

**Wild Horse Update August 2010** – all activities reported are occurring on BLM-managed lands

**Tuscarora Wild Horse Roundup**

636 horses were rounded up after a federal judge denied a request for a temporary restraining order by a wild horse advocate group 21 horse died in the course of the roundup 13 from dehydration, 5 from pre-existing injuries or deformities and 3 were put down after sustaining injuries in temporary holding. The Nevada State BLM Director said that the hauling of over 46,000 gallons of water for the horses saved the lives of hundreds of the horses that were round up. This emergency gather was in part justified by the lack of available water.

Roundups in the area plan to remove approximately 1,200 additional horses.

**Little Humboldt Herd Management Area**

Sex ratio adjustments and fertility control were tools applied to the herd currently in the Rock Creek area of Humboldt County. It is expected that these tools will slow down population growth in this area. A gather in the area is expected to remove 425 excess horses that have moved outside of the herd management area.

**Reveille Wild Horse Gather**

The BLM has issued the decision Record to gather 198 horses and leave approximately 80 horses in the herd management area located 50 miles east of Tonopah. There are currently 278 horses in the area (after foaling) which is about twice the number the area can support. The gather goals were based upon a 3-5 year population growth estimate. The gather is scheduled for the first week of September 2010.

**Montezuma/Paymaster Wild Horse and Burro Gather**

The Tonopah Field Office is proposing to gather 123 excess horses and 61 excess burros in an area just west of Goldfield. The roundup is planned for September 2010. The commenting period on the environmental Assessment closed on July 15<sup>th</sup>. A decision is pending.

**Eagle Herd Management Area**

Earlier this year the BLM determined there was not adequate time to safely conduct a proposed gather of 50 horses planned for the area near Pioche. At least 3 horses have been hit by vehicles in the past year in this area.

**Moriah Herd Management Area**

The Ely BLM District has issued a decision to gather 72 excess horses from an area 48 miles northeast of Ely beginning on or about August 10, 2010

**Silver King Herd Management Area**

The commenting period closed on July 16<sup>th</sup> on an environmental assessment that addressed the gathering of 445 excess horses in an area 70 miles south of Ely. The proposed gather would be scheduled for September 2010. If more hoses are gathered than the goal, selective releases would occur to meet a sex ratio of 60% males to 40% females. A decision is pending.

**Twin Peaks Herd Management Area**

The BLM has issued its decision to proceed with a roundup of 2,300 wild horses including 1,855 excess horses and 205 burros from the Twin Peaks Herd Management area which straddles the Nevada-California state line north and west of Pyramid Lake. A lawsuit filed against this action by wild horse advocates alleges violations of the Wild and Free Roaming Horses and Burros Act and the National Environmental Policy Act.