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BLM COMPLETES DIAMOND MOUNTAIN COMPLEX WILD HORSE GATHER

The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Battle Mountain, Elko and Ely Field Offices have completed wild horse gather operations for the Diamond Mountain Range Complex. Cattoor Livestock Roundup, Inc., was the contractor for this gather which included the Diamond Hills North and South Herd Management Areas (HMA) and the Diamond HMA located near Eureka, NV. The 2004 summer gathers are possible due to a Congressional redirection of BLM fiscal year funding..

From July 6 – 22, slightly over 600 wild horses were captured; 116 were released back to their home HMA and approximately 430 were transported to the Palamino Valley Facility (PVC) located near Reno, NV. At this location, all horses are tested for equine infectious anemia and inoculated for rabies, West Nile virus and other diseases. Fertility control was applied to all mares released back into the complex. The Appropriate Management Level for this area is 210, which has now been met.

An emergency gather took place in the Fish Creek HMA on July 23 and 24. A total of 55 horses were captured and that same number were shipped to the PVC. John Winnepeninkx, Assistant Field Manager for Renewable Resources in the Battle Mountain Field Office, said "This gather was authorized due to severe drought conditions in the Coils Creek Slough about 12 miles west of Eureka and south of U.S. Highway 50. Water troughs totaling 1,750 gallons were hauled to the slough prior to the roundup of the wild horses."

BLM plans to gather roughly 3,100 horses from June through September, 2004, putting the total number of wild horses gathered in Nevada at 4,500.

The next BLM gathers are scheduled for the month of August and will take place in the Garfield and Little Humboldt/Rose Creek HMAs located in the Carson City and Elko Field Office districts, respectively.

General information on the BLM Wild Horse & Burro Program, adoption dates and locations, and appointment scheduling to adopt from a preparation facility can be found at the following web site: <http://www.wildhorseandburro.blm.gov> or by calling this toll free number: 1-866-4MUSTANGS.

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