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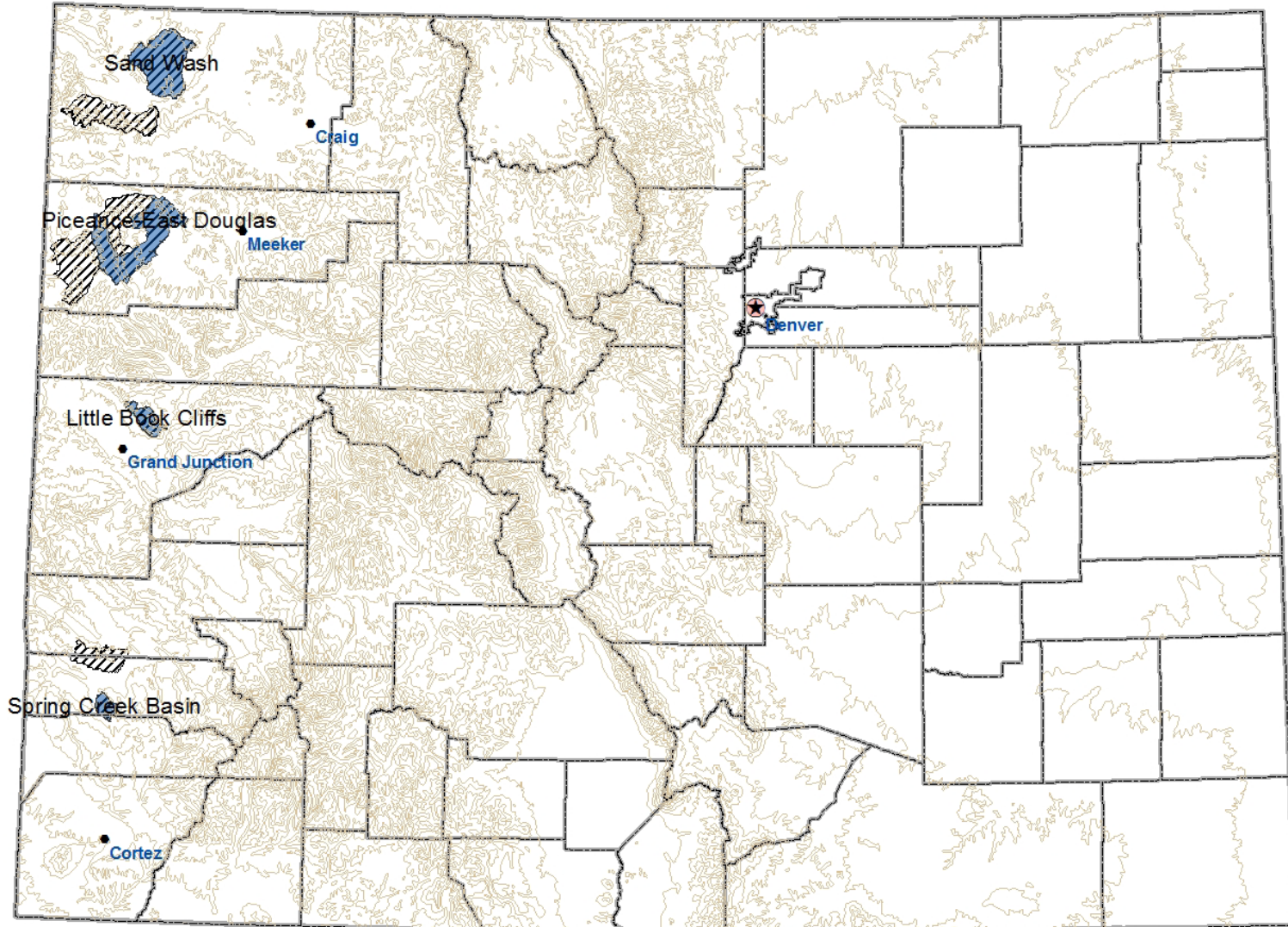
Wild Horses in Colorado

Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board update



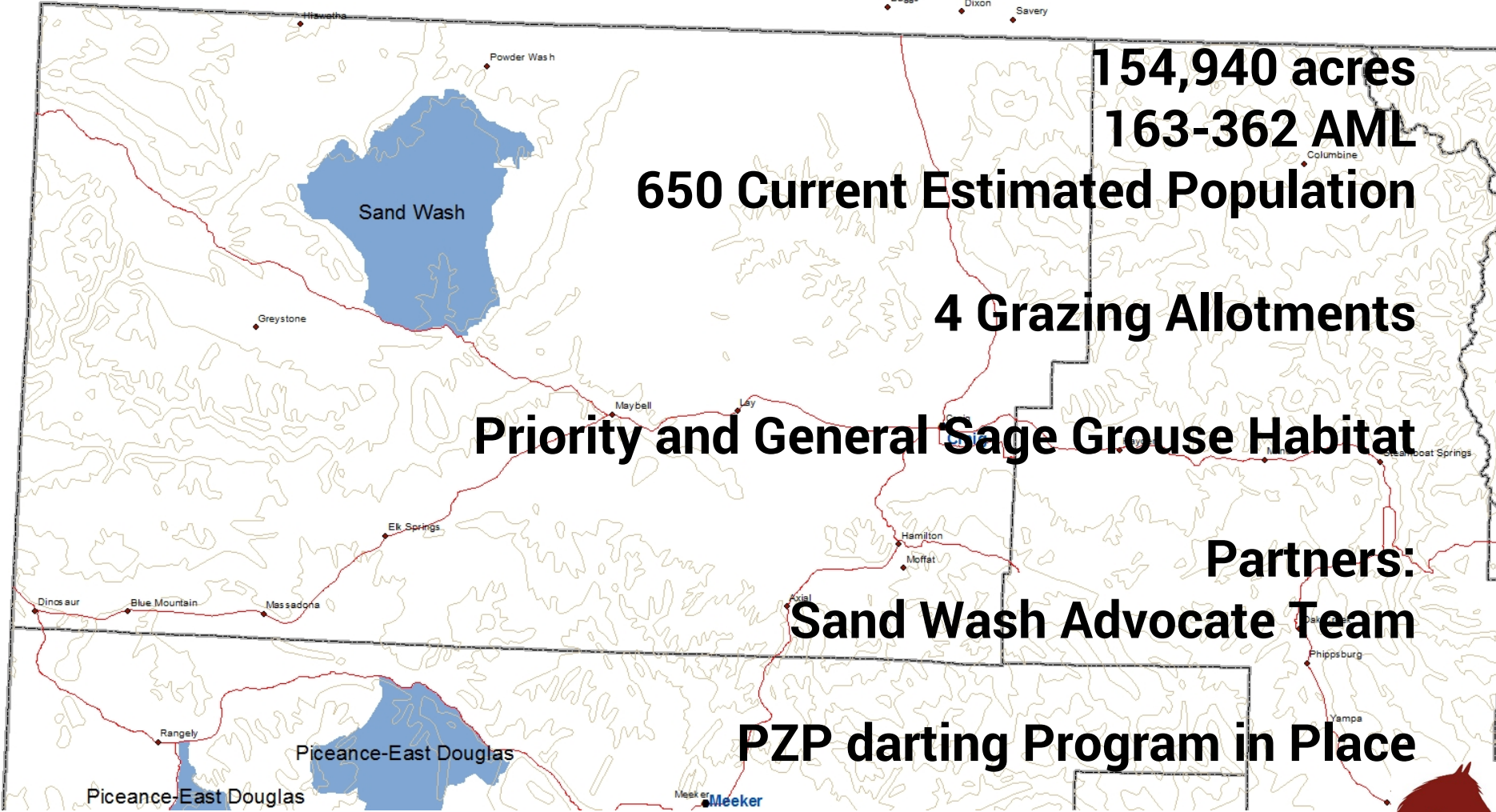


Colorado's HMAs and HAs



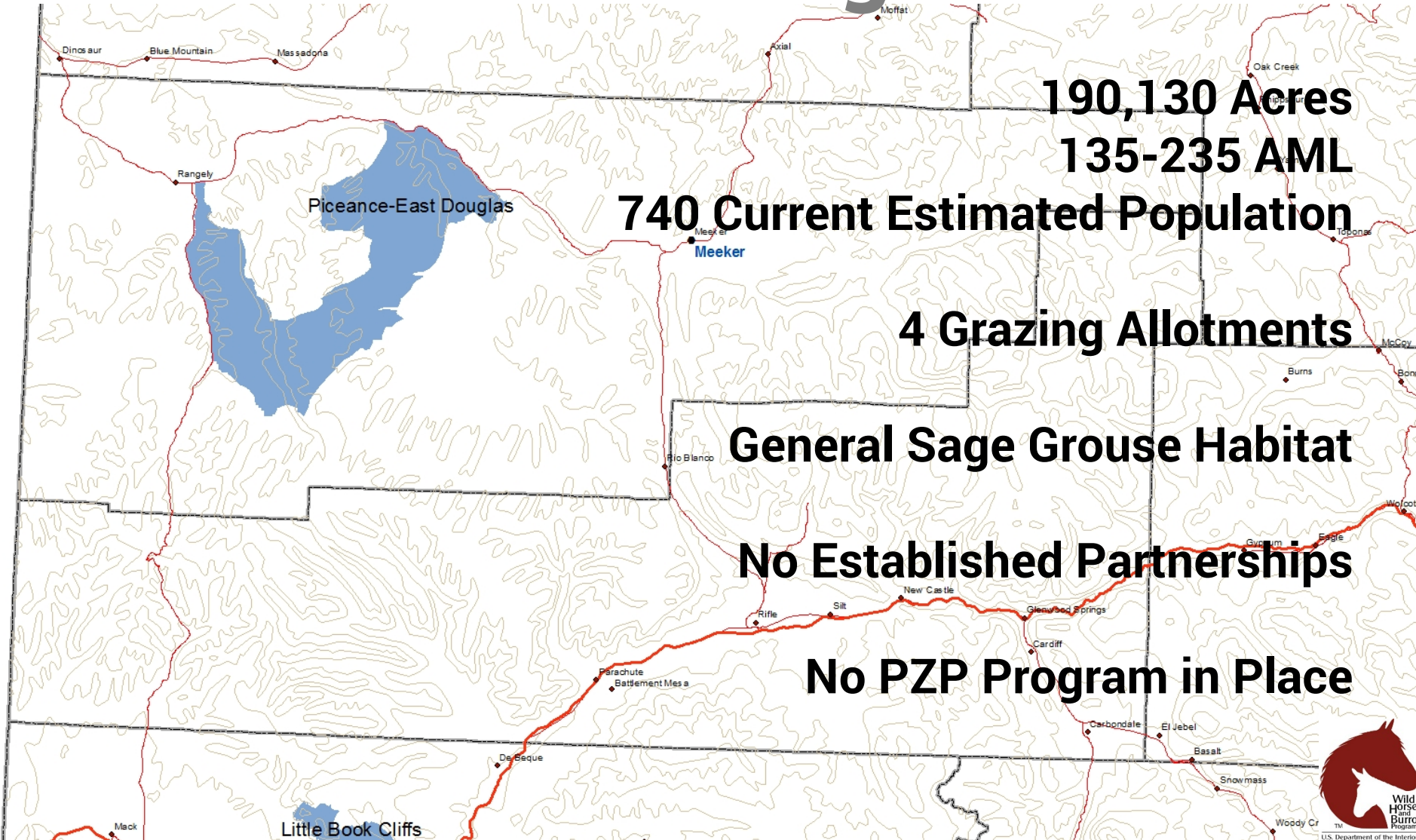


