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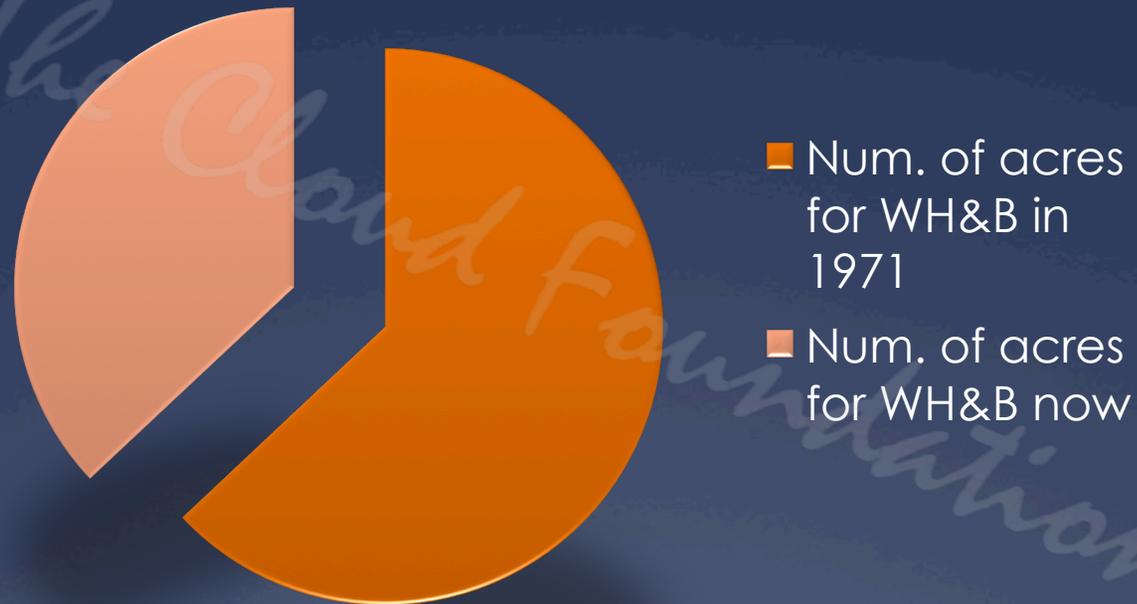
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# Wild Horse & Burro Acreage Then and Now



54,000: Num. of WH&B at 1<sup>st</sup> census in 1974

339: Num. of Herd Areas originally designated for WH&B in 1971

179: Num. of Herd Management Areas for WH&B now

Over-Inflated Population Estimate as of 2/28/11 Used for Funding: 38,497

<b>CHART 1 - BLM WILD HORSE &amp; BURRO PROGRAM</b> <b>PUBLISHED ANNUAL POPULATION ESTIMATES &amp; GROWTH RATES USED BY BLM TO ACQUIRE FUNDING</b> <b>Numbers Are Over-Inflated &amp; Non-Credible As Compared To BLM's Claimed 20%/Year Growth Model (See Chart 2)</b> <b>Conclusion: Independent, State-Of-The-Art Census Needed</b>							
Numbers Based on BLM Publications 'Public Land Statistics: Wild Free-Roaming Horse & Burro Populations, Removals & Adoptions' 2000 - 2010							
FISCAL YEAR	PRE-REMOVAL POPULATION ESTIMATE AS OF 2/28	# REMOVED	POST-REMOVAL POPULATION ESTIMATE	NEXT YEAR	PRE-REMOVAL POPULATION ESTIMATE AS OF 2/28 (most #'s non-credible)	POPULATION INCREASE FROM YEAR BEFORE (most #'s non-credible)	GROWTH RATE PERCENTAGE (most rates non-credible)
2000	48,624	-8,631	39,993	2001	45,414	5,421	13.5%
2001	45,414	-13,277	32,137	2002	38,815	6,678	20.8%
2002	38,815	-12,029	26,786	2003	37,186	10,400	38.8%
2003	37,186	-10,081	27,105	2004	37,135	10,030	37.0%
2004	37,135	-9,899	27,236	2005	31,760	4,524	16.6%
2005	31,760	-11,023	20,737	2006	31,206	10,469	50.5%
2006	31,206	-9,926	21,280	2007	28,563	7,283	34.2%
2007	28,563	-7,726	20,837	2008	33,105	12,268	58.9%
2008	33,105	-5,275	27,830	2009	36,940	9,110	32.7%
2009	36,940	-6,413	30,527	2010	38,365	7,838	25.7%
2010	38,365	-10,255 [1]	28,110	2011	38,497 [2]	10,387	36.9%
							<b>Average Annual Growth Rate</b>
							<b>2000-2011:</b>
							<b>33.24% [3]</b>

[1] This number was reported to be 10,636 in the FY2010 Final Gather Schedule dated 11/2/10; what happened to 381 horses?  
 [2] 2011 Public Land Statistics as of 2/28/11.  
 [3] The average growth rate from 2007-2011 was 37.7%, again, far above the claimed 20%/year growth model.

