

## **Feral Horse Committee Policy**

References: NRS 561.025, 561.218,  
569.008, 504.030,  
533.367, 533.695,  
533.460, 391

Executive order: 12630

A policy for the Nevada Department of Wildlife on wild and free roaming horses and burros and the effect on the rangeland water resources.

The creation of the wild and free roaming horse and burro act of 1971 resulted in the identification of horse management/herd management areas in the State of Nevada. The act of 1971 states that these animals must be in thriving ecological balance.

Where the Board of Wildlife Commissioners finds there is a conflict between the wildlife in Nevada and the federal government wild and free roaming horse and burro act the board will direct the BLM or other government agencies to strictly comply with the wild and free roaming horse and burro act and maintain thriving ecological balance. Furthermore, there is no beneficial use of Nevada water as wildlife for the federally protected horses and burros. Any use of water by wild and free roaming horses and burros protected under the 1971 act will be considered unlawful and will be opposed by the board.

In accordance with Section 1333 of the act of 1971, management of wild horses will include consultation and coordination for the purpose of analysis of thriving ecological balance and addressing issues of water use and conflict between wild and free roaming horses and burros and wildlife.