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Survivors

Living History

Thriving wild in remote and rugged landscapes, the resilient survivor transports us back in time and carries us into the present.



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History

Horses and burros helped build our country. Workmates, companions and strive in wartime were not enough to stop brutality and “mustanging” that saw our wild ones driven toward disappearing from the landscape.

In 1971, the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act established a place that recognized their importance as integral to the landscape as living, breathing, monuments to the American spirit.

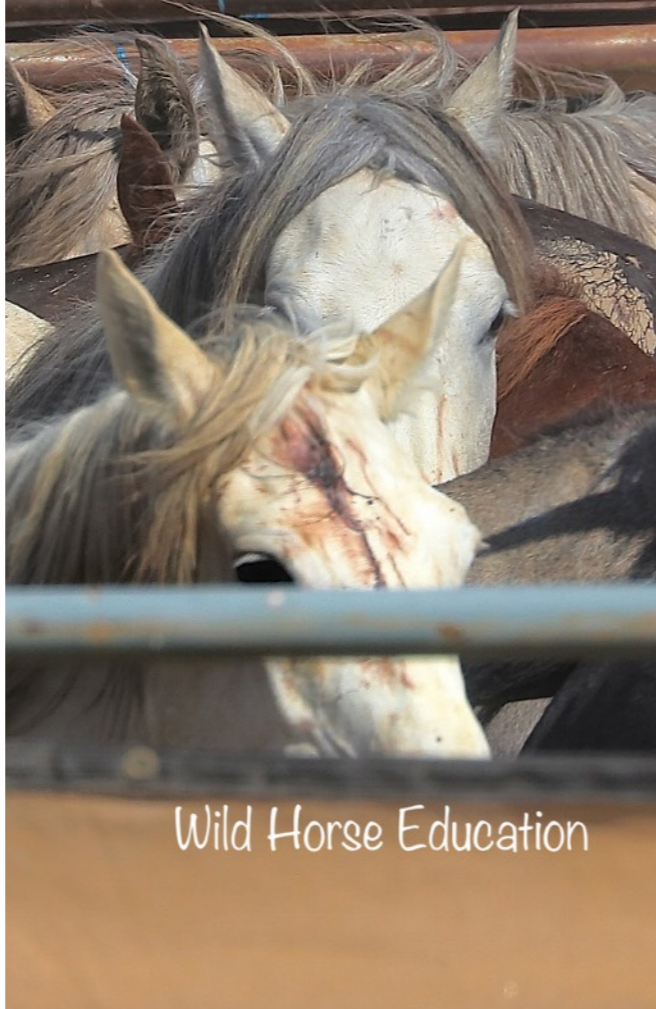
Yet like so many laws that start with good intentions to protect wild things and wild places the law, and those tasked with carrying out the law, fail.



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Basic Welfare

Even when it comes to basic welfare issues the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) would rather fight than simply create one set of concise and enforceable welfare rules that allows public participation.

You might expect the BLM, that was born by combining the United States Grazing Service and the General Land Office (basically the real estate office to encourage westward expansion) to cater to livestock. But the agency also adopted the mindset of those they served (livestock) and often treats wild horses and burros as pests and the tasks to care for them as a burden and not a privilege.

Our organization has had to go to court just to get a draft welfare policy.

Not only are we fighting to protect herds and habitat, we must continue to fight for basic welfare.



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Our Work

Our wild places, wild things, wild horses and burros, need help.

Public lands (and all of the wild things that call them home) need public voices.

Protecting habitat for wild horses and burros from rapidly expanding private profit lines protects habitat for all living beings.


Our country is behind the rest of the world in recognizing the value of equids in healing the landscape. A multi-species approach using horses as a keystone species through rewilding has shown promise in other countries where the goal is to create healthy wild places. Perhaps healthy landscapes is not the goal of management for public lands in the U.S.? Perhaps the goal is to maintain the stranglehold of exploitive private interests?



When you travel our amazing public lands you meet so many beautiful beings that rely on them for survival.

At Wild Horse Education (WHE) we are fighting for justice and long overdue reform. WHE is the only organization to take BLM to court directly over abuse and drive desperately needed change to gain enforceable welfare rules.

WHE is fighting to gain real management planning. The court has agreed that roundup plans are not management plans. Now we are working to fix the errors of the past where the number of wild horses and burros allowed (and how much of the range they can use) is not based in science, but agreements with livestock.

A photograph of a wild horse, likely a grey or silver, grazing in a field of tall, dry grass. The horse is the central focus, shown in profile from the side, with its head lowered to eat from a small bush of yellow flowers. In the background, another horse of a reddish-brown color is visible, grazing. The overall scene is a natural, outdoor setting with soft lighting.

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Power

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Grace & Love

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Thank you

Our wild ones need us to combat injustice, abuses and to protect the wild places they need to survive.

Our wild ones need and active and educated advocacy.

Thank you for your support and for being the a voice for our precious wild horses and burros.

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