



AMERICA'S WILD HORSES ARE IN DANGER
AND THEY NEED YOUR IMMEDIATE SUPPORT!

Horses in the United States

The tremendous achievements our nation has been able to claim because of horses can hardly be put into words. Besides this fact, horses are a native species to our country and it is therefore clear that wild horses are entitled to a place on our public lands. Recognizing this fact, in 1971 Congress unanimously passed the Wild Horse and Burro Act which promised wild horses a safe home on public lands and ended the brutal roundups and killings of mustangs being conducted at the time by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The overwhelming support from Americans, in particular children, for this legislation was amazing, generating more letters to Congress than on any other issue, save the Vietnam War.

Threats to Wild Horses

But today, wealthy cattle ranchers who graze their 4 million heads of livestock on public lands, are whittling away at protections for the remaining 30,000 wild horses in the U.S. by painting them as a mere nuisance and blaming them for the overgrazing of public lands. In some areas that are supposed to be maintained "primarily" for wild horses, cattle are given 700% more forage than the horses.

America's wild horses were dealt a major blow in November 2004 when Senator Conrad Burns (R-MT), with no hearing or public review, snuck an amendment into a 4,000 page Budget Appropriations Bill that ended the protections our nation's wild horses had for 33 years. Under this program, our wild horses were suddenly considered "excess" animals and were again up for sale "without limitation". At least 41 horses from one sale alone under the BLM sales program were sent to slaughter.

It is time for Americans to once again speak up for horses. Please contact your Representative immediately and ask that they cosponsor the legislation listed below. Our nation's horses have certainly earned their place on our public lands. It's time we expect the 90 billion dollar a year cattle industry to do the same.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP WILD HORSES!

PLEASE GET YOUR CALLS AND LETTERS IN TO YOUR REPRESENTATIVE AS SOON AS

POSSIBLE AND ASK THEM TO CO-SPONSOR AND SUPPORT HR 249. BE PERSISTENT!
PLEASE LET US KNOW ABOUT ANY RESPONSE YOU RECEIVE AS WELL.

Contact your Representative:
The Honorable (name)
House Office Building
Washington DC 20515

Capitol Operator (202) 224-3121
Contact your Senators:
The Honorable (name)
US Senate
Washington DC 20510
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PLEASE SHARE THIS ALERT with family friends and co-workers and encourage them to speak up for our nations horses as well.

WRITE BRIEF BUT IMPASSIONED LETTERS TO THE EDITORS of your local newspapers urging your US Representative and Senators to cosponsor this legislation now.

DONATE TO THE AMERICAN HORSE DEFENSE FUND to help with the cost of our outreach efforts in gaining public support for this crucial legislation www.AHDF.org/join.htm . Donations can be made through our website. You may also support our work by ordering the Merchandise from the AHDF Store www.AHDF.org/store.htm .

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