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CHERRY SPRINGS WILDHORSE TERRITORY FACT SHEET

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- Approximately 35 acres of territory are on private land the remaining area is on National Forest Lands.
- The territory is completely enclosed by either natural boundaries or fences.
- The territory is a key mule deer winter range.
- Adequate water does exist but more development is needed.
- The 1989 head count puts herd size at 115 horses. Approximately 23 young are born each spring. By the end of the summer herd size only increases by 7 head. Suspected attrition attributed to cougar kill.
- Capacity based in available winter range (9249 acres) sets numbers at around 60 head.
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- Territory is heavily accessed by geological interests and wood cutters. There is a high probability of mineral development in the future.
- Horses have excellent conformation. Before territory designation local ranchers imported quality quarter and thoroughbred horses.
- Territory is mostly grazed by wildhorses. Some seasonal cattle and sheep grazing does exist but grazing impacts can easily be separated (see map).
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