

VETERINARY EXAMINATION and EUTHANASIA REPORT

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LOCATION: Buck and Bald Wild Horse Gather

DATE OF OBSERVATIONS: August 17, 2011

On Wednesday, August 17, 2011, a 3-4 month old, sorrel filly sustained a gather-related injury. The filly had multiple, severe lacerations from contact with a barbed wire fence. The contractors immediately isolated her in a stock trailer for veterinary examination.

The injuries included multiple superficial wounds to the dorsal aspect of the face, a deep 2.5 inch laceration approximately 1 cm below the left eye. There was a large 8 inch diameter gaping wound exposing both pectoral muscles. A deep 6 inch laceration extended from the left craniodistal aspect of the scapula to the distal 1/3 of the left humerus. The medial aspect of the humerus was exposed. The left brachiocephalicus muscle was transected at the point of the shoulder. A deep 2.5 inch horizontal laceration across the left carpus extended deep into the carpometacarpal joint with exposure of the distal aspect of the second and third carpal bones.

Due to the multiple and severe lacerations and the extensive joint involvement the filly had a grave prognosis for recovery. The BLM decision to euthanize the filly was made due to the serious and extensive nature of her injuries and as an act of mercy.