

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
Rawlins Field Office
DOI-BLM-WY-D030-2025-0074-DNA
DECISION RECORD

Applicant: BLM

Proposed Action Title/Type: Adobe Town Wild Horse Gather

Location of Proposed Action:

Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming

Townships 12N-17N, Ranges 96W-92W

Summary

Based on the analysis provided in DOI-BLM-WY-D040-2020-0005-EA and DOI-BLM-WY-D030-2008-0001-RMP-EIS, along with the evaluation of that analysis provided in DOI-BLM-WY-D030-2025-0074-DNA, it is our decision to implement a wild horse gather, as described in Section A of the DNA worksheet. The current Proposed Action is similar to Alternative III in DOI-BLM-WY-D040-2020-0005-EA. Under the Proposed Action BLM will gather and remove 1675 excess wild horses from the Adobe Town HMA, via helicopter drive-trapping. We have carefully considered all public comments received on the EA, FEIS and DNA and wish to thank all commenters for their interest in public lands management and their sincere concern for the management of wild horses on public lands. This decision is issued in accordance with Title 43 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at section 4770.3(c), which states, in part, "decisions to remove wild horses . . . from public or private lands in situations where removal is required by applicable law or is necessary to preserve or maintain a thriving ecological balance and multiple use relationship shall be effective on issuance or on a date established in the decision." This decision will be effective upon issuance and the actual gather start date will be subsequently scheduled. The BLM will notify the public through a press release when gather operations will commence. The BLM currently plans to start gathering excess wild horses on July 15, 2025.

Decision

I have reviewed the proposed action using the Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA) process described in the BLM Manual H-1790-1. I have determined that the proposed action is in conformance with the approved land use plan and impacts have been analyzed in the Wild Horse Gather to Appropriate Management Levels on the Adobe Town, Salt Wells Creek, Great Divide Basin, White Mountain and Little Colorado Herd Management Areas (DOI-BLM-WY-D040-2020-0005-EA) and no further environmental analysis is required. It is my decision to approve the proposed action.

Stipulations/Mitigation Measures: Refer to DOI-BLM-WY-D030-2025-0074-DNA. for details.

Appeal Procedures

This decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA), Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR, Part 4 and the enclosed Form 1842-1. If an appeal is taken, your notice of appeal must be filed in the Rock Springs Field Office (280 Highway 191 N. Rock Springs, WY 82901) within 30 days from receipt of this decision. The appellant has the burden of showing that the decision appealed from is in error.

If you wish to file a petition pursuant to regulation 43 CFR 4.21 for a stay (suspension) of the effectiveness of this decision during the time that your appeal is being reviewed by the IBLA, the petition for a stay must accompany your notice of appeal. A petition for a stay is required to show sufficient justification based on the standards listed below. Copies of the notice of appeal and petition for a stay must also be submitted to each party named in this decision and to the IBLA and to the appropriate Office of the Solicitor (see 43 CFR 4.413 or Form 1842-1) at the same time the original documents are filed with this office. If you request a stay, you have the burden of proof to demonstrate that a stay should be granted.

Standards for Obtaining a Stay

Except as otherwise provided by law or other pertinent regulation, a petition for a stay of a decision pending appeal shall show sufficient justification based on the following standards:

- (1) The relative harm to the parties if the stay is granted or denied,
- (2) The likelihood of the appellant's success on the merits,
- (3) The likelihood of immediate and irreparable harm if the stay is not granted, and
- (4) Whether the public interest favors granting the stay.

Authorized Officer: _____


Timothy Novotny
Field Manager