

Call for Papers

Special Topic: Wild Horse and Burro Management

Human–Wildlife Interactions is seeking contributed original science and/or synthesis and review papers for a special section on wild horse and burro management to be published in March/April 2018. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) created the Wild Horse and Burro Program to implement the Wild-Free Roaming Horses and Burros Act, passed by Congress in 1971. Broadly, the law stipulates that the BLM and the U.S. Forest Service have the responsibility to manage and protect herds in their respective jurisdictions within areas where wild horses and burros were found roaming in 1971. Bureau of Land Management rangelands can only support around 27,000 horses and burros, yet nearly 73,000 inhabit these ranges and >45,000 are held in off-range facilities, which cost about \$50 million each year. By next year, the on-range population could grow another 15–20%. The goal of the special section synthesizes the science, management, and policy regarding implementation of the 1971 Wild Horse and Burro Act and the management of wild horses and burros worldwide.



Excess horses on western rangelands impact fragile lands, rangeland health, wildlife, and horse and burro health. *Photo courtesy BLM.*

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The submission deadline for contributing a research article, case study, opinion, commentary, or other manuscript for this special issue is **January 1, 2018**.

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