

THE WILDFIRE AND WILD EQUINE PROTECTION ACT®

The Wild West Re-wilding, Free And Natural Survival Strategy Employing Wild Horses in Wildfire Abatement



EMPLOYING WILD HORSES

To perform the job the wild equines do best, literally grazing away wildfire top-loading fuel sources and keeping dry wild grasses and foliage overgrowth at bay. Supporting the wild equines to migrate naturally up to 25 miles a day, on California and the West's open public lands.

Thereby reducing wildfire threat and disaster occurrence where ever the horses roam and gift keeping all the surrounding communities safer!

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The Wildfire and Wild Equine Protection Act Love Wild Horses®©!

- CALIFORNIA WILD HORSES REMOVALS-Followed by WILDFIRE Disasters
- https://www.blm.gov/programs/wild-horse-and-burro/herd-management/gathers-and-removals/california
- Monetary Annual COST OF WILDFIRES in California \$3.5 Billion Dollars
- 22,751 buildings were destroyed, 97 civilians and 6 firefighters were killed.
- There is no measure or way to calculate the immense damage and tragic surmounting loss wildfires are causing for the people, wild horses, wild ones land and water in California and in the West.
- Evidence of wildfire outbreak after wild horse removals points to the important role free roaming wild horses play in protecting California and the West from wildfire occurence and fire damage severity.

- IN CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES ARE INCREASING & HAPPENING UPON FEDERAL and PUBLIC LANDS< where wild horses once roamed.
- October of 2018 700+ wild horses were removed from Modoc County National Forest Public lands /
- IN July of 2019 Wildfire in Modoc County burned 14,000 Acres

- Nevada Wild Horse Removals , followed by wildfire outbreaks
- https://www.blm.gov/programs/wild-horse-and-burro/herd-management/gathers-and-removals/nevada





1 BILLION ACRES AT RISK FOR CATASTROPHIC WILDFIRES, U.S. FOREST SERVICE WARNS

"THE CHIEF OF THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE IS WARNING THAT A BILLION ACRES OF LAND ACROSS AMERICA ARE AT RISK OF CATASTROPHIC WILDFIRES LIKE LAST FALL'S DEADLY CAMP FIRE THAT DESTROYED MOST OF PARADISE, CALIF."NPR.ORG

"THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE THAT AS OF APRIL 2019 INSURANCE CLAIMS FROM THE CAMP, HILL AND WOOLSEY FIRES IN NOVEMBER 2018 WERE ALREADY OVER **\$12 BILLION**."

Jeanne Bencich

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EMPLOYING & RE-WILDING WILD HORSES STOPS WILD FIRE TOP-LOADING FUEL IN ITS TRACKS AND SAVES THE HORSES, LAND, WATER AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES FROM WILDFIRE DAMAGE:

• THE PRESENT IMBALANCE that we must change:

Presently In California and upon 5,170,931 BLM managed public land only 2,200 wild horses & burros are being granted to remain free, upon 2.5 Mil acres

• On a Federal or through a State Initiative: Increasing the AMLs (appropriate management level) in the State of Ca. to employ and support re-wilding the wild horses to graze away wildfire fueling grasses and forage; with each horse migrating up to 25 miles a day, with the capability in covering more ground than any other large herbivore, reduces the risk of vast wild areas from going up in flames.

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INTRODUCING "THE WILDFIRE & WILD EQUINE PROTECTION ACT" TO CALIFORNIA FIRE TESTING STRATEGIES IS A COST SAVING

WIN-WIN!

California testing wildfire strategies:

https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/california-tests-new-strategies-to-prevent-deadly-wildfires/ "A troubled utility in California repeatedly shut off power to homes last week to prevent wildfire ignitions, while Gov. Gavin Newsom (D) has waived a major environmental law to allow expedited fire prevention efforts."

MAP OF ALL WILDFIRES IN CA. past 100 years:

https://wattsupwiththat.com/2019/01/26/californias-wildfire-history-in-one-map/

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FROM 2017-OCTOBER 2019

THE BLM HAS REMOVED 18,000 WILD HORSES FROM WESTERN PUBLIC LANDS: CAUSING OVERGROWTH OF WILDFIRE FUEL DANGER

Looking at CA. & NV:

- IN California from 2018-Oct 2019 the BLM has removed 1,000 horses and burros from public lands and placed them
- into tax funded costly BLM WH&B holding facilities and the BLM is presently aiming to remove 1,000 more free roaming
 wild horses from the Devil's Garden HMA and areas.

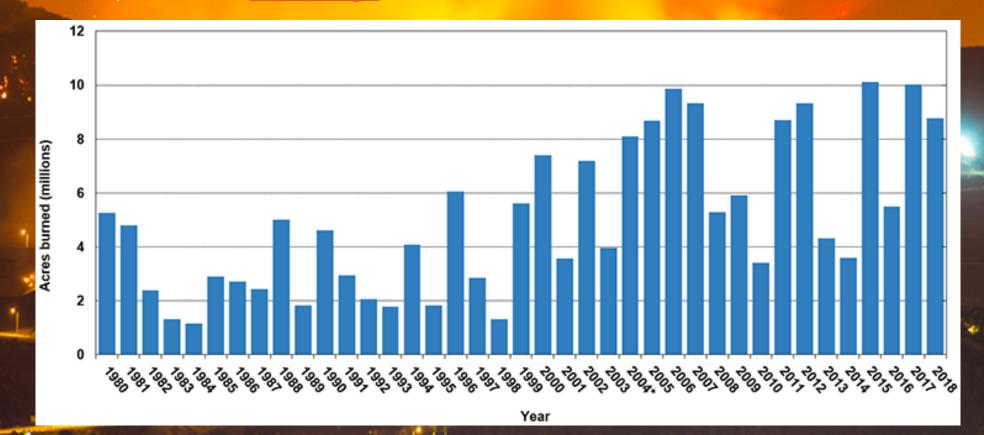
- Increasing the danger for Millions of California's range lands to go up in flames
- The astronomical monetary cost for tax payers and the cost of human life and in damage to the West, for our public land, water, wildlife and wild horses is beyond quantification

