

Wild Burro Emergency Gather

A. Background

Approximately 20 wild burros have been found about 20 miles outside of the Marietta Burro Range, BLM is gathering nuisance burros to reduce and mitigate a public safety hazard and the potential for wild burro injury or death from motor vehicles on Highway 95, near Hawthorn, NV. Approximately 20 burros have been seen near Hawthorn, NV and at least 3 burros have been hit by motor vehicles in April.

BLM Office:

LLNVC01000

Lease/Serial/Case File No.: DOI-BLM-NV-C010-2015-0023-CX

Proposed Action Title/Type:

Authorize the use of bait trapping to capture approximately 20 wild burros near Hawthorn, NV.

Location of Proposed Action: Within 10 Mile radius of Hawthorn, NV.

Description of Proposed Action:

The burros would be bait trapped, using temporary panels and food and/or water as an attractant. Trap sites would be located dependent on burro movements. Once trap sites are established, a cultural survey would be conducted, if needed.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: Consolidated Resource Management Plan

Date Approved/Amended: May 2001

The proposed action described above is in conformance with the Carson City Field Office Consolidated Resource Management Plan (2001), even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following CRMP decisions (objectives, terms, and conditions):

- Page WHB-1 number 1. Protect, manage, and control wild horses and burros on public lands as an integral part of the public land's ecosystem. Appropriate management levels shall be determined for Wild horses and burros through the resource management planning process. Wild horses and burros shall be considered comparable with other resource values on each herd area in the formulation of resource management plans and managed as self-sustaining populations of healthy animals in balance with other uses and the productive capacity of their habitat. Current inventories of herd management areas shall be maintained. Management of wild horses and burros shall be constrained as necessary to ensure the protection of the habitat of a candidate, threatened, or endangered species. Management actions shall be at the minimum feasible level that allows attainment of herd and habitat objectives and protects the range from deterioration associated with over population. Wild horse and burro ranges shall be designated when it is determined to be in the public interest to manage herd management areas principally, but not necessarily exclusively, for wild horses and burros.

And

- Page WHB-1 number 2. Remove excess wild horses and burros from public lands to preserve and maintain a thriving ecological balance and multiple-use relationship. Priority shall be given to removing wild horses and burros from private land when the landowner submits a written request to BLM for their removal.

And

- Page WHB-4 number 1. Section four of the Wild Horse and Burro Protection Act of 1971, requires that wild horses and burros that stray from public lands on to privately owned lands be removed on request of the land owners.

C. Compliance with NEPA:

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 2, Appendix 1, or 516 DM 11.9,

516 DM 11.5 (D) 4: Removal of wild horses or burros from private lands at the request of the landowner(s).

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM 2 apply.

D. Approval and Contact Information

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Categorical Exclusion – Screening for Extraordinary Circumstances

CX Number	DOI-BLM-NV-C010-2015-0023-CX
Date	May 4, 2015
Lease/Case File/Serial Number:	
Regulatory Authority (CFR or Law):	CFR 4720

Impacts on Public Health and Safety

1. Does the proposed action have significant impacts on public health and safety?		
YES	NO	REVIEWER/TITLE
	<i>CS 5/4/2015</i> <i>ZV</i>	Chelsy Simerson, Rangeland Management Specialist
		Ken Vicencio, Range Tech
		Linda Appel, Rangeland Management Specialist
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Rationale:

Impacts on Natural Resources or Unique Geographic Characteristics

2. Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness or wilderness study areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988); national monuments; migratory birds (Executive Order 13186); and other ecologically significant or critical areas?		
YES	NO	REVIEWER/TITLE
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Rationale:

Level of Controversy

3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)]?

YES	NO	REVIEWER/TITLE
	<i>ARR</i> 5/4/15	Angelica Rose, Planning & Environmental Coordinator
	<i>CS</i> 5/4/15	Project Lead

Rationale:

Highly Uncertain or Unique or Unknown Environmental Risks

4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?

YES	NO	REVIEWER/TITLE
	5/4/15 <i>ARR</i>	Angelica Rose, Planning & Environmental Coordinator.
	<i>CS</i> 5/4/15	Project Lead

Rationale:

Precedent Setting

5. Establish a precedent for future action, or represent a decision in principle about future actions, with potentially significant environmental effects?

YES	NO	REVIEWER/TITLE
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	CS 5/4/15	Project Lead

Rationale:

Cumulatively Significant Effects

6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant, environmental effects?

YES	NO	REVIEWER/TITLE
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Rationale:

Impacts on Cultural Properties

7. Have significant impacts on properties listed or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the Bureau or office?

YES	NO	REVIEWER/TITLE
	JWright 5/4/15	Jason Wright, Archaeologist
		Kristin Bowen, Archaeologist

Rationale:

Impacts on Federally Listed Species or Critical Habitat

8. Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or

Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species?

YES	NO	REVIEWER/TITLE
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		Chris Kula, Wildlife Biologist
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Rationale:

Compliance with Laws

9. Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?

YES	NO	REVIEWER/TITLE
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Rationale:

Environmental Justice

10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898)?

YES	NO	REVIEWER/TITLE
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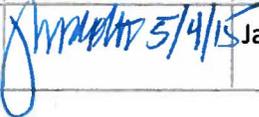
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Rationale:

Sacred Sites

11. Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners, or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (Executive Order 13007)?

YES	NO	REVIEWER/TITLE
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		Jason Wright, Archaeologist
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Rationale:

Noxious and Non-Native Invasive Species

12. Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area, or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112)?

YES	NO	REVIEWER/TITLE
	<i>JW</i>	Jill Devaurs, Land Law Examiner Ken Vicencio, Range Tech

Rationale: If available weed free hay will be used when bait trapping. Capture sites would be monitored for invasive species before and after dropping.

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