Sand Wash Basin HMA





Piceance-East Douglas HMA



190,130 Acres

135-235 AML

740 Current Estimated Population

4 Grazing Allotments

General Sage Grouse Habitat

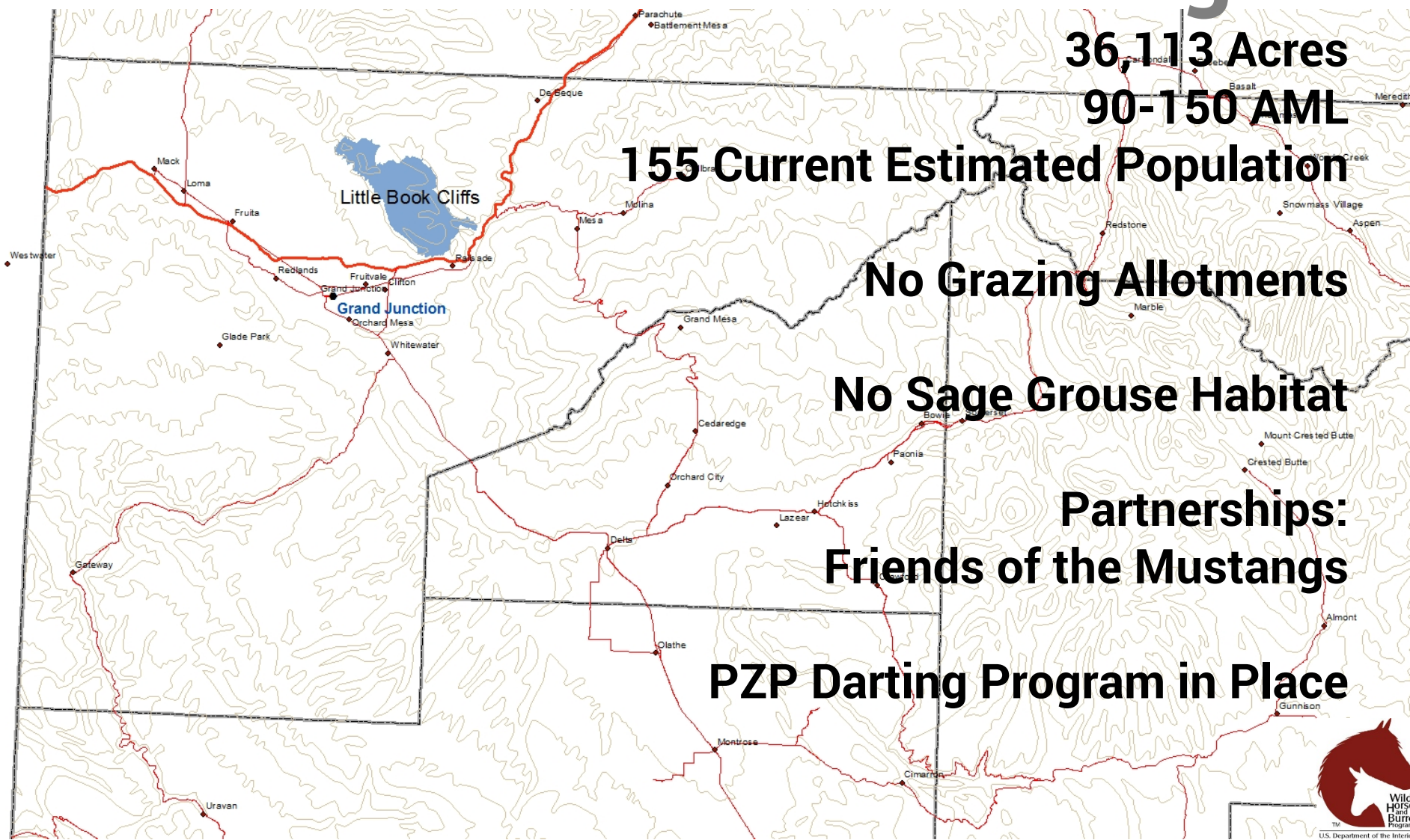
No Established Partnerships

No PZP Program in Place





Little Bookcliffs Horse Range



36,113 Acres

90-150 AML

