

About Wild Horse Education

This issue is complex and often the public, Congress and even government employees involved in the programs are not aware of basic operations. Many people in America don't even know we still have wild horses in the West.



Wild Horse Education has been formed for the purpose of "educating" the public about wild horses and burros on public land.

Education through documentation of management practices that will provide the public with the information needed to formulate opinion and participate in the process as it was intended.

Education that provides current information into herd dynamics and behavior that would be central to any discussion toward appropriate management.

This type of education can only come through first-hand documentation of the hands-on practices of the agencies tasked with the protection and management of wild herds.

The documentation provided by Wild Horse Education's founder, Laura Leigh, has been utilized in actions in the Courtroom, media, and documents presented to Congress.

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Protected by Law?

THE WILD FREE-ROAMING HORSES AND BURROS ACT OF 1971 (PUBLIC LAW 92-195)

To require the protection, management, and control of wild free-roaming horses and burros on public lands. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, *That Congress finds and declares that wild free-roaming horses and burros are living symbols of the historic and pioneer spirit of the West; that they contribute to the diversity of life forms within the Nation and enrich the lives of the American people; and that these horses and burros are fast disappearing from the American scene.* It is the policy of Congress that wild free-roaming horses and burros shall be protected from capture, branding, harassment, or death; and to accomplish this they are to be considered in the area where presently found, as an integral part of the natural system of the public lands.

~ Since the passage of the Act many American's remain unaware of the modifications, and subsequent actions, of those in power that removed many of the implied protections in the Act to again favor private profiteers on public land.

The most glaring of all actions was the inclusion in a thousand page omnibus spending Bill of "sale authority." This essentially allows the sale for slaughter of wild horses and burros to occur. Even though the agency claims to not utilize the provision it has created a "grey" area where our National Treasure can legally be sold, "without limitation."

The "sales" of our public wealth, on public land, is changing the American West at an alarming rate.

Restoration of the original protections must occur as we again face the real possibility of losing the last of America's Mustangs.

No Humane Handling Policy



The Agency tasked with the mandate with the management of Wild Horses and Burros (Bureau of Land Management or BLM) has no comprehensive humane care standard.

The Agency has had 40 years to create one.



No data to support actions

Blanket "guesstimates" are used when defining roundup operations. Including:

- "Foaling Season" is not adequately charted in each area. Newborn foals are run in desert heat in July.
- Heavily pregnant mares are run in the bitter cold of February with disastrous consequence.



No Humane care standard at Roundups

Repetitive conduct includes:

- Outrageous pilot conduct, that includes contact with animals.
- "Hotshot" use
- Lack of water and feed at holding
- No temperatures guidelines. Operations can continue into the 90's in the arid range in summer. They can begin in sub-zero temperatures in winter