

Tri-State-Calico Complex Gather Fact Sheet

What: Tri-State-Calico Complex Wild Horse and Burro Gather

Where: North and east of Gerlach, Nevada within Humboldt and Washoe counties

Planned number of horses and burros to be gathered: Approximately 1,300 wild horses and 140 wild burros

Planned number of mares to be treated with the fertility-vaccine PZP and released back to the range: If more than 950 wild horses are gathered, selective removal criteria would be used to return horses to the range. Of the horses remaining on the range, BLM would conduct fertility control measures on mares and/or adjust the sex ratios of the gathered animals to be returned to the HMA to 60 percent male/40 percent female ratios. The number of mares treated with PZP will be based on the number gathered.

Planned number of horses and burros to be removed from HMAs: 850 to 950 excess wild horses and 140 excess wild burros

Population to be left in HMAs: Black Rock Range East HMA, 56 wild horses; Black Rock Range West HMA, 56 wild horses; Calico Mountains, 200 wild horses; Granite Range, 155 wild horses; McGee Mountain, 25 wild burros; Warm Springs Canyon, 105 wild horses. Wild horse and burro numbers fluctuate between the HMAs, based on seasonal movement.

Planned duration of gather: Nov. 19, 2011, to Dec. 20, 2012

Reason/s for the Gather: This gather is being conducted to return wild horse and burro population size to within the appropriate management level (i.e. 572-952 wild horses and 39-65 wild burros), to restore a thriving natural ecological balance, and to sustain healthy rangeland resources.

For general information about the BLM's Wild Horse and Burro Program, please visit the BLM's Website (www.blm.gov).

BLM WH&B Facebook page: www.facebook.com/BLMWildHorseandBurro

BLM YouTube "playlist" (WH&B section): <http://blm.gov/c65c>

Quick Facts about the program:

http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/wild_horse_and_burro/wh_b_information_center/Fact_Sheet.html

Myths and Facts about wild horse management:

http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/wild_horse_and_burro/national/about/myths.html

Information about the wild horse and burro adoption program:

http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/wild_horse_and_burro/What_We_Do/wild_horse_and_burro0.html