

**National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board  
Meeting, Elko Nevada  
September 9, 2016**

**Recommendations**

BLM should follow stipulations of WHB Act by offering all suitable animals in long and short term holding deemed unadoptable for sale without limitation or humane euthanasia. Those animals deemed unsuitable for sale should then be destroyed in the most humane manner possible.—Approved

BLM should prioritize designated sage grouse habitat for removal of excess animals. BLM should use degree of range degradation as a criterion for prioritization for removal of excess animals i.e., consideration should be given to those rangelands that can be restored and maintained in a healthy status.—Approved

BLM should develop partnerships with economic agencies and or departments to conduct an analysis of socioeconomic and environmental effects on communities with reduced AUM's on HMA's due to range degradation resulting from overpopulation of wild horses and/ or burros. Further analysis should be conducted regarding the effects of the potential removal of all domestic livestock from all HMAs.— Approved

BLM should encourage BLM RACs to develop and submit for consideration their ideas for herd management and range rehabilitation strategies tailored to their specific areas and HMAs based on local knowledge and expertise.—Approved

BLM should advertise and conduct more frequent adoption events at off-range corrals to enable more horses & burros to reach sale eligible status.—Approved

**Repeat Recommendation from last meeting:**

BLM should facilitate invitation to all Board members to attend spay trials when they might occur, if allowed by protocols governing the trial.—Approved