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FISH LAKE VALLEY GATHER COMPLETE

The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM), Tonopah Field Station (TFS), completed the gathering of wild horses in the Fish Lake Valley Herd Management Area (HMA) on January 9, 2005. Cattoor Livestock Roundup, a national wild horse and burro contractor, was contracted for the gather. The operation was originally delayed by winter storms, but once underway, was completed in one day. Brand inspector, Brent Fleming, was also on site. The horses were inspected, loaded and on the road to the Ridgecrest, CA, holding facility by 4:30 p.m.

A total of 59 horses were gathered of which 48 (9 studs, 24 mares, 13 foals) were shipped to Ridgecrest and 11 (5 studs, 6 mares) were returned to the HMA. According to BLM Wild Horse and Burro Specialist, Amy Dumas, "The horses had surprisingly gentle dispositions and the majority was in good condition. Most of the horses were bay and sorrel while other colors included dun, paint and chestnut with flaxen mane and tail. The horses released back into the Fish Lake Valley HMA, were selected according to the best condition, size and conformation."

This gather was conducted primarily to help reduce vehicular impacts resulting from wild horses that have wandered onto roadways.

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