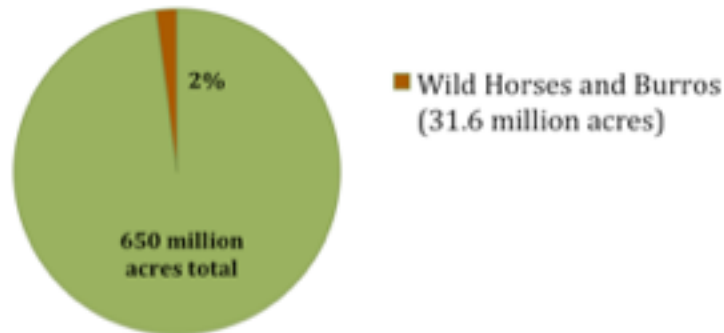


A huge portion of herd management areas has decreased. Over 4 million wild horses and burros from California, 5 million from Nevada and 5.5 million from Wyoming have been "zeroed out" by the BLM and USFS. Along with decreases from the rest of the western states, these zeroed out areas equal about 40% of the management herd areas originally set by the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act of 1971. To learn more about these alarming statistics, see chapter 3, figure 6 of Craig Downer's book, *The Wild Horse Conspiracy*.

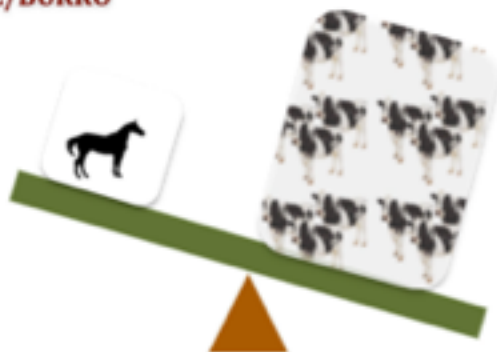
## Amount of Federal Land Occupied by Wild Horses & Burros as of 2012



### Relative Proportions of Forage Allocation on Public Lands

**1 WILD HORSE/BURRO**

**45 LIVESTOCK ANIMALS**

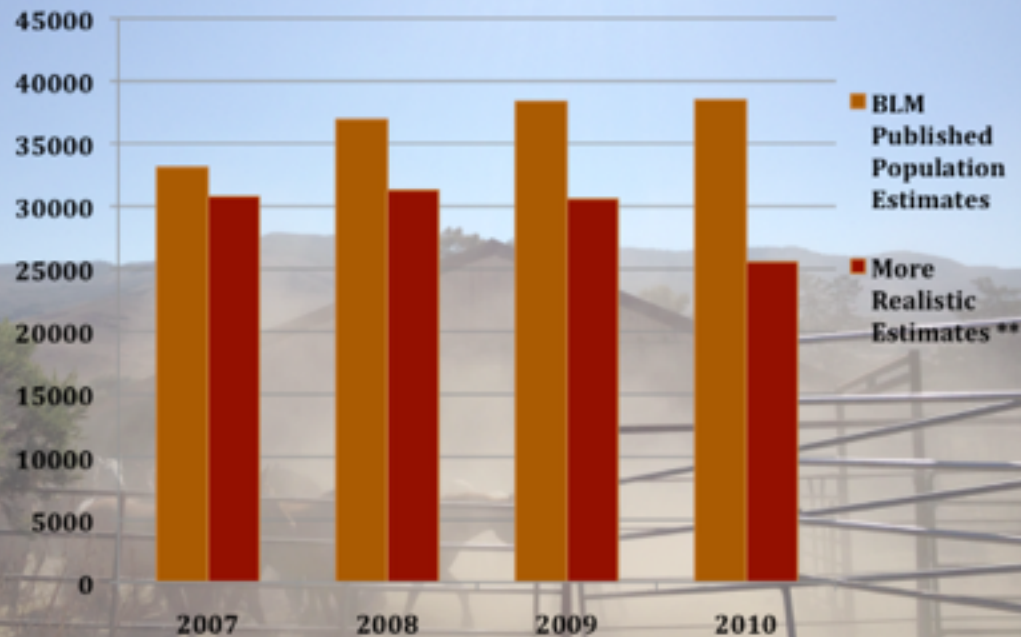


Relative proportions of livestock and wild horses and burros are extremely unequal. Originally, 88 million acres would have qualified for wild horse and burro presence on public land. Today, out of 650 million acres of federal land, wild horses and burros only occupy 31.6 million acres or 2%\* of total BLM allocation. On average 82% of the forage even within these reduced areas go to livestock not the wild horses, contrary to the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act which states that the 1971 lands shall be "devoted principally" to the wild horses and burros. The total allocated Animal Unit Months (AUMs)\*\* amounts to nearly 16,200,000 AUMs out of which wild horses and burros are only allocated 360,000 AUMs.

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\*\*On federal lands governed by the BLM, United States Forest Service, National Park Service, and United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

## BLM's Misleading Data



\*\*Numbers based on applying BLM's claimed 20% per year growth model to reported, estimated populations and subtracting BLM's reported removals.

The BLM substantially inflates wild horse and burro population numbers in addition to ignoring important mortality factors and viable population requirements. The IUCN Species Survival Commission, Equid Specialist Group recommends a minimum population size of 2,500 individual wild horses and burros, while the BLM manages according to a minimum of 150 individuals -- a standard that the BLM doesn't come close to meeting.\*

\*Duncan, Patrick. 1992. Zebras, Asses and Horses: An Action Plan for the Conservation of Wild Equids. IUCN Species Survival Commission, Equid Specialist Group. Gland, Switzerland. International Union for Conservation of Nature, a.k.a. World Conservation Union.