

NV Wild Horse and Burro Program

NV Sagebrush Ecosystem Council



Velma Johnston (Wild Horse Annie)

- Wife of Nevada Cattle Rancher in 1940s-50s
- Led Crusade Against Horse Abuses
 - Horses were shot
 - Chased by planes and roped from vehicles
 - Death by starvation and drought



Wild Horse Annie Act of 1959

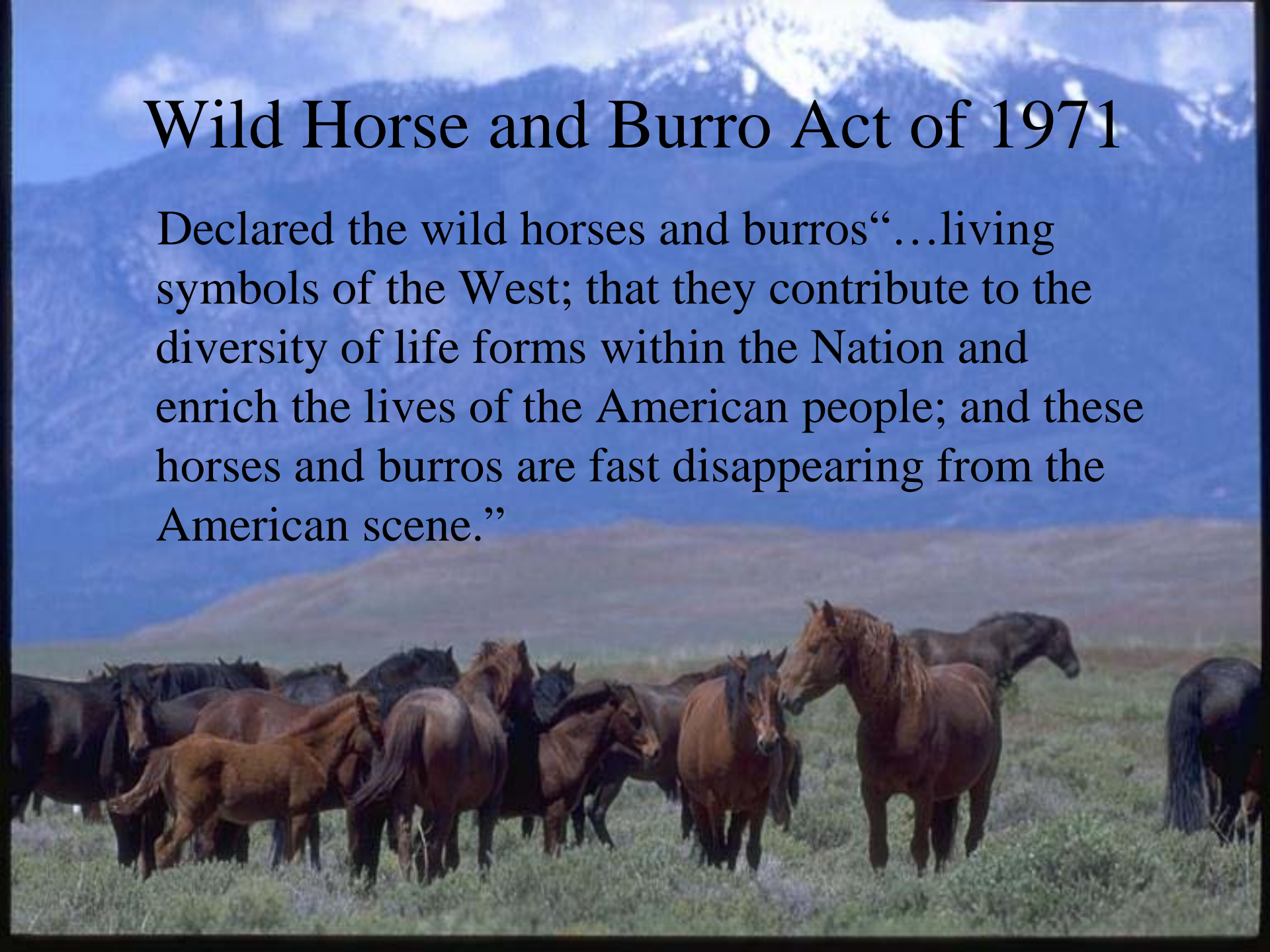
- ✓ Made it illegal to use an aircraft or motor vehicle to hunt or chase wild horses or burros.
- ✓ Prohibited the poisoning of water holes.