IN THE BLM HOLDING FACILITIES there are 50,000+ wild equines costing tax parers more then \$55 Mil annually,

- awaiting to be adopted, for their freedom to be granted and/or to be saved from sale to barbaric slaughter
- In Nevada 2018-Oct 2019 the BLM has removed approximately 10,000 wild horses (dangerously accelerated a 10 year removal plan in just 18 months time)

CALIFORNIA 2018 WILDFIRES

• Tragically: In CALIFORNIA, **2018**, more than 58,083,000 **wild land fires** burned 8.8 million acres, cost more than \$16.5 billion in damage



NATIONAL WILDFIRE SUPPRESSION COST FOR TAX PAYERS IN 2018



Federal Firefighting Costs (Suppression Only)

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Year	Fires	Acres	Forest Service	DOI Agencies	Total	
1985	82,591	2,896,147	\$161,505,000	\$78,438,000	\$239,943,000	
1986	85,907	2,719,162	\$111,625,000	\$91,153,000	\$202,778,000	
1987	71,300	2,447,296	\$253,657,000	\$81,452,000	\$335,109,000	
1988	72,750	5,009,290	\$429,609,000	\$149,317,000	\$578,926,000	
1989	48,949	1,827,310	\$331,672,000	\$168,115,000	\$499,787,000	
1990	66,481	4,621,621	\$253,700,000	\$144,252,000	\$397,952,000	
1991	75,754	2,953,578	\$132,300,000	\$73,820,000	\$206,120,000	
1992	87,394	2,069,929	\$290,300,000	\$87,166,000	\$377,466,000	
1993	58,810	1,797,574	\$184,000,000	\$56,436,000	\$240,436,000	
1994	79,107	4,073,579	\$757,200,000	\$161,135,000	\$918,335,000	
1995	82,234	1,840,546	\$367,000,000	\$110,126,000	\$477,126,000	
1996	96,363	6,065,998	\$547,500,000	\$153,683,000	\$701,183,000	
1997	66,196	2,856,959	\$179,100,000	\$105,048,000	\$284,148,000	
1998	81,043	1,329,704	\$306,800,000	\$109,904,000	\$416,704,000	
1999	92,487	5,626,093	\$361,100,000	\$154,416,000	\$515,516,000	
2000	92,250	7,383,493	\$1,076,000,000	\$334,802,000	\$1,410,802,000	
2001	84,079	3,570,911	\$683,122,000	\$269,574,000	\$952,696,000	
2002	73,457	7,184,712	\$1,279,000,000	\$395,040,000	\$1,674,040,000	
2003	63,629	3,960,842	\$1,023,500,000	\$303,638,000	\$1,327,138,000	
2004	65,461	8,097,880	\$726,000,000	\$281,244,000	\$1,007,244,000	
2005	66,753	8,689,389	\$524,900,000	\$294,054,000	\$818,954,000	
2006	96,385	9,873,745	\$1,280,419,000	\$424,058,000	\$1,704,477,000	
2007	85,705	9,328,045	\$1,149,654,000	\$470,491,000	\$1,620,145,000	
2008	78,979	5,292,468	\$1,193,073,000	\$392,783,000	\$1,585,856,000	
2009	78,792	5,921,786	\$702,111,000	\$218,418,000	\$920,529,000	
2010	71,971	3,422,724	\$578,285,000	\$231,214,000	\$809,499,000	
2011	74,126	8,711,367	\$1,055,736,000	\$318,789,000	\$1,374,525,000	
2012	67,774	9,326,238	\$1,436,614,000	\$465,832,000	\$1,902,446,000	
2013	47,579	4,319,546	\$1,341,735,000	\$399,199,000	\$1,740,934,000	
2014	63,212	3,595,613	\$1,195,955,000	\$326,194,000	\$1,522,149,000	
2015	68,151	10,125,149	\$1,713,000,000	\$417,543,000	\$2,130,543,000	
2016	67,595	5,503,538	\$1,603,806,000	\$371,739,000	\$1,975,545,000	
2017	71,499	10,026,086	\$2,410,165,000	\$508,000,000	\$2,918,165,000	
2018	58,083	8,767,492	\$2,615,256,000	\$528,000,000	\$3,143,256,000	

The Department of Interior agencies include: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management; National Park Service; and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The U.S. Forest Service is an agency of the Department of Agriculture.

Annual fires and total acres include all private, state and federal lands in the United States.

Costs are not adjusted for inflation.



LINKS FOR REFERENCE

USFSA WH&B TERRITORIES At least 19 Areas are INACTIVE meaning zeroed out of wild horses

https://www.fs.fed.us/wild-horse-burro/territories/index.shtm

BLM REMOVES Wild Horses in wildfire hazardous areas: https://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2018/10/15/feds-start-controversial-modoc-county-wild-horse-roundup/

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MISINFORMATION & FEDERAL AIM TO REMOVE ALL THE WILD HORSES NEEDS TO BE STOPPED & EMPLOYMENT OF THE WILD HORSES TO HAPPEN INSTEAD!

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 - Thank you, We hope you will join us in supporting and enacting this good vision!
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