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HMA's managed from Las Vegas Field Office:

Amargosa Valley-NV511, Ash Meadows-NV509, Eldorado Mountains-NV501,

Gold Butte-NV502, Johnnie-NV510, Muddy Mountains-NV503,

Nevada Wild Horse Range-NV524, Red Rock-NV504, Wheeler Pass-NV507

Las Vegas Field Office Statistics

Total Herd Area Acres- 2,598,030

Total BLM Herd Area Acres- 980,806

Total Other Herd Area Acres- 1,617,224

Total HMA Acres- 2,317,832

Total BLM HMA Acres- 973,925

Total Other HMA Acres- 1,343,907

Maximum Wild Horse AML = 593 on 1,740,504 HMA acres*

Maximum Burro AML = 290 on 796,699 HMA acres**

*NV Wild Horse Range (AML-500),

Red Rock HMA (AML-27),

Wheeler Pass HMA (AML 66)

** Gold Butte HMA (AML-98),

Johnnie HMA (AML-108),

Red Rock HMA (AML-49)

Wheeler Pass HMA (AML-35)

Out of 9 HMA's

4 Completely Zeroed Out

6 Completely Zeroed Out for Wild Horses

2 Managed for Burros Only

1 Managed for Horses Only (Nellis Range-Principally Devoted)

2 Managed for WH's & B's

Amargosa Valley-	Zeroed Out	1990	8,901	HMA/HA acres
Ash Meadows-	Zeroed Out	1993	115,492	HMA/HA acres
Eldorado Mountains-	Zeroed Out	1998	16,521	HMA acres- 95,223 HA acres
Gold Butte-	Burros Only-AML-	98	178,443	HMA acres- 271,210 HA acres
Johnnie -	Burros Only-AML-	108	179,380	HMA/HA acres
Wild Horses	Zeroed Out	2005		
Muddy Mountains-	Zeroed Out	2005	78,581	HMA acres- 187,310 HA acres
Nevada Wild Horse Range-	WH-AML-	500	1,301,628	HMA/HA acres
Red Rock	WH's AML-	27	161,972	HMA/HA acres
	Burro AML-	49		
Wheeler Pass-	WH's AML-	66	276,904	HMA/HA acres
	Burro AML-	35		

The 6 out of 9 Zero Outs I spoke of today concerned wild horses. The zeroing out of Johnnie wild horses was issued in December 2005. According to Billie Young and Laurie Howard, this was a correctly issued decision, as forage is very sparse.

Las Vegas Field Office Acreage

	BLM	Other	BLM	Other
Amargosa Valley	8,172	729	8,172	729
Ash Meadow	97,831	17,661	97,831	17,661
Eldorado	15,039	80,184	15,031	1,490
Gold Butte	169,224	101,986	169,204	9,239
Johnnie	177,310	2,070	177,310	2,070
Muddy	82,709	104,601	75,856	2,725
Wild Horse Range	10	1,301,628	10	1,301,628
Red Rock	157,251	4,721	157,251	4,721
Wheeler Pass	273,260	3,644	273,260	3,644
	980,806	1,617,224	973,925	1,343,907

Spring Mountain Complex

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

Total Spring Mountain Herd Management Area 866,353
Total HMA/WHT Acreage 771,625

EA States; 293 Total AML (Official Version)
147 Wild Horses
146 Burros

Individual Reports State:

BLM
FY06 Herd Statistics 285 Total AML
+ AML Decision 2005 93 Wild Horses
192 Burros

WHT 292 Total AML
147 Wild Horses
145 Burros

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

Each agency 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)

The AML for BLM/FS as separate entities is:

Wild Horses = 240
Burros = 338
Total = 578

Difference between this AML and EA AML = 285

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.

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.

Gather Schedule

Remove	444 Total Animals
Wild Horses	55
Burros	389

Difference between EA Removal #s and Gather Schedule #s

Wild Horses 152 less horses than EA states

Burros 151 less burros than EA states

Alternative A w/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.

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

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 #s: 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 #s: 113 wild horses, 55 burros

JOHNNIE

BLM Johnnie AMLs

Wild Horses 0

Burros 108

USFS Johnnie WHT AMLs

Wild Horses 50

Burros 75

Combined Management #s: 50 wild horses, 183 burros

Total Combined Wild Horse AML- 240

Total Combined Burro AML- 337

Total Animal AML 577

During BLMs assessments of the Spring Mountain area, there estimated population was approximately 1,004 wild horses and burros in the area, they proposed to remove 784 (244 wild horses/540 wild burros) and leave 224 (104 wild horses/120 wild burros).

The actual round up results included a total removal of 865 (293 wild horses/572 burros) with an estimated 127 wild horses remaining and 134-198 wild burros.

The BLM removed all burros captured in all areas except 4. Then a few weeks later, they removed an additional 9 burros citing them as nuisance burros from the Red Rock area.

Lake Mead Complex (EA#NV-052-2007-69)

Total HA Acres 553,743
 Total HMA Acres 273,545

Current Population
 Wild Horses 5
 Burros 186
 191

Wild Horses remove 5, leave 0
 Burros remove 80-100, leave 86-106

	HA-BLM	HA-Other	HMA-BLM	HA-Other
El Dorado	15,039	80,184	15,031	1,490
Gold Butte	169,224	101,986	169,204	9,239
Muddy Mountains	82,709	104,601	75,856	2,725
	266,972	286,771	260,091	13,454

Lake Mead Complex (EA#NV-052-2007-69)

Total HA Acres 553,743
 Total HMA Acres 273,545

EA reports a population of 191
 Fiscal Year 05 reports a population of 184.
 Fiscal Year 06 reports a population of 53.

Wild Horses	5
Burros	186
	<u>191</u>

Wild Horses remove 5, leave 0
 Burros remove 80-100, leave 86-106

2007 Gather Schedule #s
 Remove only 59 burros in all three HMA's

Fiscal Year 2006 reports a population of	
Muddy Mountains	WH-5 B- 6
El Dorado	B- 6
Gold Butte	<u>B-36</u>
Estimated Population	53

The population numbers changed dramatically between FY05 and FY06 with no gather reported.

Indicates FY06 pop #'s are accurate. They are zeroing these burros out regardless of what the EA states. They are authorized to shoot them until September 30, 2007 and will just claim they must have wandered on to NPS land during the year. Meanwhile, NPS will have license to eliminate them and BLM will just cover for the whole operation.