



## NATIONAL HORSE & BURRO RANGELAND MANAGEMENT COALITION

*Advocating for commonsense, ecologically-sound approaches to managing horses and burros  
to promote healthy wildlife and rangelands for future generations*

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In addition to our general Policy Statement, members of the National Horse & Burro Rangeland Management Coalition Steering Committee have agreed to the following policy positions regarding the management of free-roaming horses and burros.

The National Horse & Burro Rangeland Management Coalition...

1. Supports multiple-use concepts for BLM and USFS lands.
2. Supports appropriate levels of funding that allow BLM and USFS to meet their obligations under the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act, as amended, and asks Congress to encourage federal agencies to focus dollars towards on-range population management and habitat restoration.
3. Supports gathers and removals of horses and burros via passive trapping and active roundups to achieve and maintain appropriate management levels on the range.
4. Is neutral on the issue of horse and burro processing.
5. Supports the removal of language in the annual appropriations bill that restricts management options for the BLM, and encourages implementation of the full suite of management actions permitted and directed under the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act of 1971, as amended, by federal agencies to reach and maintain Appropriate Management Levels in cost-effective ways.
6. Supports research into and then implementation of sterilization techniques deemed scientifically-sound and safe, as part of a suite of management tools, including, but not limited to:
  - a. spaying of mares (ovariectomies)
  - b. gelding of stallions
  - c. the use of chemical vasectomies
7. Supports and encourages the robust use of scientifically-sound, safe, and effective fertility control drugs, and the development of long-term fertility control options in horses and burros, as part of a suite of management tools in areas where such application is practical and will help reach and maintain appropriate management levels.
8. Supports the establishment of non-reproducing herds as a management tool within Herd Management Areas.

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