

HERD- Fish Creek (NV-0612)

Field Office: Battle Mountain Field Office

Part of Fish Creek Complex which included: North Monitor HMA, Sevenmile HMA, Little Fish Lake HMA, Stone Cabin HMA, Saulsbury HMA, Hot Creek HMA, Reveille HMA, Little Fish Lake WHT, Butler Basin WHT, Monitor North & South WHT, Stone Cabin WHT, Dobbin Summit WHT and Kelly Creek WHT.

Reported AML

Established In:	Acres Per Animal:	Last Reported Gather:
FY06- 2006	FY06- 1,404	FY06- 1/06
FY05- 2004	FY05- 1,404	FY05- 7/04
FY04- 2004	FY04- 1,075	FY04- 8/00

Wild Horses

FY06 AML- 180
 FY05 AML- 180
 FY04 AML- 235

Burros

FY06 AML- 0
 FY05 AML- 0
 FY04 AML- 0

FY04 Reported Population: 324
 + 20% Reproduction Rate: 65
 Estimated 2005 Population: 389

FY04 Reported Population: 1
 + 20% Reproduction Rate: .
 Estimated 2005 Population: 1

FY05 Reported Population: 337
 + 20% Reproduction Rate: 67
 Estimated 2006 Population: 404

FY05 Reported Population: 1
 + 20% Reproduction Rate: .
 Estimated 2006 Population: 1

FY06 Reported Population: 57
 + 20% Reproduction Rate: 11
 Estimated 2007 Population: 68

FY06 Reported Population: 1
 + 20% Reproduction Rate: .
 Estimated 2007 Population: 1

Fertility Control: Unknown
 Last Administered:

Comments:

Between 2004 and 2005 AML was reduced by 55 head.
 Between 2004 and 2005, population reported was only increased by 13 head-less than 5%.
 Based on 2004 reported population of 324, population should have been 467 before 2006 gather.
 The gather conducted between 2/01/06 and 2/14/06 stated that only 131 were gathered and only 114 were removed yet population is being reported at 57 as August 2006.

Conclusion: A considerable amount of horses are unaccounted for, the highest possibility being 375 head.
 Also, according to BLM's reporting schedule, 404 horses should have been on the range. If 114 were removed and that left 57, then only 171 horses were actually on HMA, not 404 as reported.

Acreage

<u>Herd Areas (HA)</u>			<u>Herd Management Areas (HMA)</u>		
FY06-	BLM-	266,193	BLM-	250,331	
FY05-	BLM-	266,193	BLM-	250,331	
FY04-	BLM-	246,999	BLM-	250,265	
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FY06-	Other-	4,189	Other-	2,495	
FY05-	Other-	4,189	Other-	2,495	
FY04-	Other-	3,994	Other-	2,554	

Current total HA acres: 270,382
Current total HMA acres: 252,806
Current Difference in Acreage Between
Herd Area and Herd Management Area: 17,576 acres

Between FY04 and FY05

BLM HA- + 19,194 acres
BLM HMA- + 66 acres
Other HA- + 195 acres
Other HMA- - 59 acres

Between FY05 and FY06

BLM HA- No Change
BLM HMA- No Change
Other HA- No Change
Other HMA- No Change

Comments:

Gather History:

February 2006: 114 horses removed
July 2005: 886-1,120 horses removed
July 2004: 55 horses removed
August 2000: 600 horses removed
The gather numbers and dates were taken from EA#NV062-EA05-04 Fish Creek Complex
Wild Horse Gather 2005. 2006 removal numbers were from the 2006 National Gather Schedule.

Grazing Allotments in HMA:

Grazing Allotment	Public Acres*	Private Acres	Total AUM for Allotment	Horse AML	Horse AUM's
Arambel Allotment	47,021	149	1,349	32-54	648
Fish Creek Ranch	289,395	5,740	4,815	45-75	900
Lucky C	113,849	1,373	3,054	25-42	504
Ruby Hill	13,974	2,539	1,286	5-9	108
Totals	464,239	9,801	10,504	107-180	2,160

Total Acreages may be less than acreage total due to exclusion of intermittent water data.
Allotment areas are larger than designated HMA.
Amount of allotment acreage within HMA is unknown.

BLM 2006 GATHER SCHEDULE AS OF 3/7/06

Gathered on: 2/01/06 thru 2/14/06

Est. Combined Animal Pop-	404
Planned Gather-	186
Planned Removed-	161
Planned to Leave from Gather-	25

Comments:

Why did they plan to gather considerably less than they reported currently residing on range?
Did they know there were less horses than they were reporting?

Est. Combined Animal Pop-	404
Actual Gather-	131
Actual Remove-	114
Actually Left from Gather-	17

Comments:

Difference between Planned Gather vs Actual Gather = Gathered 55 head less than planned.
Comments:

Difference between Planned Removal vs Actual Removal = Removed 8 horses more than planned.
Comments:

Remaining population estimates based on above information- Wild Horses- Burros-
Comments:

FISCAL IMPACT

Minimum Cost of Round Up Contract*-
Cost p/day of horses gathered-
Cost p/year of horses gathered-

*This does not include medical or transport expenses.

Additional General Comments: