WHT), based on seasonal movement.

**Planned duration of gather:** Jan. 12, 2012 through Feb. 22, 2012

**Reason(s) for the Gather** There is insufficient forage and water resources present within the dominant ecological sites to support healthy wild horses. Consequently, the wild horses within the Pancake Complex are in moderately thin body condition (Class four of the Henneke Body Condition Score). As a result, the wild horses are moving outside the HMA boundary in search of food and water.

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[http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/wild\\_horse\\_and\\_burro/wh\\_b\\_information\\_center/Fact\\_Sheet.html](http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/wild_horse_and_burro/wh_b_information_center/Fact_Sheet.html)

**For Myths and Facts about wild horse management, go to:**

[http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/wild\\_horse\\_and\\_burro/national/about/myths.html](http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/wild_horse_and_burro/national/about/myths.html)

**For information about the wild horse and burro adoption program, go to:**

**[http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/wild\\_horse\\_and\\_burro/What\\_We\\_Do/wild\\_horse\\_and\\_burro0.html](http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/wild_horse_and_burro/What_We_Do/wild_horse_and_burro0.html)**