

Wild Horse and Burro Territories in NM

[by Patience O'Dowd of WHOA]

On April 8, 2003 the USDA Forest Service provided WHOA with a list of all Wild Horse and Burro Territories in New Mexico (this list was later found to be incomplete, see document). As part of this data they also listed the number of desired wild horses/burros in each territory, as well as the number of cattle grazing allotments.

The total desired for the horses in our National Forests in New Mexico is 148.

We have another 70 on BLM land in Socorro I believe which are also recognized under the 1971 Act.

I think that's ALL for the entire state that are recognized. We have others that are wild but they are not recognized as wild and therefore when captured are considered Livestock and most often go for slaughter as "estrays" under the NM Livestock Code mis-interpretation. This is what happened to many of the wild horses in Placitas NM where I live.

For actual data from the USDA Forest Service see below...

Hello Patience . . . The information you requested from David Stewart on April 4 and the data you requested from me on April 7 is summarized below:

Jarita Mesa Wild Horse Territory:

Acres in Territory = 54,866

Forest = Carson

Wild horses now in Territory = Yes

Desired population = 20 to 70 horses as determined by 2002

environmental assessment.

Current population = 80 to 100 horses.

Grazing allotments that overlap Territory = Jarita Mesa Allotment

Acres in Jarita Mesa Allotment = 63,673

Permitted Cattle on Allotment = 2,362 Head Months

Date Allotment Management Plan Approved = 4/23/2001

Year next NEPA analysis is planned = 2006

Jicarilla Wild Horse Territory:

Acres in Territory = 75,000

Forest = Carson

Wild horses now in Territory = Yes

Desired population = 80 horses.

Current population = 200 horses. (based on aerial count and estimates).

Grazing allotment that overlaps Territory = Bancos Allotment

Acres in Bancos Allotment = 16,528

Permitted Cattle on Allotment = 444 Head Months

Year next NEPA analysis is planned = 2004

Grazing allotment that overlaps Territory = Cabresto Allotment

Acres in Cabresto Allotment = 26,906

Permitted Cattle on Allotment = 508 Head Months

Year next NEPA analysis is planned = 2004

USDA Forest Service - Southwestern Region
333 Broadway Blvd SE, Albuquerque, NM 87102

Phone: 505.842.3227

Fax: 505.842.3150