

NewPass/Ravenswood and Augusta Mountain HMA Euthanasias
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Subject: Re: New Pass/Ravenswood & Augusta Mt Gather Results

I hope the following information helps to answer your questions below. As provided to you previously, Cattoor Livestock Roundup was the contractor for both the New Pass/Ravenswood and Augusta Mountains gathers.

Augusta Mountains HMA:

The fourteen wild horses listed below were euthanized per the euthanasia criteria identified in IM No. 2006-023 by the gather contractor as authorized by BLM personnel per CFR 4730.1.

November 14, 2007 – 20+ year old sorrel mare. Body condition, Henneke 2-. Euthanized near the trap site location at approximately T25N R40E Section 01 (NW1/4). IM Criteria: (4) is incapable of maintaining a Henneke body conditions score greater than two in its present environment.

November 18, 2007 – the following thirteen wild horses were euthanized and buried just south of the holding facility (Hwy 305 and Boone Canyon Road) on private property with the owner's permission (Racetrack Ranch, Pauleen Inchauspe-Dapeilla).

(1) 20+ year old dun mare. Body condition, Henneke 2. IM Criteria: (4) above.

(2) 25+ year old red dun mare. Body condition, Henneke 2. IM Criteria: (4) above.

(3) 20+ year old red dun mare. Body condition, Henneke 2. Crippled in left knee. IM Criteria: (4) above, and (2) suffers from injury or serious physical defect...

(4) 20+ year old black stud. Body condition, Henneke 2. IM Criteria: (4) above.

(5) 20+ year old black mare. Body condition, Henneke 2. IM

Criteria: (4) above.

(6) 10 year old dun mare. Spinal deformity, grossly swayback. IM

Criteria: (2) above.

(7) 20+ year old chestnut mare. Body condition, Henneke 2. IM

Criteria: (4) above.

(8) 20+ year old red dun mare. Body condition, Henneke 2. IM

Criteria: (4) above.

(9) 2 year old sorrel filly. Body condition, Henneke 2. Abnormal hind legs, especially right leg from hock to hoof. IM Criteria:

(4) and (2) above.

(10) 30+ year old brown mare. Body condition, Henneke 2. IM

Criteria: (4) above.

(11) 30+ year old sorrel mare. Body condition, Henneke 2. IM

Criteria: (4) above.

(12) 30+ year old sorrel mare. Body condition, Henneke 2. Crippled in knee. IM Criteria: (2) and (4) above.

(13) 30 year old sorrel mare. Body condition, Henneke 2. IM

Criteria: (4) above.

Euthanized animals were disposed of on private property adjacent to the HMA with the permission of the private landowner.

New Pass/Ravenswood HMA:

The gather contractor was authorized to humanely euthanize all animals listed below in accordance with BLM policy.

Summary

- 3 very old mares (20+ years of age) condition class 2
- Yearling filly with infected eye
- 2 mares with congenital defects to the spine
- 1 club foot (congenital defect) old mare condition class 2
- 1 very, very old mare condition class 2. This mare was involved in fertility control research on the Clan Alpine HMA back in the 80's as indicated by a four digit brand on the hip.

The above animals were evaluated by Veterinarians Patty and Dallas Maxwell prior to being euthanized on November 7 and in consultation with the BLM facility manager Art diGrazia.

- An old, completely blind stud
- An old mare, weak and unable to travel. Euthanized at release.

All euthanized animals were transported to locations within the HMA and disposed of.

A total of three wild horses died during the capture operation: (1) an

old bay stud (cause unknown); (2) 3-4 month old bay foal which died following a seizure (cause unknown); (3) foal (cause unknown).

The animals were transported to locations within the HMA and disposed of.

As noted above, age and/or physical deformity were the primary causes leading field personnel to make the determination to have the animals humanely euthanized. This information serves to correct my earlier impression and I do apologize for not having been 100% correct in my earlier response to you.