

Dear Sagebrush Ecosystem Council Members, There has been throughout the Wild West time a competitive and very destructive misinformation campaign by the BLM and cattle industries against our wild horses and burros.

I have reported this on my Meet America TV series which airs on YouTube and for twenty five years on public access TV in Monterey California. The link below is a short example of me proving how wild horses do not trample bushes unless chased by helicopters or predators. as BLM likes to claim.

I have photographed roundups and am appalled at their cruelty, a cruelty we citizens would be prosecuted for but BLM remains untouched. <https://youtu.be/Ycz6UkjCeA0?si=TjBd3y4xWOu2kGzJ>

The wild horses, all wildlife and wildlands of this country are the greatness of our Nation! Not Burger stands and In and Out fast food outlets. Your job is to protect them as the WFRHB Act demands.

In the Wild Free Roaming Horse and Burro Act it states that wild horses and burros get first choice of their HA. BLM has taken away millions of acres of these HA without any citizen approval despite the many lawsuits Americans have filed at great expense. I hope you will prevent further dismantling of our wild horse Herd Areas before we have nothing left of the original wild horse but a sterilized castrated variety. and by doing so whittle away the beauty and wildness that is our nation.

I am giving you the exact text language of the WFRHB Act below to prove my point that wild horses and burros do get first choice of range.

(c) "range" means the amount of land necessary to sustain an existing herd or herds of wild free-roaming horses and burros, which does not exceed their known territorial limits, and which is devoted principally but not necessarily exclusively to their welfare in keeping with the multiple-use management concept for the public lands;

I have delved through multiple reams of documents supplied by the BLM as well as THE WHITE Papers to prove that cattle and livestock are given top priority and not our wild horses and burros..

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Americans overwhelmingly cherish wild equines and want to see them protected, but as a result of the BLM's ongoing mass roundup strategy, there are approximately 60,000 animals in holding, a significant jump from 53,000 this time last year and a number that will drastically increase if the BLM continues to rely on a failed system of mass removals. Unfortunately, holding facilities, like the roundups themselves, are often harmful to the health and well-being of these animals. Equally troubling is that large-scale removals from the range actually lead to increased population growth rates through compensatory reproduction. Furthermore BLM's own records contradict the numbers of horses gathered and placed in holding.

WildHorseFreedom Federation examined BLM's own records of the numbers of horses gathered and held. Then, with their own resources, went to the holding areas and pastures and did their own counts. The horses were not there. They reported this in their White Papers.

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BLM has recently received 11 million dollars to sterilize wild horses and burros with infertility drugs which has proven to render the mares infertile which in turn disrupts their family bands because the mares seek other stallions to impregnate them and the band stallion is faced with ongoing challenges from other stallions. Sterilization is the most invasive management practices yet and is against the Wildfreeroaminghorse and burro Act of 1971 which states our wild horses will be managed by BLM with minimal management practices.

Continuing to funnel wild horses and burros en masse into holding is unsustainable. Rather than adding to the already large population of animals in holding, the BLM should work to identify more humane and cost-effective options that better fulfill the agency's statutory mandate under the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act by keeping these federally protected species in their natural habitats. By relocating horses from overabundant Herd Management Areas (HMAs) to HMAs and Herd Areas with low or nonexistent populations, horses can remain on the range, thereby reducing the strain on the BLM's budget.

Out of the 52 million acres originally allocated to the wild horses and burros and to these they are lawfully given 'devoted principal presence' on their HA's BLM has illegally removed all by 22 million acres.

Wild horses reseed what they eat.

They help reduce fire dangers. I have filmed them eating dry twigs and branches

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They are the ecosystems Nature provided us with to help reduce global warming.

They have the extraordinary ability to find and dig springs for themselves and other animals in times of drought.

They built this Nation with us.

We owe them our allegiance and we owe our children the right to see them run wild and free I don't know if you are a council that is for our wild horses and burros or against. I have yet to see a governing body that wants to protect these icons of majesty on our public lands.

The myths and misinformation perpetuated by the cowboy industry continues to spread lies about their native history while cattle roam as non native as any species can be.

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Please demand a stay of execution for these wonderful animals that do so much for our country and our history.

I refer you to the Heber Herd that has not overpopulated despite the US Forest Service trying to remove them on that grounds.

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sued the Forest Service to stop a round up back in 2006 and that herd has the same numbers it did back then and has not expanded. We are calling for a study of this herd because they are the only and last herd not to be rounded up. When you round up a species and diminish its population, it goes into survival mode and propagates.

This is a fact.

Furthermore, The HEBER Herd in Arizona has remained at a low population level despite predictions of the US Forest Service that it would expand from 400 to 4,600 by 2022.

We need wild horses to do their job to reduce fuel on public lands and not by mechanical means which is expensive and polluting.

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Please represent your fellow American citizens who overwhelmingly want to keep wild horses and burros part of our natural heritage.

Thank you,

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