155 Current Estimated Population

No Grazing Allotments

No Sage Grouse Habitat

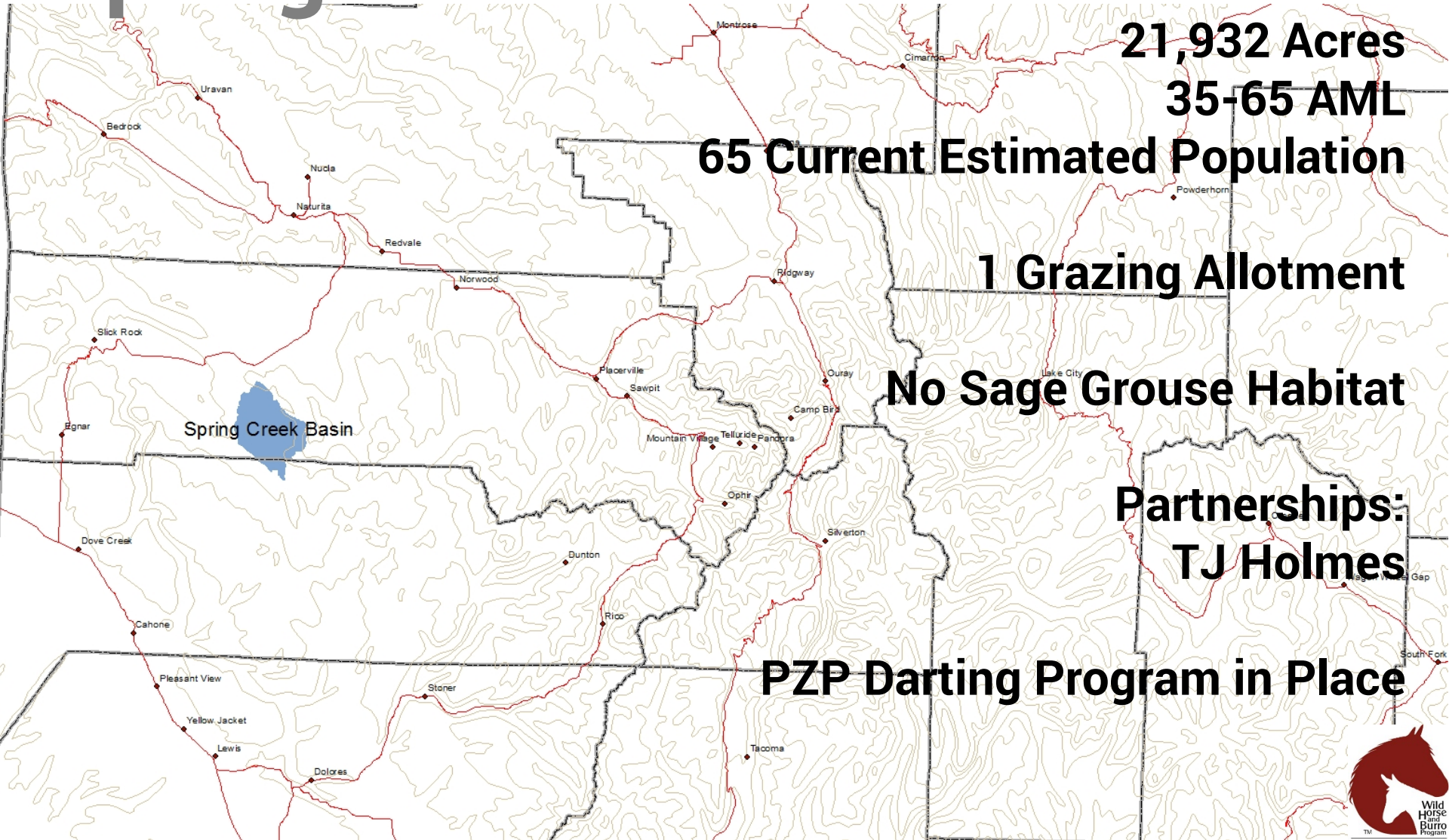
**Partnerships:
Friends of the Mustangs**

