

Yuma Draft RMP
Excerpts & Highlights

Yuma Plan- 4 out of 5 alternatives reduce available habitat by 80,100 acres.

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**Table 2-9
Wild Horse and Burro Herd and Herd Management Areas by Alternatives**

HMA	Alternative (acres)				
	A	B	C	D	E
Herd Area (historic)	264,900	264,900	264,900	264,900	264,900
Cibola-Trigo HMA	264,900	184,800	184,800	184,800	184,800

Management Common to All Alternatives

- NWRs are not included within the boundaries of the Cibola-Trigo HMA. Imperial and Cibola NWRs would allow burro use that minimizes impacts to the refuges.
- The Appropriate Management Level (AML₂) for the Cibola-Trigo HMA would be 165 burros and 150 horses. Monitoring data, including climate, population, and vegetative data, would be collected and used to support removals and/or the revision of AML₂ for either wild horses, burros, or both.

Management Actions

**Table 2-10
Wild Horse and Burro Management Actions by Alternative**

Management Action	Alternative				
	A	B	C	D	E
YFO would mitigate loss of access to water along the Colorado River due to changing land use by either providing fenced access routes or developing new sources of water.	X	X	X	X	X
Identify objectives for herd composition, animal characteristics, and habitat development. The AML ₂ may be adjusted based on monitoring data and subsequent evaluations.		X	X	X	X
Wild horses and burros utilizing the HA east of US 95 would be removed due to animal safety and health issues. Wild horses of color may be relocated into the HMA to the extent that they would not exceed the AML ₂ ; all others would be offered for adoption through the Wild Horse and Burro Adoption Program.		X	X	X	X

Land Tenure Decisions. Land disposals (primarily along the Colorado River) from land tenure decisions could have an adverse long-term impact on wild horses and burros by removing habitat and restricting or closing access to forage, water, and cover. Land disposals may result in longterm adverse impacts, if individuals need to be removed or relocated.

4.5.2 UNAVOIDABLE ADVERSE IMPACTS

Unavoidable adverse impacts to wild horses and burros are expected to occur as a result of HMA changes in the area east of U.S. Highway 95. An estimated 100 horses and 100 burros would be removed (i.e., captured and relocated outside of the planning area) from this area.