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BLM Schedules Gather to Remove Nuisance Wild Burros from the Town of Beatty

Beatty, NV – Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Tonopah Field Station plans to remove an estimated 15 to 30 wild burros from the southwestern end of Beatty. The removal is at the request of the Beatty Town Advisory Board, Beatty General Improvement District, and Nye County School District and will take place in early August. Due to their acclimation to humans these burros have become a safety hazard to pedestrians and motorists alike. There have also been numerous reports of property damage attributed to the burros.

The BLM is mandated by law to manage wild free-roaming horses and burros in a manner that is designed to achieve and maintain a thriving natural ecological balance on the public lands. It is also mandated to remove nuisance wild horses or burros from private property if requested by the private landowner.

In an attempt to attract the burros, hay and water will be set out in a fenced area. From the fenced area they will be moved to a temporary corral. An estimated 70 to 100 burros will remain in the Bullfrog Herd Management Area (HMA) after the gather.

After careful consideration and field monitoring, it has been determined that, due to continued drought conditions and lack of water throughout the area, the burros cannot be relocated to less populated areas of the Bullfrog HMA. Instead, the burros will be removed from the town and transferred to the Ridgecrest Regional Wild Horse and Burro Facility in California to be placed in the National Wild Horse and Burro Adoption Program. Anyone interested in adopting one of these burros please call 866-4MUSTANGS or go to wildhorseandburro.blm.gov.

For more information regarding the gather, contact Karen Eller, BLM Public Affairs Officer, or Andrea Felton, Wild Horse and Burro Specialist, Tonopah Field Station, (775) 482-7800.

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