

Selloff In Livestock Industry Presents New Challenges For Remaining American Wild Horses

Growing drought conditions coupled with high feed costs are forcing many cattle and sheep producers out of business who are selling their entire herds

YREKA, CA, US, March 23, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- A growing selloff of entire herds of livestock spells big trouble for American wild horses and wild horse advocates.

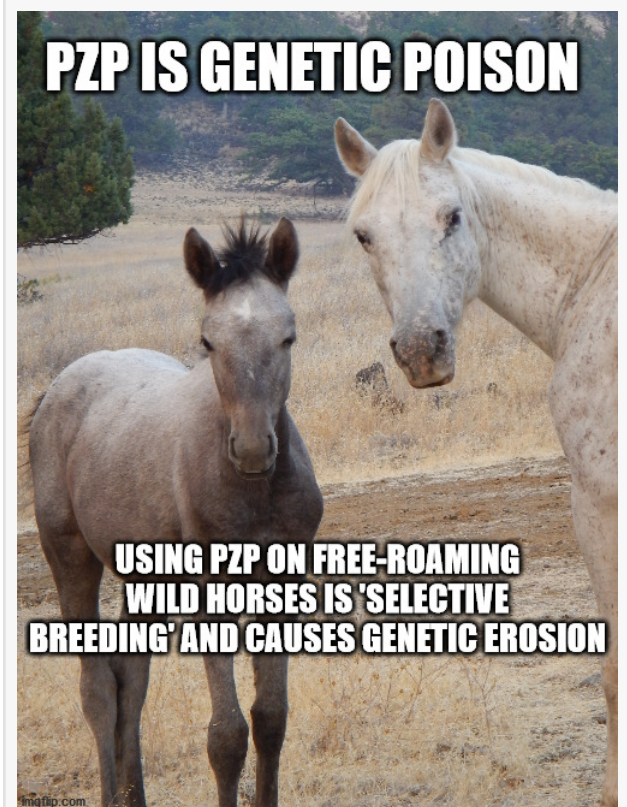
It's critically important to understand that in America today, there are basically two kinds of livestock producers based upon how they fatten their livestock for the market.

The first kind of livestock producer - the farmer-rancher:

The first kind of ranchers are also farmers. They are producers who grow the feed they use to fatten cattle and sheep themselves. Many ranchers are grass farmers who farm hundreds and thousands of acres in order to have the feed for their livestock. These farmer-ranchers don't buy government grazing permits.

These rancher-farmers are highly dependent upon water resources and good weather for their agricultural production, which in turn supplies the feed needed to fatten their cattle and sheep. And even in good times, cheap beef and sheep imported into America from Brazil and elsewhere creates tough competition for farmer-ranchers whose agri-production costs made profit margins thin for their cattle and sheep.

The now longstanding changes in weather and resulting ongoing widespread drought is putting



