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BLM Partners with the University of Wyoming to Study Wild Horse Movement in the Adobe Town

The Bureau of Land Management and the University of Wyoming are launching a new study to explore the movement and habitat selection of wild horses in Adobe Town Herd Management Area (HMA). The research will involve using radio collars on the horses to learn more about seasonal use, migration patterns, and herd movements in the area. No horses will be removed from the range as part of this effort.

“The study will last for about a year and will involve collaring 30 wild mares and monitoring their movements across the range,” said BLM Rawlins Field Manager Dennis Carpenter. “We are happy to be working with the University of Wyoming on this study that will provide more information about how these horses interact with their environment and will ensure BLM continues to have healthy horses living on healthy rangelands.”

“The use of GPS collars on the Adobe Town mares will provide us with insight on how these horses move into, though, and across the public-private land matrix, how horses select rangelands resources across seasons, and (3) how porous or not-porous the Colorado-Wyoming border really is for horses,” said Derek Scasta, Ph.D. Assistant Professor and Extension Rangeland Specialist, Department of Ecosystem Science and Management, University of Wyoming. “Our experience with USGS researchers shows that these collars can be safely used on horses with a very low risk of injury.”

The BLM has released an EA analyzing the study. The release of the EA begins a 30-day public comment period that will close on November 1, 2016. The EA along with project maps can be found at <http://bit.ly/2dNiwrQ>. Comments can be emailed blm_wy_adobetown_hma@blm.gov, please include “Movements & Habitat EA Comments” in the subject line. Comments can also be hand delivered during regular business hours (7:45 am – 4:30 p.m.) or mailed to the following address:

BLM Rawlins Field Office
ATTN: Movements & Habitat EA Comments
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Rawlins, WY 82301

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For more information, please contact the BLM wild horse specialist at 307-328-4311.

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