

HERD- SAND SPRINGS-WEST (NV0630)

Last Gathered: 2/99

Reported AML

established in- Wild Horses Burros Comments:

FY 05- 2002\* FY 05 AML- 49 FY 05 AML- 0

FY 04- 2004 FY 04 AML- 49 FY 04 AML- 0

\*indicates discrepancy

Acres p/animal

FY 05 Pop- 239 FY 05 Pop- 0 Indicates a 300%  
 FY 04 Pop- 87 FY 04 Pop- 0 increase in herd pop.

3,212 acres p/horse

FY 05 Pop- 239 FY 05 Pop- 0 A 20% increase would  
 + 20% 48 + 20% establish herd pop @ 145.  
 Est. Pop. = 287 Est. Pop. = 0

Acresage

Herd Areas (HA) Herd Management Areas (HMA) Comments:

FY 05- BLM- 173,349 BLM- 157,438 HA acre decrease of 427.  
 FY 04- BLM- 173,776 BLM- 157,406 HMA acre decrease of 32.

FY 05- Other- 16 Other- 0 Decrease of acresage by  
 FY 04- Other- 17 Other- 0 1 acre.

BLM 2006 GATHER SCHEDULE AS OF 3/7/06

Gathered on: 1/06/06 thru 1/30/06 -6 years since last gather-  
 Part of Monte Cristo/Sand Springs Complex.

Est. Combined Animal Pop- 287 Comments:  
 Planned Gather- 277 Indicates FY04 herd pop #'s were under reported.  
 Planned Removed- 267 Indicates entire herd pop was planned to be gathered.  
 Planned to Leave from Gather- 10

Est. Combined Animal Pop- 287 Comments:  
 Actual Gather- 245 If all herd was gathered, they were eliminated.  
 Actual Remove- 245 If estimated pop #'s were accurate, 42 horses remain  
 Actually Left from Gather- 0 on range.

Difference between Planned Gather vs Actual Gather = (-32) less horses than were planned.  
 Comments:

Difference between Planned Removal vs Actual Removal = (+10) more horses were removed than planned.  
 Comments: Elimination of lawfully established herds is illegal. 10 horses is not a viable herd population.

Remaining population estimates based on above information- Wild Horses- 42 or 0 Burros-  
 Comments: Unable to determine herd pop due to unavailable data. Herd elimination was not announced.

FISCAL IMPACT

Minimum Cost of Round Up Contract\*- 20,000.00  
 Cost p/day of horses gathered- 306.25  
 Cost p/year of horses gathered- 111,781.00  
 \*This does not include medical or transport expenses.

Additional General Comments:

AML seems incredibly low with a 3,200 need p/horse.  
 Gather & removal #'s indicate fiscal irresponsibility  
 since we must now pay for containment. Environment  
 was supporting large herd pop.

