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Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Rock Springs and Rawlins field offices have issued a decision to remove excess wild horses to the lower limit of the AML range from the Adobe Town, Salt Wells Creek, Great Divide Basin, White Mountain and Little Colorado Herd Management Areas (HMAs). The BLM will also treat approximately 420 mares with temporary fertility control methods, and then release them back onto these HMAs.

This action is in response to the BLM's determination that there are currently ~3,555 excess wild horses within the Adobe Town, Salt Wells Creek, Great Divide Basin, White Mountain and Little Colorado HMAs. An Environmental Assessment (DOI-BLM-WY-D040-2020-0005-EA) analyzed alternatives for addressing the presence of excess wild horses within these HMAs. The removal of excess wild horses from these areas will promote a thriving natural ecological balance, address resource concerns in these areas related to current drought conditions, comply with current BLM land use plans, and address the request of a private land owner to remove wild horses from their private lands within these HMAs (as per a Consent Decree signed in April 2013 [*Rock Springs Grazing Association v. Salazar*, Civil Action No. 11-CV- 263-NDF (D.Wyo.)]).

The Decision Record, Finding of No Significant Impact and Environmental Assessment are available online at:

<https://go.usa.gov/xpaEN>

If you do not have access to the internet and would like a copy of the Environmental Assessment, Finding of No Significant Impact and Decision Record please call the Rock Springs Field Office at 307-352-0256.

Sincerely,

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