

AM Best TV News Report Calls Plan To Use Wild Horses For Wildfire Fuel Mitigation An "Innovative Approach"

CA nonprofit's nature-based wildfire solution recently garnered the attention of AM BEST TV, who provides mission critical information to Insurance companies

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- Recently, AM BEST TV released a video news report about a plan to reduce catastrophic wildfires, that in the process, saves the relatively few remaining 'genetically intact' wild horses.

That plan is called the 'Natural Wildfire Abatement and Forest Protection Plan'. The Plan is also known as 'Wild Horse Fire Brigade' because the plan is based upon using large-bodied herbivores (wild horses) in appropriate critical wilderness areas to mitigate and manage annual grass and brush wildfire fuels.

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These companies can and do influence politicians, who in turn influence Congress and the Department of Interior and U.S. Department of Agriculture.



Courtesy: U.S. Bureau of Land Management

'Rewilding' Horses Aims to Mitigate Wildfires, Reduce Insured Losses

Wild Horse Fire Brigade's Natural Wildfire Abatement and Forest Protection Plan is designed to relocate wild horses from Bureau of Land Management facilities into the wilderness, an effort designed to reduce the size and intensity of wildfires.

AM BEST TV - Video Coverage of their report titled; 'Rewilding' Horses Aims to Mitigate Wildfires, Reduce Insured Losses'



A Family Band of Wild Horses with Appaloosa stallion far right. Photo: Michelle Gough

The AM BEST TV video report titled, '[Rewilding' Horses Aims to Mitigate Wildfires, Reduce Insured Losses'](#) can be viewed at this URL: <http://www.ambest.com/v.asp?v=wildhorses323&AltSrc=182>

The Bureau of Land Management ('BLM') has of late engaged in massive roundups of native species American wild horses in the American west.

The reasoning for these roundups are economically motivated because wild horses compete for grazing with commercially valuable herbivores such cattle and sheep. This is only a problem because flawed management guidelines for wild horses rely heavily on obsolete science from the 1950's and 1960's.

Modern scientific principals argue that key flaws in the current management of public grazing lands include these concerns:

The removal of apex predators (with extreme prejudice) from public land grazing areas (Herd Management Areas - 'HMAs') in order to maximize livestock production create unintended adverse consequences:

a. Since cervids also co-inhabit public lands shared with livestock production, the removal of their natural co-evolved predators has greatly enhanced conditions supporting the spread of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in deer and other cervids (elk, pronghorn, etc).

Bears, wolves, mountain lions and coyotes are immune to CWD and are uniquely able to weed-out sick deer quickly, before they spread this fatal disease to other animals. However, due to the elimination of virtually all the apex predators to enhance livestock production, sick deer are able to survive much longer than they normally would and this enhances the spread of CWD to other



Photo by: William E. Simpson II - "Over the past 9-years living among and studying free-roaming wild horses, I am privileged to catch special moments.



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 posited 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

cervids. [According to the CDC](#), Chronic Wasting Disease is now in 29 states and spreading.

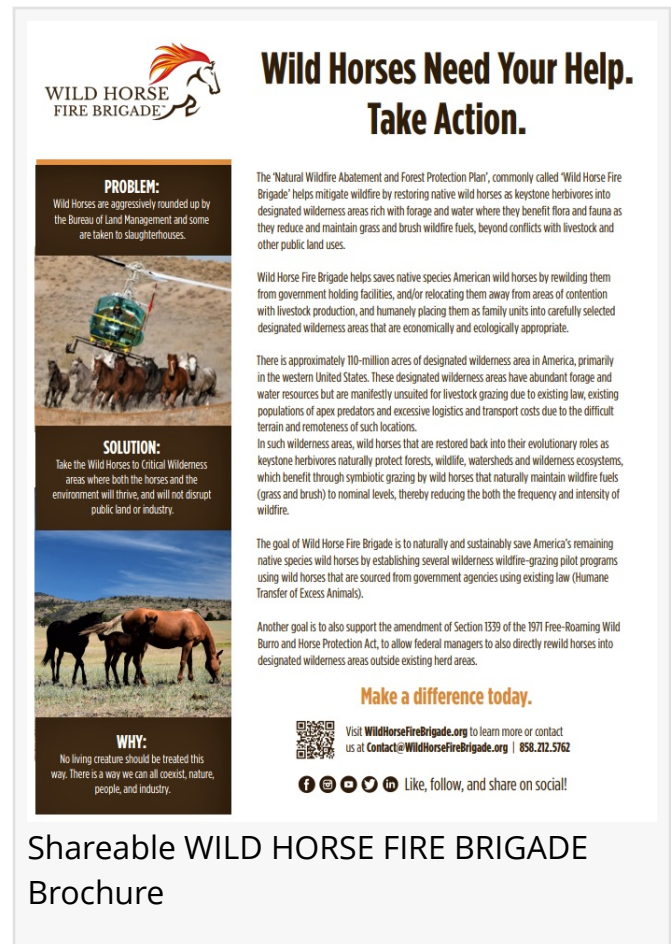
b. Because wild horses and livestock are commingled in many Herd Management and Herd Areas, the aggressive culling of apex predators also has impacted wild horses. Contrary to what the BLM has written, all North American apex predators are the co-evolved natural predators of wild horses. So obviously, when wild horses are forced by land managers to stay in grazing areas commingled with cattle and sheep, wild horse populations can grow abnormally due to a lack of their co-evolved predators. Making matters worse for wild horses is the loss of 'Natural Selection' by the co-evolved predators of wild horses, which maintains the genetic vigor of the species - E. Caballus - the modern wild horse. In naturally operating wilderness ecosystems where there are adequate apex predator populations, wild horses do not over-populate and benefit genetically from their natural predators removing sick, weak and elderly horses from the herd.

