

Table 5-13. WILD FREE-ROAMING HORSE AND BURRO REMOVAL AND ADOPTION BY OFFICE, FISCAL YEAR 2005

| Administrative Office | Animals Adopted | | | | Animals Removed | |
|---|-------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| | FY 1971 - FY 2004 | | FY 2005 | | FY 2005 | |
| | <i>Horses</i> | <i>Burros</i> | <i>Horses</i> | <i>Burros</i> | <i>Horses</i> | <i>Burros</i> |
| Arizona | 2,881 | 2,735 | 218 | 91 | 1 | 53 |
| California /a/ /b/ | 16,518 | 5,896 | 705 | 231 | 992 | 252 |
| Colorado | 6,099 | 762 | 292 | 17 | 357 | 0 |
| Eastern States /a/ | 54,079 | 14,159 | 1,766 | 71 | 0 | 0 |
| Idaho | 3,942 | 293 | 110 | 0 | 360 | 0 |
| Montana /a/ | 9,811 | 1,274 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Nevada /b/ | 3,801 | 282 | 54 | 0 | 5,805 | 68 |
| New Mexico /a/ | 18,071 | 3,793 | 916 | 69 | 23 | 0 |
| Oregon /a/ /b/ | 12,784 | 1,318 | 313 | 6 | 891 | 0 |
| Utah | 5,231 | 369 | 173 | 20 | 248 | 0 |
| Wyoming /a/ | 15,650 | 1,123 | 420 | 1 | 1,973 | 0 |
| Natl. Program Office /c/ | 20,736 | 1,069 | 222 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 169,603 | 33,073 | 5,193 | 508 | 10,650 | 373 |
| Total Adopted, Fiscal Years 1971 through 2004: | | | 202,676 | | | |
| Total Adopted, Fiscal Year 2005: | | | 5,701 | | | |
| Total Removed, Fiscal Year 2005: | | | | | 11,023 | |

Note: The table reflects reassignments, which occur when adopted animals are returned to the Federal government and then re-adopted. Historical adoption numbers have been adjusted to avoid double counting in the case of reassignments (approximately 300 per year). Mules are reported as burros.

/a/ California administers the wild horse and burro program in Hawaii; Eastern States Office administers the program in the 31 States east of and bordering on the Mississippi River and the District of Columbia; Montana administers the program in North and South Dakota; New Mexico administers the program in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas; Oregon administers the program in the State of Washington; and Wyoming administers the program in Nebraska.

/b/ These numbers include 777 animals removed from USDA Forest Service lands: 247 in California, 453 in Nevada, and 77 in Oregon.

/c/ Prior to 1996, adoptions were reported by geographic state, including the District of Columbia. Since 1996, adoptions have been reported by the BLM administrative state where the adopted animals were maintained. Since 1999, adoptions conducted in the two national centers – Elm Creek, Nebraska, and Palomino Valley, Nevada – have been reported under the National Program office.