

**Nevada Wild Horse Range Emergency Gather 2008**  
**Gather Summary Report**  
**August 1, 2008**

HMA Name/# Nevada Wild Horse HMA Complex NONE  
 Range HMA / NV524

State/Field Office NV / Las Vegas Dates of Gather June 27, 08 – July 10, 2008

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**GATHER ACTIVITIES PLANNED & COMPLETED**

Name of the HMA	NWHR HMA
# Planned for Gather	<b>1,150</b>
Actual # Gathered	949
# Planned for Removal	<b>1,150</b>
Actual # Removed	946
# Planned for Release	0
Actual # Released	3
# Treated with Fertility Control	0
Died/Destroyed – Natural/Unknown	27
Died/Destroyed – Gather Related	6
Post-gather Population Estimate	250-300
Date completed	7/10/2008

**DAILY TOTALS**

Date	# Captured	# Released	# Shipped	# Died/Euthanized	# Fertility Treated Mares
June 27	0	0	0	0	0
June 28	0	0	0	0	0
June 29	138	0	0	0	0
June 30	105	0	86	0/7	0
July 1	207	0	81	0/1	0
July 2	71	0	120	0/3	0
July 3	102	0	120	0/1	0
July 4	85	0	135	0	0
July 5	21	0	79	0	0
July 6	93	0	39/11	0/15	0
July 7	15	0	118	0/3	0
July 8	7	0	0	0	0
July 9	105	0	0	0/3	0
July 10	0	3	124	0	0
<b>Totals to date</b>					
	949	3	913	0/33	0

### Summary of Gather Results by HMA

HMA Name:	Mares	Stallions	Foals	Total
(1) Pre-Gather Population Estimate	672	448	280	1400
(2) Gathered <sup>1</sup>	436	367	146	949
(3) Treated and Released <sup>2</sup>	0			0
(4) Untreated and Released	2	1	0	3
(5) Shipped to BLM Prep Facility	416	354	132	902
(6) Other losses (explain below) <sup>3</sup>	17	12	4	33
(7) Ungathered <sup>4</sup>				250-300
(8) Estimated post-gather population <sup>5</sup>				250-300
(9) Shipped to Las Vegas (NWA)	1		10	11

<sup>1</sup> Line (2) should equal the sum of lines (3) through (6).

<sup>2</sup> Must match the number shown on the PZP Application Report.

<sup>3</sup> Line (6). Please explain the fate of any animals that were gathered but not included in lines (3), (4), or (5).

<sup>4</sup> Should equal the estimated total number of horses on the range from the pre-gather census (line (1)) minus line (2). Please explain any discrepancies.

<sup>5</sup> Line (8) should be the sum of lines (3), (4), and (7).

This gather was completed using mainly water/bait trapping of the wild horses. Five trap locations were set-up simultaneously at Cactus Springs, the O&M gravel pond, Main Lake pond, Rose troughs, Silverbow troughs. Due to the location and condition of the wild horses located in north portion of Kawich Valley near Sumner Spring, and in the south portion of the Cactus Range near Cactus Springs the helicopter was used for one day to gather the wild horses in these locations. The wild horses within Kawich Valley were located near the end of the gather and were utilizing a small amount of water located at Sumner Spring and a small amount of water that was available along the waterline (this water source is piped outside the boundaries of the NWHR by the rancher who holds the water rights). The wild horses gathered at Cactus Springs had been coming to the water/bait trap seeking water; however, they would not enter the trap. South of this trap location is a small seep that the wild horses would then go to for water. The wild horses gathered during the last day from Cactus Springs as a collective group of wild horses had the poorest body condition scores (BCS), with many of the wild horses in BCS 3 (Henneke body condition scale from 1-9).

Gather operations were smooth with both water/bait and helicopter trapping. All wild horses were gathered humanely and shipped to BLM holding facilities in either Ridgecrest, CA or PVC outside Reno, NV. Additionally, eleven wild horses were shipped to Las Vegas and placed with the National Wild Horse Association (NWA). This included nine foals without mothers and one mare/foal. All the foals had been nursing or drinking supplemental milk replacer prior to shipping. The youngest foal was shipped with the mother but after several days in Las Vegas was humanely euthanized by a veterinarian as the foal was suffering from extreme dehydration and diarrhea and had a very poor prognosis for survival. The mare and remaining 9 foals remain with the NWA and are doing well at this time. All of these horses will be available for adoption in Las Vegas. Any of the horses not adopted prior to October 1, 2008 will be available for adoption at the National Wild Horse Association's Show and Adoption Event October 18-19, 2008 at Horseman's Park in Las Vegas, NV.

