

BLM News

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BLM Resumes Buck and Bald Complex Wild Horse Gather

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Ely and Elko field offices are scheduled to resume gathering and removing wild horses from the Buck and Bald Complex on or about Friday, July 7. The Complex is located in the southern portion of Elko County and northwest portion of White Pine County.

The Buck and Bald Complex is comprised of the BLM-administered Buck and Bald, Butte, Cherry Creek and Maverick-Medicine Herd Management Areas (HMAs); and the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest Ruby Mountains Ranger District-administered Cherry Springs Wild Horse Territory (WHT).

The BLM and Forest Service anticipate gathering up to 1,750 wild horses during the approximately 45-day gather period. About 1,700 head will be removed during this gather as the BLM strives to achieve an appropriate management level of about 500 on the range.

The purpose of the gather is to maintain a thriving natural ecological balance among wild horse populations, wildlife, livestock, and vegetation, to improve watershed health, make "significant progress towards achievement" of Northeastern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council standards for rangeland health, and to protect the range from the deterioration associated with overpopulation of wild horses. The gather will also serve to collect information on herd characteristics and determine herd health.

The gathered horses will be transported to the National Wild Horse and Burro Center in Palomino Valley, near Reno, Nev., and the Delta Corrals, in Delta, Utah, to be prepared for adoption through the BLM's Adopt-a-Horse-or-Burro Program. To learn more about the program or to obtain an application, call toll-free (866) 4-MUSTANGS or visit the BLM Wild Horse and Burro website at www.wildhorseandburro.blm.gov. Potential adopters can also call the National Wild Horse and Burro Center, in Palomino Valley, at (775) 475-2222.

2. Sent: Friday, August 11, 2006 3:33 PM

Subject: Re: Buck and Bald Wild Horse Gather

Barbara, just to follow up on the Buck and Bald Gather - the BLM Ely and Elko field offices finished gathering and removing wild horses on Tuesday, Aug. 8, 2006. The BLM gathered 1,187 wild horses from the complex. The BLM transported 1,155 wild horses to the National Wild Horse and Burro Center in Palomino Valley, near Reno, Nev., and the Delta Corrals, in Delta, Utah, to be prepared for adoption through the BLM's

Adopt-a-Horse-or-Burro Program. The estimated post-gather wild horse population in the Buck and Bald Complex is approximately 600-plus wild horses, or within the BLM-established Appropriate Management Level (AML).