Once captured, the BLM then castrates the stallions and sterilizes mares without performing any genetic testing beforehand. This process, which has been going-on for the past 10-years, has yielded over 65,000 American wild horses into expensive taxpayer-funded off-range captivity where virtually all these horses are genetically dead.

What that ('genetically dead') means is, these thousands of native species wild horses are unable to complete their natural life-cycles, and will merely live-out their lives in cruel, taxpayer-funded, off-range holding, unable to produce any offspring. The result is that the important genetic-lines of these tens of thousands of horses have been eliminated from the face of the planet via the genetic mutilation of these American icons.

Some of these wild horses may have genetic lineages that predate the discovery of North America by Christopher Columbus in 1492.

For instance, we know for a fact that some of the wild horses that live today on the Oregon-California border may be the descendants of wild horses observed and documented by Sir Francis Drake when he explored the west coast of America in 1580. And wild horses that were seen by Drake in 1580 were the descendants of wild horses that survived the Ice Age and predated any reintroduction of Spanish horses to North America:



The brochure features the Wild Horse Fire Brigade logo at the top left, which includes a stylized horse head and the text 'WILD HORSE FIRE BRIGADE'. The main title is 'Wild Horses Need Your Help. Take Action.' in bold. The content is organized into three vertical columns. The left column contains three sections: 'PROBLEM:' with a photo of a helicopter dropping hay to a herd of horses; 'SOLUTION:' with a photo of horses grazing in a field; and 'WHY:' with a photo of two horses. The middle column contains text explaining the 'Natural Wildfire Abatement and Forest Protection Plan', the benefits of wild horses as keystone herbivores, and the goal of the Wild Horse Fire Brigade. The right column contains a QR code, contact information for WildHorseFireBrigade.org, and social media icons for Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

WILD HORSE FIRE BRIGADE

Wild Horses Need Your Help. Take Action.

PROBLEM:
Wild Horses are aggressively rounded up by the Bureau of Land Management and some are taken to slaughterhouses.

SOLUTION:
Take the Wild Horses to Critical Wilderness areas where both the horses and the environment will thrive, and will not disrupt public land or industry.

WHY:
No living creature should be treated this way. There is a way we can all coexist, nature, people, and industry.

The 'Natural Wildfire Abatement and Forest Protection Plan', commonly called 'Wild Horse Fire 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.

Wild Horse Fire 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.

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 land, 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.

Make a difference today.

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This is an extracted quote from the doctoral dissertation by Dr. Yvette 'Running Horse' Collin, titled;

The relationship between the indigenous peoples of the Americas and the horse: deconstructing a Eurocentric myth, which can be read in its entirety at the following URL:

<https://scholarworks.alaska.edu/handle/11122/7592>

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"The Spanish conquistadors were not the only European explorers to have noticed and recorded early sightings of horses in the Americas. In 1579, the Queen of England sent Sir Francis Drake to "The New World." Drake also recorded having seen herds of horses in the Americas during his voyage off the coasts of what are now known as California and Oregon. An account given of Drake's landing in the geographic areas now known as Northern California and Southern Oregon includes the English explorer's description of the homes of the Native Peoples, as well as the animals that he encountered. "It related his wonder at seeing so many wild horses, because he had heard that the Spaniards had found no native horses in America, save those of the Arab breed which they had introduced." 116. In addition to accounts from explorers appointed by European kings and queens, there are accounts of native horses in South America in the area now known as Argentina. One such account even includes an explanation as to why the Spanish may have been motivated to hide the fact that the Indigenous horse of the Americas existed and had a relationship with Native Peoples. According to an article entitled Antiguedad del Caballo En El Plata (The Antiquity of the Horse in the River Plate) by Anibal Cardoso as cited by Austin Whittall on his blog site article.

115 Ibid., 53.

116 Henry S. Burrage, Original Narratives of Early American History. Early English and French Voyages (New York: Unknown Binding, 1906), 23.-----

This recent PBS Documentary, supported by several scientists, also supports that Wild Horses in N. America are Native:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HGki2EwrbkA>

Wild Horse Fire Brigade ('WHFB') is an all-volunteer 501-c-3 nonprofit organization that believes in using the donations we get wisely, so we can achieve the greatest effect with our multiple mission objectives. Educating the public, politicians and even the Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service is one of our key missions.

The team of researchers (Michelle Gough & William E. Simpson II) at WHFB are on the cutting-edge of wilderness research by living-among and studying free-roaming wild horses living naturally in wilderness ecosystems. WHFB has dedicated volunteer board members and advisors who believe American taxpayers deserve better management and care of our limited natural

resources, including our remaining native species American wild horses.

Learn more about the WHFB Board at this URL: <https://www.wildhorsefirebrigade.org/advocacy-board>

Gough & Simpson are living in the remote mountain wilderness on the Oregon-California border to obtain important insights into wild horse behavioral ecology and ethology that have been understudied or missed all-together. These insights will benefit wild horses and their management going forward, leading to their sustainable natural conservation and the rebalancing of American wilderness ecosystems.

The Wild Horse Fire Brigade plan to naturally save wild horses is so unique, and makes so much sense ecologically and economically, that it's growing organically.

Time is of the essence: Virtually all American critical wilderness areas, the forests and wildlife, are now at very high risk for devastation by catastrophic wildfire.

AM BEST TV sent their News Video report out on their public and subscriber-based news platform to the major players in the insurance and finance world.

The word about Wild Horse Fire Brigade's plan is spreading as is the groundswell of support.

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