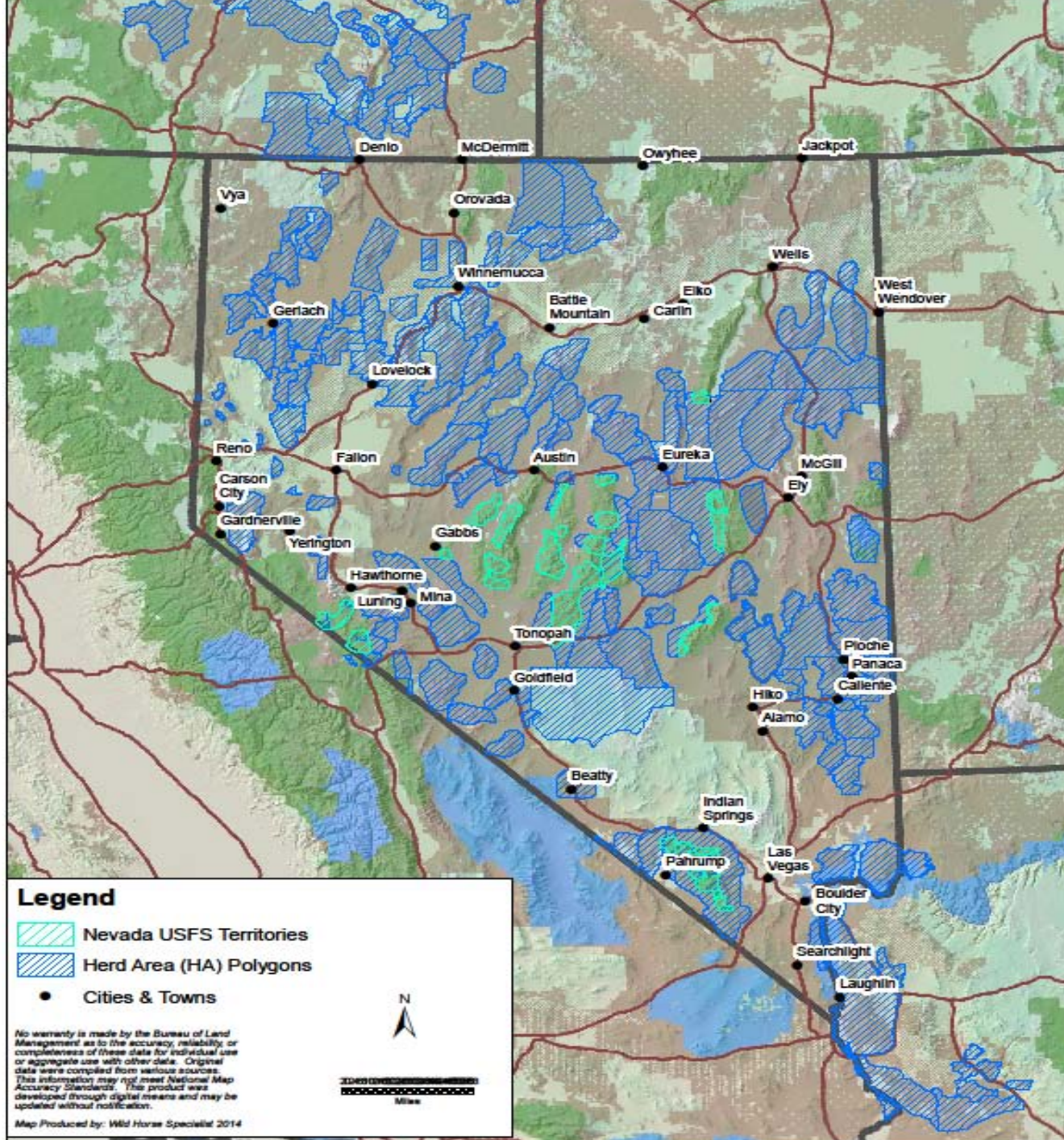


- ✓ Did nothing on recommendations for protection, management, and population control program.

Wild Horse and Burro Act of 1971

Declared the wild horses and burros “...living symbols of the West; that they contribute to the diversity of life forms within the Nation and enrich the lives of the American people; and these horses and burros are fast disappearing from the American scene.”