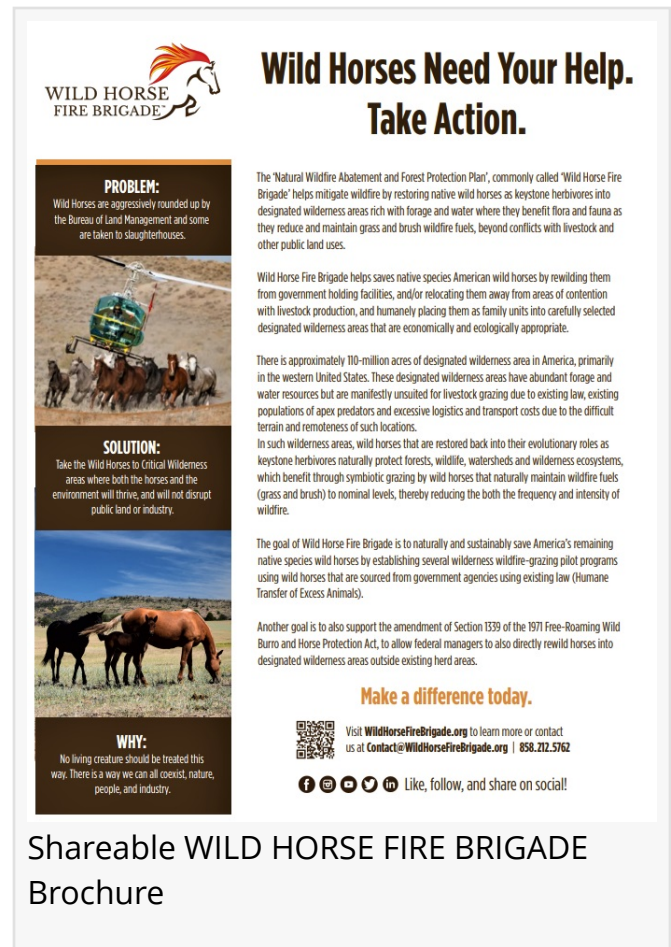
Shooting free-roaming American wild horses with PZP is 'harassment' and a violation of the federal Act to protect wild horses. Using PZP is 'selective breeding' and causes social disruption in family-bands and leads to genetic erosion.

these farmer-rancher livestock producers out of business, even with government subsidy payments.

The evidence is compelling. For the first time in history, we are seeing farmer-ranchers selling off their entire herds, including vital breeding stock. This means the end of business for these producers.

Numerous news providers started carrying stories of the selloffs of ranches and entire herds of livestock back in 2022.

And this now widespread selloff is not just limited to the most drought stricken states. Farmer-ranchers in Kansas, Oklahoma and other states are getting out of business, which will create huge shortages in livestock based products that must be filled given that 97% of Americans consume livestock products.



The brochure features the Wild Horse Fire Brigade logo at the top left, which includes a stylized horse head. The main title is "Wild Horses Need Your Help. Take Action." Below this, there are three columns of text. The first column, titled "PROBLEM:", states that wild horses are aggressively rounded up by the Bureau of Land Management and some are taken to slaughterhouses. The second column, titled "SOLUTION:", explains that taking wild horses to critical wilderness areas where both horses and the environment will thrive, and will not disrupt public land or industry. The third column, titled "WHY:", states that no living creature should be treated this way, and there is a way we can all coexist, nature, people, and industry. To the right of these columns, there is a large block of text explaining the "Natural Wildfire Abatement and Forest Protection Plan", commonly called "Wild Horse Fire Brigade". It describes how the brigade helps mitigate wildfire by restoring native wild horses as keystone herbivores into designated wilderness areas rich with forage and water where they benefit flora and fauna as they reduce and maintain grass and brush wildfire fuels, beyond conflicts with livestock and other public land uses. It also mentions that the brigade helps save native species American wild horses by rewilding them from government holding facilities, and/or relocating them away from areas of contention with livestock production, and humanely placing them as family units into carefully selected designated wilderness areas that are economically and ecologically appropriate. Further text describes the benefits of designated wilderness areas, the goal of the Wild Horse Fire Brigade, and another goal to support the amendment of Section 1339 of the 1971 Free-Roaming Wild Burro and Horse Protection Act. At the bottom of the brochure, there is a QR code, a call to action "Make a difference today.", and social media icons for Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and LinkedIn, with the text "Like, follow, and share on social!".

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There is approximately 110-million acres of designated wilderness area in America, primarily in the western United States. These designated wilderness areas have abundant forage and water resources but are manifestly unsuited for livestock grazing due to existing low, existing populations of apex predators and excessive logistics and transport costs due to the difficult terrain and remoteness of such locations.

In such wilderness areas, wild horses that are restored back into their evolutionary roles as keystone herbivores naturally protect forests, wildlife, watersheds and wilderness ecosystems, which benefit through symbiotic grazing by wild horses that naturally maintain wildfire fuels (grass and brush) to nominal levels, thereby reducing the both the frequency and intensity of wildfire.