PZP Darting Program in Place





Spring Creek Basin HMA



21,932 Acres

35-65 AML

65 Current Estimated Population

1 Grazing Allotment

No Sage Grouse Habitat

**Partnerships:
TJ Holmes**

PZP Darting Program in Place

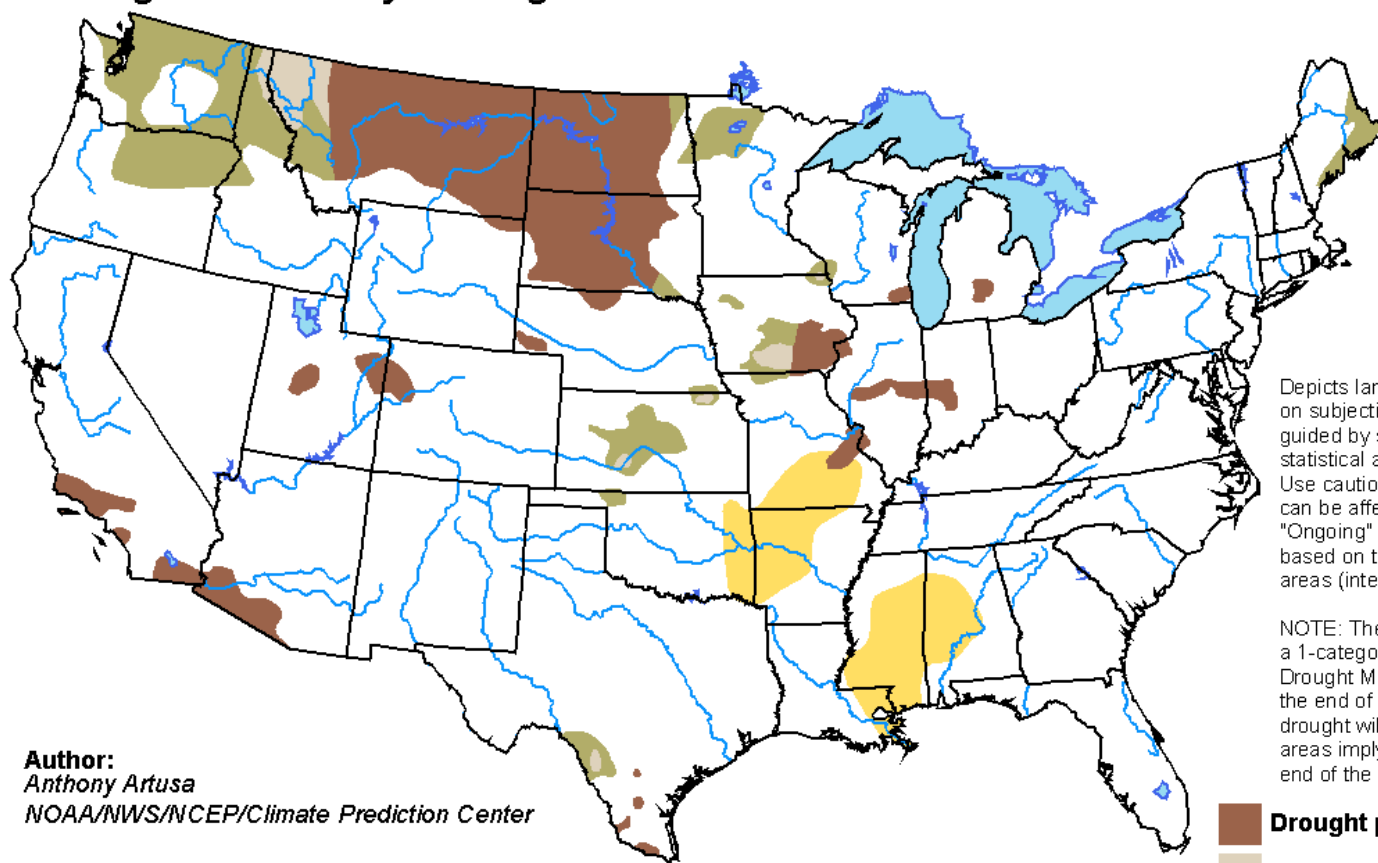




U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook valid for September 21 - December 31, 2017

