

Americas Mustangs & Burros

What's Left, The High Costs of Miscalculating And Will They Survive?

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Appendix IX

Augusta Mountains Euthanasia Report, per. Comm.,

Nevada Wild Horse & Burro Lead, Susie Stokke,

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----- Original Message -----

From: [Susie Stokke@nv.blm.gov](mailto:Susie_Stokke@nv.blm.gov)

To: cindy

Sent: Wednesday, December 05, 2007 4:49 PM

Subject: Re: New Pass/Ravenswood & Augusta Mt Gather Results

I hope the following information helps to answer your questions below. As provided to you previously, Cattoor Livestock Roundup was the contractor for both the New Pass/Ravenswood and Augusta Mountains gathers.

Augusta Mountains HMA:

The fourteen wild horses listed below were euthanized per the euthanasia criteria identified in IM No. 2006-023 by the gather contractor as authorized by BLM personnel per CFR 4730.1.

November 14, 2007 – 20+ year old sorrel mare. Body condition, Henneke 2-. Euthanized near the trap site location at approximately T25N R40E Section 01 (NW1/4). IM Criteria: (4) is incapable of maintaining a Henneke body conditions score greater than two in its present environment.

November 18, 2007 – the following thirteen wild horses were euthanized and buried just south of the holding facility (location deleted for privacy issues) on private property with the owner's permission.

(1) 20+ year old dun mare. Body condition, Henneke 2. IM Criteria: (4) above.

(2) 25+ year old red dun mare. Body condition, Henneke 2. IM Criteria: (4) above.

(3) 20+ year old red dun mare. Body condition, Henneke 2. Crippled in left knee. IM Criteria: (4) above, and (2) suffers from injury or serious physical defect...

(4) 20+ year old black stud. Body condition, Henneke 2. IM Criteria: (4) above.

(5) 20+ year old black mare. Body condition, Henneke 2. IM Criteria: (4) above.

(6) 10 year old dun mare. Spinal deformity, grossly swayback. IM Criteria: (2) above.

(7) 20+ year old chestnut mare. Body condition, Henneke 2. IM

Criteria: (4) above.

(8) 20+ year old red dun mare. Body condition, Henneke 2. IM

Criteria: (4) above.

(9) 2 year old sorrel filly. Body condition, Henneke 2. Abnormal hind legs, especially right leg from hock to hoof. IM Criteria: (4) and (2) above.

(10) 30+ year old brown mare. Body condition, Henneke 2. IM

Criteria: (4) above.

(11) 30+ year old sorrel mare. Body condition, Henneke 2. IM

Criteria: (4) above.

(12) 30+ year old sorrel mare. Body condition, Henneke 2. Crippled in knee. IM Criteria: (2) and (4) above.

(13) 30 year old sorrel mare. Body condition, Henneke 2. IM

Criteria: (4) above.

Euthanized animals were disposed of on private property adjacent to the HMA with the permission of the private landowner.

New Pass/Ravenswood HMA:

The gather contractor was authorized to humanely euthanize all animals listed below in accordance with BLM policy.

Summary

- 3 very old mares (20+ years of age) condition class 2
- Yearling filly with infected eye
- 2 mares with congenital defects to the spine
- 1 club foot (congenital defect) old mare condition class 2
- 1 very, very old mare condition class 2. This mare was involved in fertility control research on the Clan Alpine HMA back in the 80's as indicated by a four digit brand on the hip.

The above animals were evaluated by Veterinarians Patty and Dallas Maxwell prior to being euthanized on November 7 and in consultation with the BLM facility manager Art diGrazia.

- An old, completely blind stud
- An old mare, weak and unable to travel. Euthanized at release.

All euthanized animals were transported to locations within the HMA and disposed of.

A total of three wild horses died during the capture operation: (1) an old bay stud (cause unknown); (2) 3-4 month old bay foal which died following a seizure (cause unknown); (3) foal (cause unknown).

The animals were transported to locations within the HMA and disposed

of.

As noted above, age and/or physical deformity were the primary causes leading field personnel to make the determination to have the animals humanely euthanized. This information serves to correct my earlier impression and I do apologize for not having been 100% correct in my earlier response to you.