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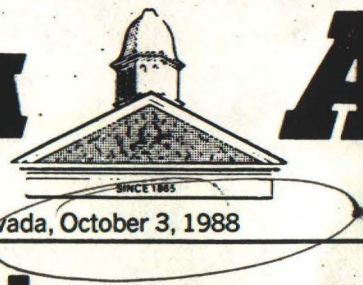


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140 more horses found dead

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Bureau of Land Management officials reported today that they have discovered at least 140 more dead horses near Bald Mountain in central Nevada.
The latest discovery brings to 268 the number of dead horses discovered north of Austin in the last month.
Eight other horses were found shot last week near Silver Peak east of Tonopah.

So far, no one has been arrested for killing the horses which are protected by a federal law.
BLM spokeswoman Maxine Shane said the horses were sighted by helicopters over the weekend and that ground patrols will be visiting the area today.
Because of the dead horse discoveries, Shane said the BLM has begun flying over about 100 areas in the state where wild horses are known to gather.
The latest dead horses were discovered near Bald Mountain in Lander County, about 10 miles north of

Mount Callahan, the area where the BLM found the carcasses of 41 other horses last month.
Mount Callahan is 30 miles east of Mount Moses where the bodies of another 87 horses also were found in September.
Shane said the BLM has not been able to determine yet how the latest horses died.
The Bald Mountain horses, however, have been dead for some time since only bones of some of them are visible.
Investigators have determined the horses at Mount Callahan and

Mount Moses were shot.
Law enforcement officials will visit Bald Mountain today and try to determine the cause of the horses' death.
Walter Johnson Jr., the chief of the BLM's law enforcement division in Washington, visited central Nevada last week and pledged his full support in trying to apprehend the killer or killers of the horses, Shane said.
"We are using all our law enforcement resources," said Shane, who refused to say how many officers are involved.

Under federal law, the illegal destruction of each wild horse is punishable by one year in prison or a \$2,000 fine.
Rewards of more than \$12,000 have been pledged by animal groups for information leading to the arrests of those responsible for shooting the horses.
Nevada is home for about 28,000 of the 38,000 wild horses in the West.
Prior to this week's discovery of the 140 horses, the carcasses of eight wild horses, including two

colts, were found early last week with gunshot wounds in a remote hill-covered area near the tiny town of Silver Peak.
Earlier discoveries of slain wild horses were made on Sept. 2 and Sept. 19. In all cases it was confirmed the animals had been shot.
In all cases, according to BLM spokesman Bob Stewart, the carcasses and bones indicate the horses were apparently shot over a six-month period starting about a year ago.