

**Summary/Key Points**  
**California Desert Strategic Plan for the Management of Wild Burros**  
**January 8, 1999**

**Parties:** BLM-CDD, Mojave National Preserve, Death Valley National Park

**Goals:**

1. Provide collaborative/efficient burro management in the Cal Deserts
  - Develop coordinated annual operations plan. Seek funds to carry out plan
2. Aggressive manage burros to reach current AML in 3 years
3. Manage burros as part of the natural ecosystem on BLM lands to avoid impacts. Manage for zero burros on non-BLM lands.
  - Determine viable herd management areas
  - Identify long term management objectives/actions and population levels in HMA's
  - Conduct research on burro behavior and movement

**Management Actions**

1. Identify HMA boundaries in BLM plans by 2002 in cooperation with NPS
2. Complete/revise HMA Plans by 2004 that ID conservation measures to protect important habitats
3. Establish key area to monitor range land health
4. Implement management actions to reduce animal drift off BLM lands

**Gathers and Adoptions:**

1. Priorities will be established based on resource issues
2. Each agency will identify numbers and locations of animal to be removed and establish agency priorities annually.
3. When feasible agencies will pool resources to get the job done.
4. Provide steady flow of animals into BLM's adoption program
5. Adoption options: (a) BLM adoption program (b) animal interest groups (c) private contractors (c) NPS direct/indirect adoption programs
  - only burro that spend part of their life on BLM land will enter the BLM adoption program in Kingman or Ridgecrest

**Budget:**

1. Each agency will request funds annually
2. No over head charge assessed on transfer of funds between agencies
3. Removal and deliver cost to be paid for by the agency administering lands where the animals are removed
4. NPS and BLM split cost for holding, feeding, and caring at Ridgecrest
5. BLM pays all cost for adoption