Drought Tendency During the Valid Period

Released September 21, 2017

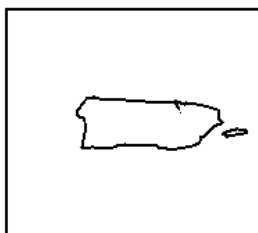
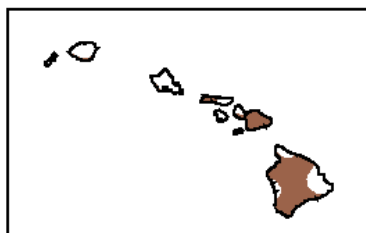
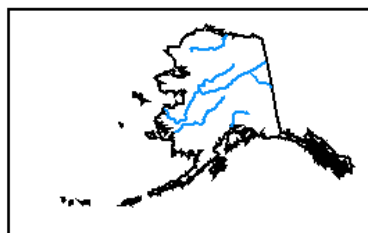


Depicts large-scale trends based on subjectively derived probabilities guided by short- and long-range statistical and dynamical forecasts. Use caution for applications that can be affected by short lived events. "Ongoing" drought areas are based on the U.S. Drought Monitor areas (intensities of D1 to D4).

NOTE: The tan areas imply at least a 1-category improvement in the Drought Monitor intensity levels by the end of the period, although drought will remain. The green areas imply drought removal by the end of the period (D0 or none).

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-  **Drought persists**
-  **Drought remains but improves**
-  **Drought removal likely**
-  **Drought development likely**



<http://go.usa.gov/3eZ73>





Partnerships

Great Escape Mustang Sanctuary
Sand Wash Advocate Team

Friends of the Mustangs

TJ Holmes

Burro Base Camp

Spirits of the West 4-H Club

Mustang Heritage Foundation

Colorado Correctional Industries





Wild Horse Inmate Program

Colorado Correctional Industries

Started in 1986

3000 head capacity

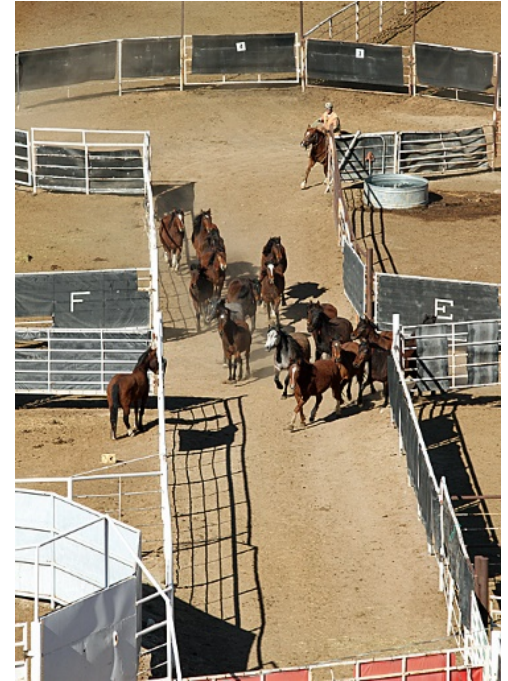
Inmates feed, care for, and train horses and burros

Halter, Pack, and Saddle Trained Horses and Burros

Monthly Adoptions of Trained and Untrained Animals

Average 80-100 trained each year

Trained horses go to US Border Patrol, USDA's Forest Service,
local law enforcement agencies, and public





Challenges

Weather extremes

Being competitive for gathers

Increasing adoptions

Meeting demand for trained horses, especially pack-trained

Fertility control in steep terrain

Horses trespassing onto private lands





Innovations

4-H project in Colorado

Assist Montana/Dakotas starting 4-H project in Montana

Training horses for other Federal, State, and County agencies

Utilizing Partners to foster horses for adoption

Adding full adoption components to store fronts





Questions?