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# White Mountain & Little Colorado BLM Reported Populations

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	AML*
Little Colorado HMA, WY	84	101 (51%)	152	69	83 (83%)	152 (68%)	256	100
White Mtn HMA, WY	246	295 (131%)	681	205	246 (48%)	364 (50%)	545	300

By Carla Bowers

20%/Year Growth Model Population Estimate as of 2/28/11: 17,893

**CHART 2 - BLM WILD HORSE & BURRO PROGRAM**

**MORE REALISTIC ESTIMATED POPULATIONS & PROJECTIONS USING BLM'S CLAIMED 20%/YEAR GROWTH MODEL 2007-2012**

Numbers below are based on applying BLM's claimed 20%/year growth model[4] to reported national populations as of February 28, 2007, and subtracting BLM's reported winter and summer removals as per National Gather Schedules and projected removals for FY2011 and FY2012. Estimated population numbers on the range may be well under BLM's targeted 26,600 high AML, thus negating the need for funding for additional roundups/removals. Long-term genetic viability of the herds is threatened at these potential low numbers. Conclusion: Independent, State-Of-The-Art Census Needed

FISCAL YEAR*	WINTER REMOVALS**	EST. POPULATION AS OF 2/28	PLUS 20% GROWTH RATE	EST. POPULATION AS OF 7/1	SUMMER REMOVALS**	EST. POPULATION AS OF 9/30
2007	N/A	28,563[1]	5,712	34,275	-3,750	30,525
2008	-3,357	27,168	5,433	32,601	-1,856	30,745
2009	-3,231	27,514	5,502	33,016	-3,099	29,917
2010	-5,637	24,280	4,856	29,136	-4,999	24,137
2011 [2]	-6,244	17,893	3,578	21,471	-3,747	17,724
2012 [3]	-4,560	13,164	2,633	15,797	-3,040	12,757

\* Fiscal year is 10/1 through 9/30.

\*\* Winter removal months 10/1 through 2/28. Summer removal months 3/1 through 9/30 (Note, BLM removes only burros between 3/1 & 6/30 of each fiscal year.)

Projections based on BLM's historical trends of removing 60% of total populations during Winter Roundups and 40% of total populations during Summer Roundups.

Winter/Summer removal numbers provided by BLM National Program Office Final Gather Schedule Fiscal Years 2007 through 2010.

[1] Population as of 2/28/07 reported by BLM for Herd Area (HA) and Herd Management Area (HMA) Data, Fiscal Year 2007, available at:

[http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/wild\\_horse\\_and\\_burro/wh\\_b\\_information\\_center/statistics\\_and\\_maps/ha\\_and\\_hma\\_data.html](http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/wild_horse_and_burro/wh_b_information_center/statistics_and_maps/ha_and_hma_data.html)

[2] FY2011 removals extracted from projected removals via BLM National Program Office FY2011 Tentative Gather Schedules.

[3] FY2012 removals extracted from BLM News Release dated 2/24/11, "BLM Accelerates Fundamental Reforms . . ." & quote from Dir. Abbey, available at:

[http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/info/newsroom/2011/february/NR\\_0223\\_2011.html](http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/info/newsroom/2011/february/NR_0223_2011.html)

[4] ". . . Herds grow at an average rate of 20 percent a year and can double in size every four years", available at:

[http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/whbprogram/history\\_and\\_facts/quick\\_facts.html](http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/whbprogram/history_and_facts/quick_facts.html)

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# Forage Allocation on Wild Horse & Burro Areas



11% - Amount of BLM land designated for WH&B use

# 10 Steps to Restore America's Wild Horses & Burros

1. Raise the AUMs
2. Increase AMLs
3. Restore lost acreage
4. Create wild horse corridors
5. Protect predators
6. Ground the helicopters
7. Use only bait/water trapping
8. Apply only 1-year dartable PZP
9. Increase budget for accurate censusing, range monitoring & range improvements
10. Return short-term holding horses to zeroed-out HMAs



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