

American Wild Horse PRESERVATION CAMPAIGN



Dear AWHPC Supporter,

This week, we have both good and bad news to share with you, and we ask you to take two important actions on behalf of our wild horses and burros.

First, the sad news: the huge Twin Peaks, California roundup has ended, with 1,799 mustangs and burros captured and 15 dead so far. And Utah's Conger Complex roundup nears completion with 432 of 450 targeted mustangs captured and two reported dead. The death count from both roundups is sure to rise as the trauma and stress of capture and captivity begins to take its toll these formerly free-roaming horses.

On a happier note, two exciting plans by AWHPC coalition supporters to create wild horse preserves are proceeding . . . read the good news below. Each of these plans addresses a different aspect of the problem, and both are sure to be game changers for our government's wild horse management policy.

Finally, be sure to get your letters in by Thursday to oppose two more BLM roundups in Nevada. It's critically important that we get our letters in -- we are building a strong public record to demonstrate overwhelming opposition to the government's inhumane and wasteful wild horse program.

In future, sending these alerts through AWHPC will become much easier when we implement our new advocacy tool that will allow you to just "click and send" your letters. We ask for your patience as we set up this new system, which should be fully operational within the next month.

Thank you so much for your caring and support

 Forward to a Friend

Two Quick Actions to Oppose Roundup of Wild Horses

So far this year, the Obama Administration has removed more than 10,000 wild horses from their homes on our public lands and the government isn't finished yet. Despite tens of thousands of Americans and more than 54 members of Congress calling for a halt to the roundups, Interior Secretary Ken Salazar - a fifth generation rancher - continues to push forward with the Administration's plan to remove thousands of additional horses.



Today we ask for your help to protest two Nevada roundups. Public comments on two upcoming roundups are due this Thursday, September 23, 2010. So please don't delay - click on the two links below to submit comments. Every public comment is so important - while the Interior Department continues business as usual, it is imperative that we have on the record thousands of Americans

protesting these unjust, inhumane and unnecessary roundups that destroy wild horse families and remove them from their homes in the wild only to be warehoused in government holding facilities.

Every voice counts: please submit your comments by Thursday and forward this alert to your friends and family.

[Click here](#) to oppose wild horse roundup in Nevada's Clan Alpine, Pilot Mountain, and Pine Nut Mountain Herd Management Areas.

[Click here](#) to oppose wild horse roundup in Nevada's Lahontan Herd Management Area.

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## Madeleine Pickens' Vision of Wild Horse

## to Become Reality



After two and one half years of work, AWHPC coalition supporter Madeleine Pickens announced on Friday that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has finally endorsed her plan to create an eco-sanctuary for wild horses. The

project will begin with a pilot program for 1,000 horses, but eventually envisions providing a safe haven for many of the 38,000 wild horses, like those pictured at left, who are currently languishing in government holding pens and pastures.

Congratulations to Mrs. Pickens and her staff for their hard work and dedication to making the vision of an eco-sanctuary for our mustangs a reality. Read the official announcement [here](#).



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### **Return to Freedom Rescues 19th Calico Stallion; 21 Captured Mustangs Begin New Life**

This gorgeous buckskin stallion was acquired by Return to Freedom this month, after BLM shipped him to Oklahoma, where his online buyer declined to pick him up. Soon he will be joining 18 other captured Calico stallions and a Calico mare and her foal as they await their new life at a wild horse preserve created through a unique partnership between Return to Freedom and Soldier Meadows Ranch and Lodge.

Read [more](#) about this pioneering project, which aims to re-establish family bands that were torn apart in the BLM's deadly Calico roundup

earlier this year, and to create a pilot program for cost-effective and humane management of wild horses on the range, where they belong.

*The [American Wild Horse Preservation Campaign](#) (AWHPC) is dedicated to preserving the American wild horse in viable free-roaming herds for generations to come, as part of our national heritage. Its grassroots efforts are supported by a coalition of over forty organizations.*

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