

What's Wrong Here?

BLM's Wild Horse & Burro Program

A closer look at the Bureau of Land Management's fiscal trainwreck and humane disaster

History speaks for itself

The early 1900s estimated

2 million

wild horses & burros in the US. Numbers drastically windled as mustangs were killed off.

The population got so low Congress **unanimously** passed the Wild Free Roaming Horse & Burro Act 1971.



Now BLM estimates

40,000

wild horses & burros, but only wants to allow

26,600

across 10 western states

339
Herds in 1971

53.8
million
acres

← A **41% loss**
in habitat

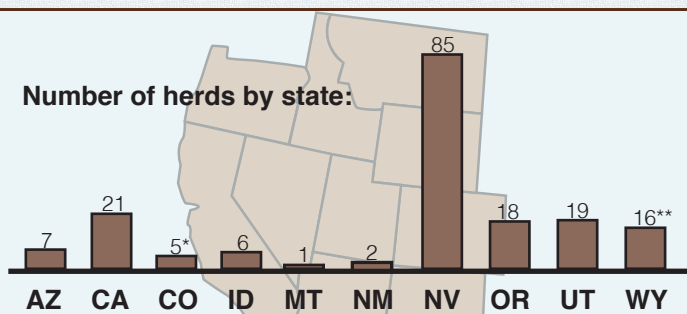
179
Herds in 2014

31.6
million
acres

↑ That's only **11%**
of BLM lands

Where are they now?

Number of herds by state:



*This includes West Douglas, a herd TCE has fought for years to keep in existence but BLM refuses to recognize.
**BLM seeks to wipe out at least 2 of WY's largest herds in the coming years.

Genetic Viability

150-200

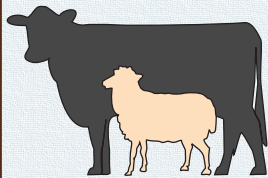
The **bare minimum** herd population needed to maintain genetic viability.

BLM wants to manage

78% of wild horse & burro herds at **genetically non-viable numbers.**

BLM set target populations for 28 herds at 25 animals or less.

No home on the range?



82% of forage

in wild horse & burro areas is allocated to privately owned livestock.



18% of forage

in wild horse & burro areas is actually allocated for mustangs & burros.

\$1.35

Cost to graze one cow & calf (or 5 sheep) on public lands for one month.

\$123 million

Yearly cost to American taxpayer to prop up the welfare grazing program.

A fiscal trainwreck

Budget priorities are warped as BLM continue's to run the train off the tracks despite constant public outcry.
More mustangs live in holding facilities than exist in the wild.

70%

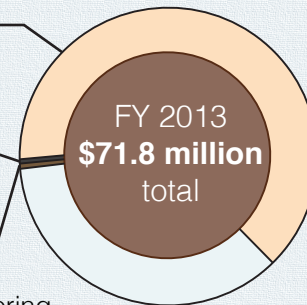
Roundups & Holding costs

<1%

Census Data

<1%

Range monitoring

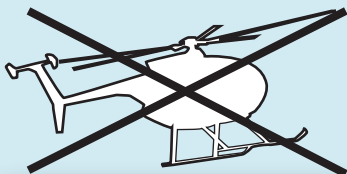


{50,000+}

Wild horses & burros are currently warehoused in holding facilities across the country at a cost of over **\$120,000 per day** to the American taxpayer.

Making it right:

Redirect funding to **on-the-range** management and an independent, state of the art **census.**



Ground the helicopters.

Cut spending on the roundup, removal, & added warehousing of America's mustangs & burros.

Repatriate some of the **lost acreage** for wild horses; put horses from holding back out on these rangelands.

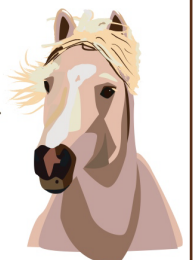
Continue to **prohibit** the euthanization of healthy animals and the sale of wild horses to **slaughter.**

Increase the use of the one-year reversible, field dartable infertility drug, **PZP.**

Enter into an agreement with U.S. Fish & Wildlife to **protect** wild horse and burro **predators.**

Prohibit the permanent **sterilization** of wild horses on the range.

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