The goal of Wild Horse Fire Brigade is to naturally and sustainably save America's remaining native species wild horses by establishing several wilderness wildfire-grazing pilot programs using wild horses that are sourced from government agencies using existing law (Humane Transfer of Excess Animals).

Another goal is to also support the amendment of Section 1339 of the 1971 Free-Roaming Wild Burro and Horse Protection Act, to allow federal managers to also directly rewild horses into designated wilderness areas outside existing herd areas.

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The second kind of livestock producers - Ranchers who graze livestock on public lands.

The second kind of rancher does not grow feed for their herds of cattle and sheep. Instead, they buy grazing rights from the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service on public lands. And the price is right at just \$1.35

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There is a solution that can keep American wild horses living naturally wild and free but it's being road-blocked by some nonprofits who make a living off promoting PZP”

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Founder/Exec. Dir. Wild Horse
Fire Brigade*

According to High County News:

["The Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service announced federal grazing fees for 2022: Just \\$1.35"](#)

"Grazing fees dictate how much ranchers pay for each "animal unit" — one cow and calf, one horse or five sheep — per month. This year's fee — just \$1.35 per animal unit — keeps the grazing costs at the same rate since 2019,

when Trump's BLM lowered the fee from \$1.41."

Clearly, the financial risks from climate change and the impacts on agricultural producers of livestock feeds is eliminated for ranchers who instead of growing feed for livestock, graze public

lands, and do so quit cheaply.

So what does all this mean for free roaming wild horses on public lands commingled with livestock?

American wild horses are facing their toughest challenge ever, a massive increase in demand for cheap grazing.

The economic pressures to remove even more wild horses from public grazing lands will increase greatly in order to make room for more livestock to make up for the loss of livestock producers going out of business by selling-off their entire herds.

It's abundantly clear that wild horses are now in the gravest jeopardy ever. And the people who are promoting the use of chemical sterilization via 'PZP', also known as 'fertility control', are not going to prevent roundups.

The elephant in the room is that the BLM and the livestock industry will want to remove as many non-commercial herbivores from the public grazing lands as possible. So contrary to what PZP promoters argue, even sterilized horses need to eat and are seen as unwanted and unwelcome competition for grazing resources.

What can be done to save America's iconic wild horse?

There are people who are promoting policies (using chemical sterilization) to manage wild horses who are literally road-blocking the only genuine solution for giving American wild horses the natural freedom they rightly deserve.

But why would anyone who cares about wild horses want to road-block a great solution to actually allow wild horses to live naturally wild and free? Money is the short answer. Some of the wild horse nonprofit heads are paid very handsomely! And a solution that ends the plight of wild horses also ends their financial income.



Wild Horse Fire Brigade is an all-volunteer CA-based 501-c-3 nonprofit organization whose mission is; Reducing catastrophic wildfire by saving American wild horses



A family band of wild horses grazing dry fuels - safer than any other fuel reduction method

The genuine solution is simple, but it has an adverse impact on nonprofit organizations who make money (donations) by promoting PZP as their solution.

American Wild Horse Campaign is just one of many nonprofits who have jumped on the profitable PZP bandwagon. And a genuine solution would adversely impact their donation revenue stream.

Lets face it, if all the wild horses suddenly had a place to live wild and free beyond conflicts with the grazing and other public land use stakeholders, American Wild Horse Campaign and other PZP promoters would all need to find new jobs.

