

FACTS ABOUT THE SPRING MOUNTAIN COMPLEX

Red Rock HMA/WHT-Johnnie HMA/WHT-Wheeler Pass HMA/WHT
HMA (Herd Management Area)/ WHT (Wild Horse Territories)

- The Entire Spring Mountain Complex covers 866,353 acres of public lands.
- The BLM transferred control of 411,969 acres of this land to US Forest Service, which included the majority of the water sources/springs in the Complex.
- There are 25 public springs currently listed in the Johnnie and Wheeler Pass HMAs. BLM manages 4 of them/USFS manages 21.
- USFS has issued a water allocation for wild horse and burro use of 7%.
- The BLM issued new allowable population levels in December 2005, reducing wild horse and burro from 436 in 2004 to 293 in 2006.
- These new levels eliminate all wild horse use in the Johnnie HMA/WHT. Wild horses and burros frequently move between the Johnnie HMA/WHT and the Wheeler Pass HMA/WHT. Any horses that now move between them will be legally removed.
- Nevada Department of Wildlifes' Dr. Brad Hardenbrook stated about the BLMs final decision regarding these new population levels:
"Since the water data and analysis is absent and the calculated AUMs (animal unit months) are misleading averages and inconsistently applied, the summary and conclusions of the Bureau's PEA are not valid for the Johnnie and Wheeler Pass HMAs".
- The estimated cost of removing, containing and adopting these "excessive horses and burros" for one year, assuming all removed will be adopted is \$1,072,704.00 The BLM considers this information beyond the scope of the proposals and irrelevant.
- The BLM Las Vegas Field Office has barred the public from commenting via e-mails, an extreme deviation from standard and common public input and comment rules.

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