

## Horses & Habitat

Animals all over the planet are in danger of extinction due to habitat destruction and human encroachment. The wild mustang is dwindling quickly; illegal poaching and horse culls have cut their numbers so that the land where they roam can be used for beef-cattle stock and housing. Horses & Habitat is a charitable foundation that fights for natural preservation, helping to make laws and draw awareness to the problem. The brochure is a call to action for the public to step forward and help preserve the wild nature of the majestic mustang and the mountains that are their home.

### Our Mission

Horses and Habitat is dedicated to the freedom, diversity and habitat of wild Mustang horses through voluntary education and conservation, while enriching the spirit through direct experience with the natural world.

"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 watch the lives of the American people." (Public Law 91-195, December 15, 1971)



### Conservation

In 1971 Congress passed the Wild and Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act, designed to preserve a living symbol of America's frontier past. Every year, there are fewer wild horses than ever. One hundred years ago an estimated two million mustangs roamed the Western range. The today there are fewer than 50,000, according to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). And the government has plans to reduce the herd even more.

**1971**

Nearly 2 million horses were protected by the BLM



**150**

A herd with as few as 150 horses is more likely to grow naturally.

**75%**

100 herd size managed by the BLM in the West have fewer than 150 horses.

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### Government

"The federal government has been rounding up wild horses since the 1980s, putting them in holding facilities and selling them for adoption to horse lovers, who promise not to sell them for slaughter. But the roundups became aggressive under the Bush administration. In 2001, BLM was holding 30,000 animals, more than triple the 9,000 held in 2003." *Equestrian Daily* has all facilities and circle fencing facilities. Are there the same fences who are currently having their lands to die of starvation and then because they can't afford to feed them? Don't you see the connection between the destruction of our ecosystems and the institutionalized reduction of our wildlife?



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### Our Horses

You can make another choice. You can choose to care less instead of causing suffering and death and destruction.

Virginia L. Payne of the American Wild Horses Preservation Campaign, a coalition of about 45 groups, said the BLM does not use a scientifically sound method to estimate the size of horse herds in the range. That makes the roundups arbitrary, she said. What's more, about 17 million acres of land where wild horses once roamed have been removed from the program, reducing the amount of land available to the horses and increasing their concentration elsewhere.

*Animal rights groups are preparing legal challenges to pressure the government from paying the horses to death.*



### Take Action

Among other things, you can sign a Card petition, demanding that BLM cut all American wild horses. If you want to take it a step further, then participate in legal proceedings which challenge the government's actions with respect to the herds of horses and burros.

You can also write directly to the federal government about its round-up and withdrawal of domestic wild horses:

Bureau of Land Management, Wild Horses and Burros Program, 7430 Business Blvd., Springfield, VA 22154 Phone: 800-376-2666 FAX: 703-446-3476 Don't forget to add those this symbol of American freedom to suffer this injustice. You can help save wild horses and burros by making your voice heard!



### Write us

Write your Congressmen and tell them when they return to Washington that you want them to stop the slaughter of all horses by sponsoring HR 2960 and S 1176. Or make a year end, tax-deductible donation to support our campaign to stop the BLM from the destruction of wild horses.

