

Spring Mountain Complex AML Analysis

Johnnie HMA/WHT, Red Rock HMA/WHT, Wheeler Pass HMA/Spring Mountain WHT

The AML is currently unknown and is/will be a source of contention.

BLM and USFS is listing 2 different AML's.

EA cited this discrepancy and made the "instant" decision to manage for USFS AML's.

However, this adds significantly to BLM's wild horses (+ 54) but reduces burros (-46).

Since USFS and BLM traditionally set their own AML's, this "combining" is unusual (at least as far as I know).

Total BLM issued AMLs prior to this EA's "combined" BLM/USFS AML-	285 Total
Total USFS issued AMLs prior to this EA's "combined" AML-	292 Total
Total Animal AMLs from BLM/USFS before this EA	577
Total Animal AML issued from this EA	293
Difference Between Prior AMLs & EA's AML's	284 less animals

RED ROCK

BLM Red Rock HMA-

Wild Horse AML 27

Burro AML 49

USFS Red Rock WHT-

Wild Horse AML 50

Burro AML 50

Combined Management #: 77 wild horses, 99 burros

WHEELER PASS

BLM Wheeler Pass HMA AML-

Wild Horses 66

Burros 35

USFS Spring Mountain WHT

Total USFS AML- 47 wild horses, 20 burros

Wheeler Pass

Wild Horses 11

Burros 0

Wheeler Wash/Wallace Canyon

Wild Horses 10

Burros 20

Cold Creek

Wild Horses 26

Burros 0

Combined Management #: 113 wild horses, 55 burros

JOHNNIE

BLM Johnnie HMA AMLs

Wild Horses 0

Burros 108

USFS Johnnie WHT AMLs

Wild Horses 50

Burros 75

Combined Management #: 50 wild horses, 183 burros

Total Combined Wild Horse AML- 240

Total Combined Burro AML- 337

Total Animal AML 577

EA States; 293 Total AML (Official Version)

147 Wild Horses

146 Burros

Difference between this AML and EA AML = 284

In other words, the ENTIRE BLM AML has just disappeared.

BLM stated that I have "confused" the two but I don't think so since I took those AML's out of each of their statistics (like the 2005 AML BLM FONSI/DR) and they don't "line up", as you can see.

So YOU can make the call on what AML is because I still don't know and plan on battling it out in regards to this issue.

ACREAGE

Total Spring Mountain Herd Management Area 866,353

Total HMA/WHT Acreage 771,625

Johnnie HMA	177,310	These are BLM issued AMLs, not USFS
Johnnie WHT	36,517	
	<u>213,827</u>	WH's AML- 0, Burro AML-108
Red Rock HMA	157,251	
Red Rock WHT	25,030	
	<u>182,281</u>	WH's AML- 27, Burro AML-49
Wheeler Pass HMA	273,260	
Wheeler Pass WHT	102,257	WH's AML- 66, Burro AML-35
	<u>375,517</u>	93 192

EA states:

Current Population of Spring Mountain Complex

*Red Rock HMA/WHT currently has 17 wild horses which is included in the population estimates but are not being gathered.

Wild Horses	344*
<u>Burros</u>	<u>660</u>
	1,004

Planning to Remove

Plan A) 784 animals, leave 224- Fertility Control (104 horses, 120 burros)

Plan B) 810 animals, leave 198- No Fertility Control (94 horses, 104 burros)

Plan C) Same as A only geld 17 studs and return.

2007 Gather Schedule Removal #'s

Remove	444 Total Animals
Wild Horses	55
Burros	389

Difference between EA Removal #'s and Gather Schedule #'s

Total Animal Difference- 366 Less than EA states

Wild Horses 152 less horses than EA states

Burros 151 less burros than EA states

Proposed Actions/Alternatives

Alternative A - Fertility control

Remove	WH's	244
	<u>Burros</u>	<u>540</u>
		784

Leave	WH's	104*	(87 WH's returned to Johnnie/Wheeler Pass HMA)
	<u>Burros</u>	<u>120</u>	
		224	

Even though BLM zeroed out the Johnnie wild horses in the 12/05 FONSI, they are returning 40 horses of the Johnnie WHT. 47 will stay at Wheeler Pass which includes the Cold Creek herd.

Alternative B- No Fertility control

Remove	WH's	254
	<u>Burros</u>	<u>556</u>
		810

Leave	WH's	94*	(77 WH's returned to Johnnie/Wheeler Pass HMA)
	<u>Burros</u>	<u>104</u>	
		198	

Alternative C

Same #'s as A except instead of fertility control drugs, gelding 17 of the studs and return to HMA/WHT.

