

## WH&B ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

AUGUST 27, 2002

1. The Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board recommends BLM revisit the policy on pairs adoptions for discussion at the next advisory board meeting.
2. The Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board recommends the Riverton Inmate Gentling Program purchase a new chute.
3. The Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board recommends the BLM establish a contingency fund not to exceed \$1 million on an annual basis for emergency removals as defined by the National Program Office.
4. The Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board recommends BLM implement the Strategic Research Plan, as amended (page 5, paragraph 3).
5. The Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board recommends BLM implement the Wild Horse Fertility Control Field Trial plan.
6. The Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board recommends that BLM pursue the legal feasibility and a cost analysis of the Sonora Wild Horse Repatriation project, and further recommends that before any action is taken, these findings be presented for review to the Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board.
7. The Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board recommends that BLM explore potential funding sources for the Wild Horse & Burro Education Program.
8. The Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board recommends that BLM should perform an internal analysis of each program element to identify potential 10% cost savings. Typical program elements to be analyzed include, but should not be limited to: Gather procedures; removal criteria; feed specifications; pipeline operations; and Eastern States adoptions.
9. The Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board recommends that the BLM review population and demographic methodology to more accurately predict the data vital to Wild Horse and Burro management.
10. The Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board recognized gathers may require reduction or postponement; however, the Board recommends that the minimum goal should be at least equal to the foal crop, to result in no net population increase. (Hillary Bogley and Robin Lohnes voted against this recommendation.)

11. The Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board recommends BLM should gather in areas where the most resource damage occurs, as opposed to small HMAs where AML may be more easily reached.

12. The Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board recommends that each state stay within their allowed gather numbers scheduled for each year. The Board further recommends that animals removed in emergency gathers must be counted against allowable removal quotas for the remainder of the year or deducted from the next fiscal year.

13. The Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board recommends that BLM consider and investigate mass adoptions to qualified entities, such as Indian reservations, with appropriate safeguards in place.

14. The Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board recommends, as a cost savings measure, that BLM limit its Wild Horse and Burro funding to the development, implementation and research of a 4-year or more vaccine.