And using PZP on wild horses has many serious side-effects that are injurious to wild horses and their sustainable natural conservation, as we read in this Press Release:

https://www.einnews.com/pr_news/607372689/costly-wild-horse-management-exposing-the-crutches-of-a-failed-paradigm-killing-american-wild-horses

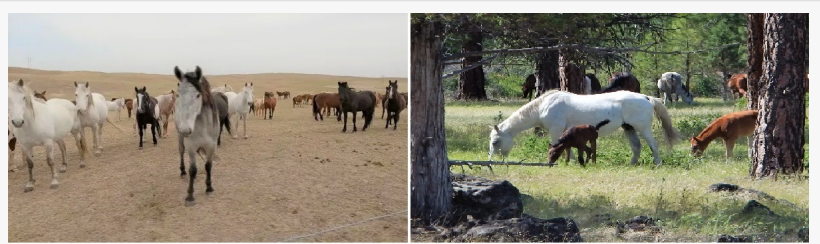
The only genuine solution to provide sustainable natural conservation of American wild horses is a plan called the 'Natural Wildfire Abatement and Forest Protection Plan', also known as 'Wild Horse Fire Brigade'.

Wild Horse Fire Brigade can keep American wild horses in remote critical wilderness areas that are off-limits to motorized vehicles and equipment as well as livestock grazing. There is approximately 110-million acres of Critical Wilderness, mostly in the Pacific Northwest, where there is ample water and natural grazing.

Wild Horse Fire Brigade can keep wild horses living naturally wild and free.

Learn more about this Plan, support it, and share it.

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Left Photo: CBS 4 Denver. BLM's Plan for Wild Horses

Right Photo: William E. Simpson II. Nature's Plan

The horses seen in the CBS image above on the left are wild horses that were rounded-up by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and relocated to the barren ground of the failed Haythorn cattle ranch in Maxwell Nebraska. Many decades of poor land management and over-grazing of these lands has stripped-off most of the native cover crop, leaving unproductive ground. The horses seen in the CBS photo are just part of the approximate 900 wild horses that are no longer living naturally as 'wild and free' horses pursuant to the intent of the 1971 Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act (WFRHBA). Now, as captive horses, they must be cared-for at great taxpayer expense. The BLM pays the Haythorn family \$1-million annually to feed these now captive horses, which is just part of their flawed off-range grazing program nationally, costing taxpayers nearly \$100-million annually. Adding financial insult to injury, these horses will also require additional care that was unneeded when they were wild, including but not limited to population control. This is a human-created problem, because these horses are not living among their co-evolved predators (bears, mountain lions, wolves and coyotes). Science proves that wild horse must be allowed to live in immediate proximity to their co-evolved natural predators that provide the critical benefits of evolutionary Natural Selection. This evolved natural process eliminates sick, diseased and elderly horses from the herd, thereby maintaining the genetic vigor of the species. Therefore, as is the BLM's reckless practice, these captive horses will be treated with dangerous chemicals, like 'PZP' and 'GonaCon' that are posted as so-called 'contraception'. The use of PZP and/or GonaCon is by definition Selective Breeding, which science shows leads to genetic erosion and ultimately genetic defects. Additionally, taxpayers are further burdened with the BLM's national wild horse contraception program, costing tens of \$-millions in additional expenses that must be shouldered by taxpayers. The photo on the right, shows wild horses naturally grazing in a forest. They are Nature's keystone herbivores and they symbiotically reduce and maintain wildfire fuels (grass and brush). Their wildfire grazing is 'symbiotic' because horses, with a simple stomach, pass most of the seeds they consume undigested and intact and able to germinate in their droppings. This is naturally-evolved process that helps complete the life-cycle of the grasses and plants horses consume by spreading the undigested seeds in their humus and biome-rich dung. Wild horses also make trees more fire resistant by reducing flashy grass and brush wildfire fuels under and around trees, as well as breaking-off dead limbs from the trees (aka: fire ladders) via scratching, as well as fertilizing these trees, which they also use for year-round shelter.

Ultimately, keeping wild horses from living in our critical wilderness areas and putting them into captivity in expensive and ecologically obtuse off-range holding is like putting the fire department in jail during wildfire season. There is a natural, holistic and humane solution to managing America's wild horses!

Learn about a proven solution at: <https://www.WildHorseFireBrigade.org>

Side by side comparison between current BLM wild horse management vs. Wild Horse Fire Brigade's re-wilding and relocating model

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