

**Table 5-13.**

**WILD FREE-ROAMING HORSE AND BURRO REMOVAL AND ADOPTION BY OFFICE, FISCAL YEAR 2004**

Administrative Office /a/	Animals Adopted				Animals Removed	
	FY 1972 - FY 2003		FY 2004		FY 2004	
	Horses	Burros	Horses	Burros	Horses	Burros
Arizona	2,709	2,629	184	113	36	325
California /b/	15,888	5,701	677	209	684	305
Colorado	5,966	724	142	38	0	0
Eastern States /b/	51,797	13,893	2,377	267	0	0
Idaho	3,758	286	187	7	292	0
Montana /b/	9,779	1,264	35	10	0	0
Nevada	3,678	281	122	1	4,751	17
New Mexico /b/	17,249	3,619	841	175	31	0
Oregon /b/	12,355	1,295	442	24	850	0
Utah	5,077	348	167	21	627	0
Wyoming /b/	15,365	1,110	298	13	1,981	0
Natl. Program Office	20,517	1,004	227	67	0	0
<b>Total /c/</b>	<b>164,138</b>	<b>32,154</b>	<b>5,699</b>	<b>945</b>	<b>9,252</b>	<b>647</b>
<b>Total Adopted, Fiscal Years 1972 through 2003:</b>			<b>196,292</b>			
<b>Total Adopted, Fiscal Year 2004:</b>			<b>6,644</b>			
<b>Total Removed, Fiscal Year 2004:</b>			<b>9,899</b>			

Note: The table reflects reassignments, which occur when adopted animals are returned to the Federal government and then re-adopted. Mules are reported as burros.

/a/ Prior to 1996, adoptions were reported by geographic state, including the District of Columbia. Since 1996, adoptions have been reported by the BLM administrative state where the adopted animals were maintained. Beginning in 1999, adoptions conducted in the two national centers – Elm Creek, Nebraska, and Palomino Valley, Nevada – have been reported under the National Program Office. In 2004, a one-time correction was made to report prior adoptions by the administrative state conducting the adoption.

/b/ California administers the wild horse and burro program in Hawaii; Eastern States Office administers the program in the 31 States east of and bordering on the Mississippi River and the District of Columbia; Montana administers the program in North and South Dakota; New Mexico administers the program in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas; Oregon administers the program in the State of Washington; and Wyoming administers the program in Nebraska.

/c/ In 2004, a one-time correction was made to report only one (the most recent) adoption episode in cases where an animal has been adopted more than once.