

Rock Springs Wyoming Holding Facility / Humane Care

- Currently, 410 of the total 710 wild horses at the Rock Springs Wild Horse Holding Facility were gathered in compliance with the 2013 Consent Decree between the BLM and The Rock Springs Grazing Association. The wild horses were gathered from private lands within the Salt Wells Creek and Adobe Town Herd Management Areas (HMAs).
- Animals held in the Rock Springs Wild Horse Holding Facility are provided humane treatment, including veterinary care, some man-made wind breaks and natural wind breaks, and daily feed with access to fresh water sources.
- The BLM Rock Springs Wild Horse Holding Facility is in compliance with all applicable animal welfare policies.
- BLM remains committed to engaging in constructive dialogues with the public to maintain transparency and ensure humane treatment for all wild horses and burros.



Wyoming wild horses in natural habitat within the Salt Wells Creek HMA (Winter 2013).



- On the range in Wyoming herd management areas, the weather conditions are cold with few natural wind breaks due to the desert terrain.
- Both on the range and in corralled environments, wild horses huddle together in groups to protect one another from the elements.
- The Rock Springs Wild Horse Holding Facility has more than 30 years experience caring for wild horses through the harsh Wyoming winters.
- There is limited water available on the range requiring the wild horses to eat snow and ice to stay hydrated in extreme weather conditions. The Rock Springs Wild Horse Holding Facility provides plenty of fresh clean water, which enables the wild horses to stay fully hydrated.
- The Rock Springs Wild Horse Holding Facility provides ample feed on a daily basis, allowing the wild horses to use less energy foraging for food.
- Wild horses at the Rock Springs Wild Horse Holding Facility are able to bed down on uneaten hay, which provides a comfortable insulated barrier from the bare ground.
- Wild horses grow winter hair that insulates them from extreme cold temperatures in both wild and corralled environments.
- Wild horses at the Rock Springs Wild Horse Holding Facility are very healthy and hardy.



The Rock Springs Wild Horse Holding Facility (December 2013).



Healthy wild horse body conditions at the Rock Springs Wild Horse Holding Facility (December 2013).



Natural Wind Break on the North side of the Rock Springs Wild Horse Holding Facility (December 2013).