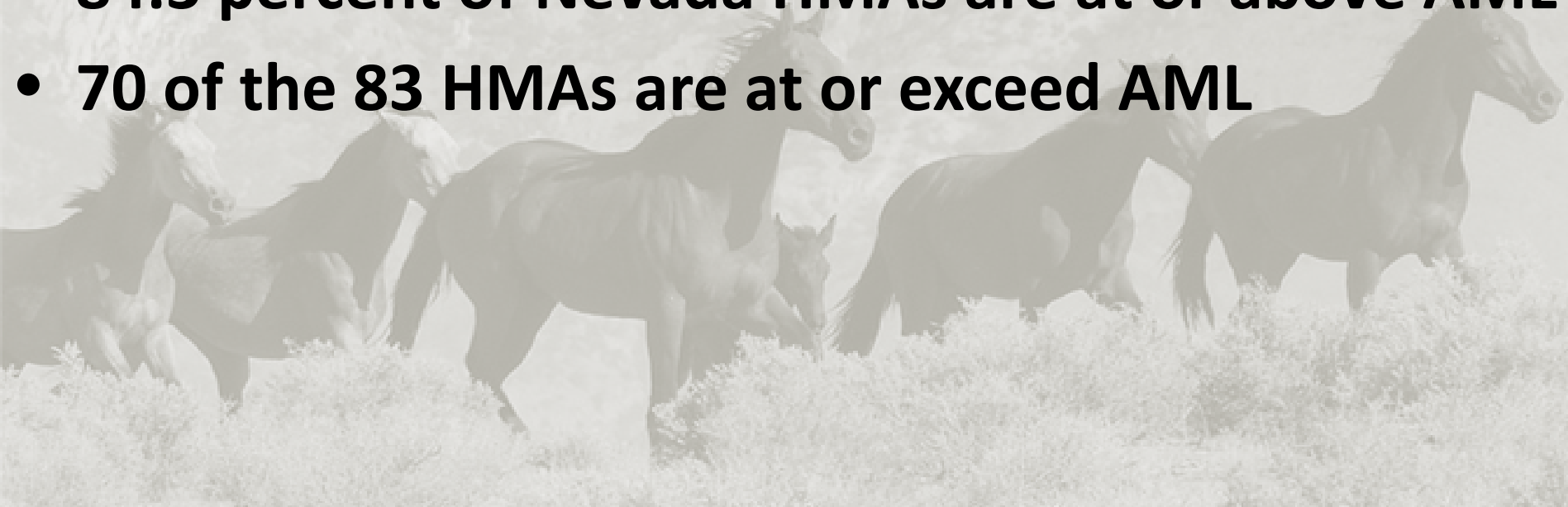
BLM management

- **Identified Herd Areas (HAs)**
- **Habitat Requirements**
- **Established Herd Mgmt Areas (HMAs)**
- **Set population numbers (AML)**
- **GOAL = Achieve and maintain AML**



Population Estimate

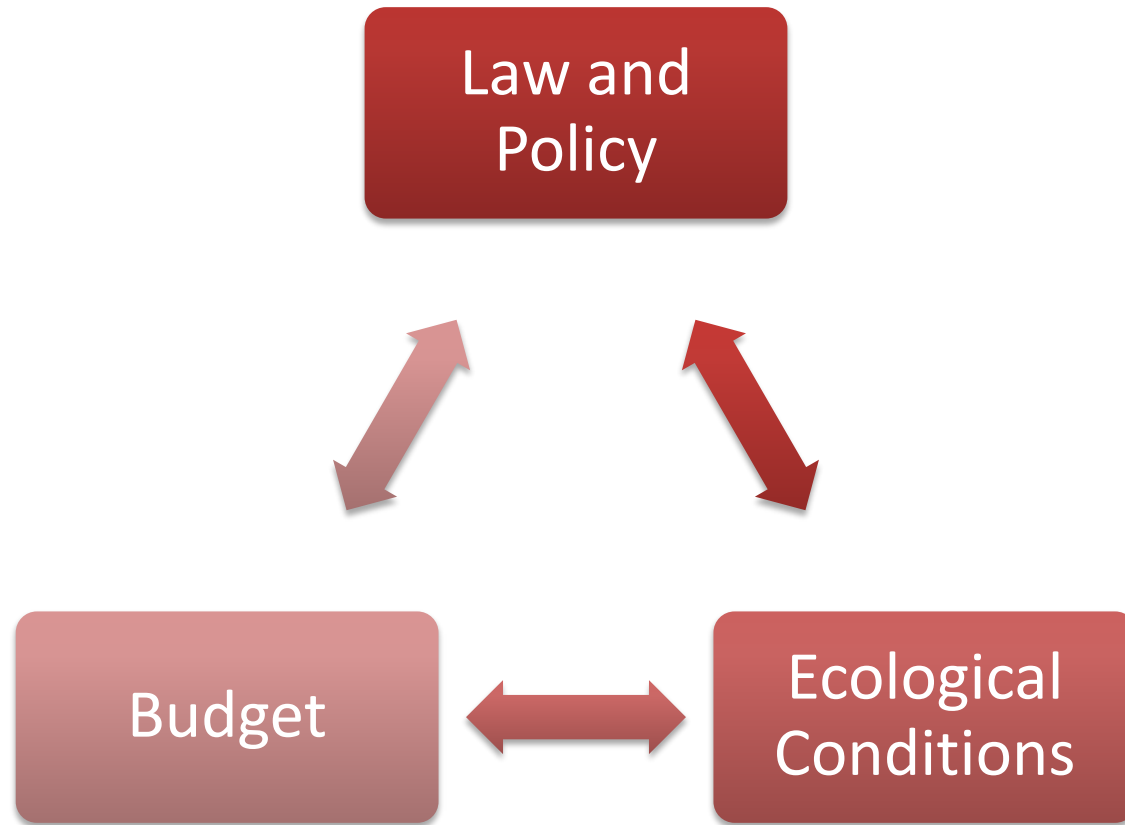
- **National: 37,300**
- **Nevada: 24,000-26,500**
- **National AML is 26,600**
- **Nevada AML: 12,688**
- **84.3 percent of Nevada HMAs are at or above AML**
- **70 of the 83 HMAs are at or exceed AML**



FY 2013 Data

	National	Nevada
Removed	4,221	2,787
Treated	509	46
Adopted	2,336	89
Sales	64	0

Critical Factors Affecting Management



Under current situation we cannot keep all three factors static. For example, if the budget remains flat and we do not make changes to applicable laws and policies, the ecological conditions on the rangelands will deteriorate.