During the gather of the Nevada Wild Horse Range a total of 33 wild horses were humanely euthanized. All euthanasia was done under the direction of the BLM authorized officer and based on professional advice of the on-site veterinarian. All of the wild horses euthanized met the criteria under the BLM's euthanasia policy. The following reasons correlate to the reasons listed in the euthanasia table below. Reason Codes: (1) Displays a hopeless prognosis for life; (2) suffers from a chronic or incurable disease, injury or serious physical defect; (3) would require continuous treatment for the relief of pain and suffering in a domestic setting; (4) is incapable of maintaining a Henneke body condition score greater than two, in its present environment; (5) has an acute or chronic injury, physical defect or lameness that would not allow the animal to live and interact with other horses, keep up with peers or exhibit behaviors which may be considered essential for an acceptable quality of life constantly or for the foreseeable future.

**Horse**  
**Date**  
**Color**  
**Sex**  
**Age**  
**Description**  
**Reason**

**1**

**6/30/08**

**Buckskin**

**S**

**Foal**

Complete compound cannon bone left hind

2, Act of mercy

**2**

**6/30/08**

**Sorrel**

**M**

**6**

Ruptured right eye

2, Act of mercy

**3**

**6/30/08**

**Sorrel**

**S**

**4**

Severe club foot, left front

2

**4**

**6/30/08**

**Buckskin**

**M**

4

Severe laceration old wire cut of extensor tendon right hind

5, Act of mercy

5

**6/30/08**

**Black**

**S**

**3**

Severe club foot, left front

2

6

**6/30/08**

**Sorrel**

**S**

**3**

Fractured elbow, left front

2, Act of mercy

7

**6/30/08**

**Brown**

**M**

**4**

Bilateral club foot

2

8

**7/1/08**

**Black**

**M**

**2**

Fractured neck, hit the panel

2, Act of mercy

9

**7/2/08**

**Sorrel**

**S**

**7**

Double blind

2, Act of mercy

10

**7/2/08**

**Roan**

**S**

**3**

Bilateral club foot

2

**11**

**7/2/08**

**Bay**

**M**

**20**

Sever incisor deformity, Lame right front

2

**12**

**7/3/08**

**Bay**

**S**

**10**

Dangerous

**13**

**7/6/08**

**Brown**

**S**

**4**

Severe club foot, right front

2

**14**

**7/6/08**

**Bay**

**S**

**20+**

Blind left eye, old fracture right hind

2

**15**

**7/6/08**

**Brown**

**S**

3

Severe club foot, right front

2

16

7/6/08

**Sorrel**

S

4

Abnormal mentation, probable head injury

2, Act of mercy

17

7/6/08

**Brown**

M

20

Severely worn teeth, went down in ally twice to weak to transport

2, Act of mercy

18

7/6/08

**Sorrel**

M

15

Body Condition Score 2, unable to maintain

4

19

7/6/08

**Bay**

M

4

Severe club foot, left front

2

20

7/6/08

**Buckskin**

M

4

Severe club foot, right front

2

21

7/6/08

Sorrel

M

20

Chronic abscess left side, probable body wall defect

2

22

7/6/08

Sorrel

M

20+

Body Condition Score 2, severely worn and missing teeth

4

23

7/6/08

Sorrel

S

Foal

Severely lame poor prognosis

5, Act of mercy

24

7/6/08

Bay

M

20

Body Condition Score 2 unable to maintain, severely worn and missing teeth

4

25

7/6/08

Sorrel

M

20+

Body Condition Score 2 unable to maintain

4

26

7/6/08

Chestnut

**S**

**1**

Bilateral chronic enlarged ankles, severely crooked legs

2

**27**

**7/6/08**

**Sorrel**

**M**

**3**

Severe club foot, right front

2

**28**

**7/7/08**

**Bay**

**M**

**3**

Chronic colic no response to treatment

1, Act of mercy

**29**

**7/7/08**

**Bay**

**M**

**20+**

Severely broken teeth

2

**30**

**7/7/08**

**Sorrel**

**M**

**20+**

Blind in right eye

2

**31**

**7/9/08**

**Buckskin**

**S**

**Foal**

Fractured right hind cannon bone

2, Act of mercy

32

7/9/08

Roan

S

25+

Severely impaired vision, broken teeth

2

33

7/9/08

Grey

S

20+

Wrynose possible old injury, severe tooth wear

2