

Proposed Law: Designation change of BLM Beauty Mountain Grazing Allotment to include permanent sanctuary for Historic Coyote Canyon Wild Horse Herd

An Amendment to the National Historic Preservation Act and the Wild Horse and Burro Act.

The intent of Congress as stated in the opening of section of NHPA (National Historic Preservation Act), is that "*the historical and cultural foundation of the Nation should be preserved as a living part of our community life and development* in order to give a sense of orientation to the American people" "It shall be the policy of the Federal Gov. in cooperation with other nations and in partnership with the States, local governments, Indian tribes, and private organizations and individuals to foster conditions under which our society and historic resources can exist in productive harmony and fulfill the social, economic and other requirements of present and future generations...contribute to the preservation of non federal lands and give maximum encouragement to organizations and individuals undertaking preservation by private means.

Definitions: Historic Preservation. This term includes identification, documentation, curation, acquisition, protection, management, rehabilitation, restoration, stabilization, maintenance and reconstruction, or any combination of the foregoing activities.

Motives for Preservation KNOWING AND UNDERSTANDING OUR PAST, INSPIRATION FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS, RECOGNITION AND COMMEMORATION OF PAST EVENTS AND PERSONS, PROVIDING A SENSE OF ROOTS AND IDENTITY.

**THE WILD FREE-ROAMING HORSE AND BURRO ACT OF 1971 (Public Law 92-195) as amended by The Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (Public Law 94-579) and the Public Rangelands Improvement Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-514) To require the protection, management, and control of wild free-roaming horses and burros on public lands.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Congress finds and declares that wild free-roaming horses and burros are living symbols of the historic and pioneer spirit of the West; that they contribute to the diversity of life forms within the Nation and enrich the lives of the American people; and that these horses and burros are fast disappearing from the American scene. It is the policy of Congress that wild free-roaming horses and burros shall be protected from capture, branding, harassment, or death; and to accomplish this they are to be considered in the area where presently found, as an integral part of the natural system of the public lands.

EMERGENCY ACTION to take effect immediately.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Congress finds and declares that in 2003 the Coyote Canyon Herd of Wild Horses were removed from their Federally designated Herd Area.

Efforts to preserve the Coyote Canyon Wild Horse Herd, the last remaining herd of wild free-roaming horses from southern California, are paramount to preserving our valued cultural, pioneering past. The Herd presence has been documented since early Spanish exploration.

The Congress further finds and declares all of the following:

(1) BLM shall restore the Coyote Canyon Wild Horse Herd to a permanent sanctuary for preservation and maintenance to be protected from capture, branding, harassment, and death.

(2) The herd shall be restored to the BLM historic Beauty Mt grazing range in exchange for the Coyote Canyon Herd Area that was transferred to California State Parks.

BLM shall cooperate with Private organizations of Wild Horse Advocates including but not limited to Coyote Canyon Caballos d' Anza, a 501 3c Corporation. consistent with Wild Free-Roaming Horse and Burro Act of 1971 (P.L. 92-195). partnerships and management policies

3. The vacant BLM Beauty Mountain grazing allotment shall be managed for both livestock and the Coyote Canyon Herd until the current permit expires in 2012.
4. In 2012 the Beauty Mountain allotment will become a permanent Sanctuary for the Coyote Canyon Wild Horses.