

Wild Horse Terminology:

HA: Herd Area
(area "found" to have wild horses and burros in 1971)

HMA: Herd Management Area
(area where BLM currently manages WHB's)

WHB: Wild Horses and Burros

AML: Appropriate Management Level
(This is the number often played with by BLM. This number may never really have been determined in any real scientific manner other than "guesstimates," since 1971)

BLM: Bureau of Land Management
(Branch of DOI: Department of Interior)

USFS: United States Forest Service
(horses managed by BLM, but USFS is under USDA)

USFWS: United States Fish and Wildlife Service
(Branch of DOI, however horses managed internally)

DoA: Department of Agriculture
(usually refers to the state of Nevada)

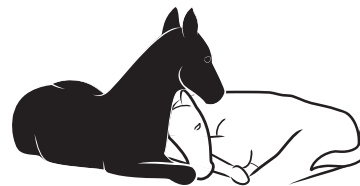
EA: Environmental Assessment
(there is usually a period where public comments are accepted. For example over 10,000 public comments were logged in the Calico Complex gather. BLM found that of "no significant impact.")

This is just a "beginner" list to the terminology used in the sphere of WHB's. Please take the time to become educated on this issue.

Informational Brochure



photo by Craig Downer, 2010
"Freedom," Calico Complex stallion that regained his freedom by vaulting six-foot panels and crashing through barbed wire.



Equine Welfare Alliance

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Wild Horses 2010



Calico Complex, 2009
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The Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act

§ 1331.

Congressional findings and declaration of policy

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.