

APPENDIX 8

***WILDERNESS STUDY AREA,
INTERMIM MANAGEMENT PLAN
COMPLIANCE
EAST FORK HIGH ROCK CANYON WSA
AND MASSACRE RIM WSA***

WILDERNESS STUDY AREA, INTERIM MANAGEMENT PLAN COMPLIANCE

MASSACRE RIM WSA AND EAST FORK HIGH ROCK CANYON WSA

PROPOSED ACTION AND ALTERNATIVE 2

Bitner, Nut Mountain, and Wall Canyon HMAs

PROPOSED ACTION

Criteria 1. Is the action temporary? Yes.

Two to four days of activity would take place in the Massacre Rim WSA gathering horses on the Bitner HMA. Two to three days of activity would take place in the East Fork High Rock Canyon WSA on the Nut Mountain and Wall Canyon HMAs. In combination with gathering activities on the High Rock HMA, East of Canyon Home Range there could be up to seven days of gathering activities in the East Fork High Rock Canyon WSA.

Criteria 2. Are the temporary impacts caused by the proposed action capable of being reclaimed to a condition of being substantially unnoticeable in the WSAs as a whole? Yes.

The temporary action will disturb the feeling of solitude. The disturbance will result from the noise from the helicopter and commotion of the wild horses being driven toward the trap sites. No reclamation is required. When the gather is completed the disturbance ends.

Criteria 3. Does the activity significantly constrain the Secretary of Interior's recommendations with respect to the area's suitability or unsuitability for preservation as wilderness? No.

The wilderness value affected is solitude. The affect will end at the end of the gather.

ALTERNATIVE 2

Criteria 1. Is the action temporary? Yes.

No wild horse gathering will take place at this time.

Criteria 2. Are the temporary impacts caused by the proposed action capable of being reclaimed to a condition of being substantially unnoticeable in the WSAs as a whole? Yes.

There will be no impacts to reclaim.

Criteria 3. Does the activity significantly constrain the Secretary of Interior's recommendations with respect to the area's suitability or unsuitability for preservation as wilderness? No.

PROPOSED ACTION AND ALTERNATIVE 2

High Rock HMA, East of Canyon Home Range

PROPOSED ACTION

Criteria 1. Is the action temporary? Yes.

Two to four days of activity would take place in the East Fork High Rock WSA. In combination with gathering activities on the Nut Mountain and Wall Canyon HMAs, there could be up to seven days of gathering activities in this WSA.

Criteria 2. Are the temporary impacts caused by the proposed action capable of being reclaimed to a condition of being substantially unnoticeable in the WSA as a whole? Yes.

The temporary action will disturb the feeling of solitude. The disturbance will result from the noise from the helicopter and commotion of the wild horses being driven toward the trap sites. No reclamation is required. When the gather is completed this disturbance ends.

The proposed action will affect naturalness at the trap site during the gather. The trucks and trailers used for transporting the trap and the captured horses will be turned around at the trap site. There will be trampling by the horses immediately in front of and in the trap.

Reclamation of the disturbance is done as part of removing the trap. Crushed shrubs are scattered. The area is raked to obliterate the tire tracks and signs of trampling. Then the site is swept with brush to remove the rake marks. When the trap is gone the site is completely reclaimed.

Criteria 3. Does the activity significantly constrain the Secretary of Interior's recommendations with respect to the area's suitability or unsuitability for preservation as wilderness? No.

The wilderness values affected are solitude and naturalness at the trap site. Neither affect persists past the end of the gather. Naturalness is completely restored by the reclamation procedures.

ALTERNATIVE 2

Criteria 1. Is the action temporary? Yes.

No wild horse gathering will take place at this time.

Criteria 2. Are the temporary impacts caused by the proposed action capable of being reclaimed to a condition of being substantially unnoticeable in the WSAs as a whole? Yes.

There will be no impacts to reclaim.

Criteria 3. Does the activity significantly constrain the Secretary of Interior's recommendations with respect to the area's suitability or unsuitability for preservation as wilderness? No.