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New Water Sources On The Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range

This summer, new water sources are being developed across the Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range. Ten of these water sources, called guzzlers, will be installed by hand. The guzzlers are part of the Range's new Herd Management Area Plan (HMAP). A goal of this plan is to encourage the wild horses to spread out across the Range more. This could allow for better rangeland conditions, which could allow for a higher population of wild horses to live on the Range. The range improvement projects outlined in the new HMAP were delayed due to litigation from advocacy groups, and so they are behind schedule. Still, the project is going well; and some of the installed guzzlers are already receiving use by the horses and other wildlife.



Some of the wild horses are already using the guzzlers.



Members of the PMWMC and MCC prepare the first guzzler site.

Volunteers from the Pryor Mountain Wild Mustang Center were excited to provide labor in the installation of the first guzzler. Working alongside members of the Montana Conservation Corps and the Bureau of Land Management, PMWMC volunteers provided a total of nearly 100 hours of labor on this first guzzler. The PMWMC volunteers also plan on providing further assistance in finishing the guzzlers this summer. Also, the PMWMC will finish its project to remove a long stretch of interior fence. While making the Range safer for the wild horses, the removal of this fence will allow the wild horses to better move through areas where new guzzlers will be installed.

Making A Difference

This spring, Pryor Mountain Wild Mustang Center Director Matthew Dillon was honored to receive the Bureau of Land Management's Making a Difference Award. Dillon received this award for the work he has done in organizing and providing volunteer assistance on range improvement projects as well as wild horse data collection. These actions reflect the philosophy of the PMWMC, which seeks to find ways in which it can work with, and not against, the BLM in finding ways in which the Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range, and the wild horses living there, can be properly managed. Dillon received the award on May 5 in Washington DC. While there, he also was able to meet and talk with BLM staff as well as go to Capitol Hill, where he met with staff of a congressman.



Montana Associate State Director Diane Friez, Matthew Dillon, and BLM Director Bob Abbey

Foster Horse Program

The Pryor Mountain Wild Mustang Center is excited to introduce our Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range Foster Horse Program. The Center is committed to preserving the Pryor Mountain Wild Horses. In order to achieve this goal, the lands of the Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range must be preserved as well. We invite you to participate in these goals by joining this Foster Program. For a donation of \$30.00, supporters will receive a foster packet for the available horse of their choice. Each packet contains a beautiful 8" X 10" colored photograph of the horse as well as a certificate suitable for framing and pertinent information on the horse. The donations will be directly applied to range improvement projects that will help ensure the health of the wild horses. From each \$30.00 donation, \$20.00 will be allocated for range improvement projects. Examples of range improvement projects include reseeding and improving educational signage. The remaining \$10 of each donation will assist in allowing the PMWMC to operate. For more information on this program, please contact us or visit our website!

Summer 2010 Herd Update

There have been 26 new foals born so far in 2010. Of these, only one has disappeared. There are also still a few more expecting mares that should foal soon.

Two young fillies and some older stallions are believed to have died this winter and spring. The sorrel mare Flicka also died this spring. With the disappearances of these horses, and last year's foal crop becoming yearlings, there are approximately 150 horses in the herd at this time.



Two Boots & Sequoyah's colt

New Board Members

The Pryor Mountain Wild Mustang Center's Board of Directors has welcomed three new members this year. Joining the Board are local residents Lori Graham, Diane Granger, and Jason Beal. These three are wonderful new additions to the Board and are already doing great things for the Center and the wild horses.

Stiles Update

Last September, the black stallion Stiles was removed from the Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range. Due to the hard work of the PMWMC, photographer Lynne Pomeranz, horse trainer Ken McNabb, the Monero Mustangs Sanctuary, and private donors, Stiles was able to find a new home in New Mexico.



Left to right: Jefito (colt), Pinta (mare), and Stiles at the Monero Mustangs Sanctuary. Photo by Lynne Pomeranz

Stiles has adjusted well to his new life at the Monero Mustangs Sanctuary. He has been described as an easy-going stallion that is a pleasure to have around. He has formed a harem with a 17 year old mare, a 2 year old colt, a 4 year old colt, and a rescued donkey. Stiles is very devoted to his harem, but he still finds time to play with some of the bachelors at the sanctuary.

2011 Calendar

The Pryor Mountain Wild Mustang Center's 2011 calendar is now available. The calendar features photographs of the wild horses taken in each month of the year in 2009 and 2010. The calendars are available for \$12.00. All proceeds from the calendars benefit the PMWMC.



Meet the Mustangs 2010

On August 7th, the Pryor Mountain Wild Mustang Center will hold its annual Meet the Mustangs benefit. During this year's event, there will be an all-day barbecue and silent auction at the PMWMC's visitor center. A coloring contest will be held for area youth. Attendees are also invited to view new and existing exhibits and to visit the gift shop at the PMWMC.