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WILD HORSE PLAN AMENDMENT APPROVED

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Elko Field Office has released the Approved Elko Resource Management Plan (RMP) Wild Horse Amendment and Decision Record.

The Elko Resource Management Plan, as it was approved in 1987, recognizes four areas used as habitat by wild horses when the Free-Roaming Wild Horse and Burro Act was passed in 1971. The four herds are the Little Humboldt, Rock Creek, Owyhee, and Diamond Hills North herds. These wild horse herd areas are all located in Elko County, Nevada.

The new Amendment designates wild horse “herd management areas” (HMAs) within the herd areas for the Little Humboldt and Rock Creek herds. It further clarifies that the Owyhee and Diamond Hills North Herd Areas are designated as HMAs in their entirety.

This Amendment also updates the initial stocking level that could be managed within each HMA while still preserving and maintaining a thriving natural ecological balance and multiple-use relationship. This level is intended as a starting point for determining appropriate wild horse numbers and establishing or re-evaluating appropriate management level. The appropriate management level is established based on monitoring data through a final multiple use decision.

The purpose of the Amendment is to help avoid or reduce conflicts with protecting sensitive fish species and managing wildlife and livestock while ensuring the areas can sustain viable populations of wild horses.

Copies of the Approved Elko Resource Management Plan (RMP) Wild Horse Amendment and Decision Record are available from the BLM Elko Field Office at 3900 Idaho Street, Elko NV 89801. The documents are also posted on BLM’s website at www.nv.blm.gov/elko.

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