

H.J. No. 0003	Free-roaming feral horses.
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Sponsored By: Select Federal Natural Resource Management Committee

A JOINT RESOLUTION requesting Congress, state and local authorities to take action to prevent further damage and remediate damages caused by free-roaming feral horses on rangelands in the West and to develop effective fertility control methods to reduce the populations of free-roaming feral horses in the West.

12/15/2014 Bill Number Assigned
1/13/2015 H Received for Introduction
1/14/2015 H Introduced and Referred to H05 - Agriculture
1/29/2015 Agriculture:Recommend Do Pass 9-0-0-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Representative(s) Allen, Blake, Campbell, Eklund, Hunt, Jaggi, Laursen, Lindholm, McKim

Ayes 9 **Nays** 0 **Excused** 0 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

1/29/2015 H Placed on General File

HJ0003HW001/ADOPTED

(CORRECTED COPY)

Page 1-line 2 After "action to" insert "prevent further damage and".

Page 2-After line 14 Insert:

"WHEREAS, the state of Wyoming has a federally approved sage grouse conservation plan, the efficacy of which is being compromised by continuing habitat damage resulting from free-roaming horses; and".

Page 3-line 15 After "to" insert "adequately"; after "support" insert "all".

Page 3-line 17 After "West" delete balance of line and insert ", utilizing all methods envisioned and authorized in the Wild Free Roaming Horse and Burro Act.".

Page 3-line 18 Delete entirely.

Page 4-After line 4 Insert:

"Section 3. That the Wyoming Legislature calls on Congress to prohibit the reintroduction of wild horses back onto the western rangelands outside the current herd management areas, nor onto existing herd management areas at or above the authorized management levels.

Section 4. That the Wyoming Legislature calls on Congress and federal agencies to prioritize these requested management activities to the sage grouse core areas and priority habitat strongholds in order to reduce the possibility of an endangered listing for the sage grouse and to stop the resource damage now occurring.

Page 4-line 6 Delete **"Section 3."** Insert **"Section 5."**.
LINDHOLM

2/2/2015 H COW Passed

HJ0003H2001/ADOPTED

Page 3-line 9 Delete "." insert "; and".

Page 3-After line 9 Insert:

"WHEREAS, the following reports provide, among other things, data, statistics and recommended strategies to manage free-roaming wild horses in the West and protect the state's rangeland resources and uses: Range-wide Interagency Sage-grouse Conservation Team, Near-Term Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation Action Plan (September 2012); Ted Williams, Horse Sense, Audobon (September/October 2006); David Ganskopp and Martin Vavra, Habitat Use by Feral Horses in the Northern Sagebrush Steppe, Journal of Range Management Volume 39(3) (May 1986); K.W. Davies and C.S. Boyd, Effects on Feral Free-Roaming Horses on Semi-Arid Rangeland Ecosystems: An Example from the Sagebrush Steppe, Ecosphere Volume 5(10) (October 2014); Linda Zeigenfuss et al., Influence of Nonnative and Native Ungulate Biomass and Seasonal Precipitation on Vegetation Production in a Great Basin Ecosystem, Western North American Naturalist Volume 74(3) (2014); Erik Beever and Peter Brussard, Examining Ecological Consequences of Feral Horse Grazing Using Exclosures, Western North American Naturalist Volume 60(3) (2000); Kelly Crane et al., Habitat Selection Patterns of Feral Horses in Southcentral Wyoming, Journal of Range Management Volume 50(4) (July 1997); Erik Beever, Management Implications of the Ecology of Free-Roaming Horses in Semi-Arid Ecosystems of the Western United States, Wildlife Society Bulletin Volume 31(3) (2003); and Erik Beever and Cameron Aldridge, Influences of Free-Roaming Equids on Sagebrush Ecosystems, with a Focus on Greater Sage-Grouse, Studies in Avian Biology Volume 38 (2011).".

Page 3-line 17

Delete the Lindholm committee of the whole amendment (HJ0003HW001/AC) to this line; after "West" delete balance of line and insert ", utilizing all management and control methods authorized by Section 3(d) of the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act.". LINDHOLM

2/3/2015 H 2nd Reading:Passed

2/4/2015 H 3rd Reading:Passed 59-0-1-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Representative(s) Allen, Baker, Baldwin, Barlow, Berger, Blackburn, Blake, Brown Speaker, Burkhart, Byrd, Campbell, Cannady, Clem, Connolly, Dayton, Edmonds, Edwards, Eklund, Esquibel, Freeman, Gay, Greear, Halverson, Harvey, Hunt, Jaggi, Jennings, Kasperik, Kirkbride, Kroeker, Krone, Larsen Lloyd, Laursen Dan, Lindholm, Lockhart, Loucks, Madden, McKim, Miller, Moniz, Nicholas, Northrup, Patton, Paxton, Pelkey, Petroff, Piiparinen, Pownall, Reeder, Schwartz, Sommers, Steinmetz, Stubson, Throne, Walters, Wilson, Winters, Zwonitzer,Dn, Zwonitzer,Dv

Excused: Representative Harshman

Ayes 59 **Nays** 0 **Excused** 1 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

2/5/2015 S Received for Introduction

2/5/2015 S Introduced and Referred to S05 - Agriculture

2/11/2015 Agriculture:Recommend Amend and Do Pass 5-0-0-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Senator(s) Barnard, Christensen, Dockstader, Emerich, Geis

Ayes 5 **Nays** 0 **Excused** 0 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

2/11/2015 S Placed on General File

HJ0003SS001/ADOPTED**(TO ENGROSSED COPY)**

Page 1-before line 1 In the catch title delete "wild" insert
"feral".

Page 1-line 3 Delete "wild" insert "feral".

Page 1-line 6 Delete "wild" insert "feral".

Page 1-line 9 Delete "wild" insert "feral".

Page 1-line 11 Delete "wild" insert "feral".

Page 2-line 1 Delete "wild" insert "feral".

Page 2-line 3 Delete "wild" insert "feral".

Page 2-line 7 Delete "wild" insert "feral".

Page 2-line 12 Delete "wild" insert "feral".

Page 3-line 1 Delete "wild" insert "feral".

Page 3-line 4 Delete "wild" insert "feral".

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Page 3-line 14 Delete "wild" insert "feral".

Page 3-line 15 Delete "wild" insert "feral".

Page 3-line 22 Delete "wild" insert "feral".

Page 5-line 9 Delete "wild" insert "feral".

Page 5-line 18 Delete "wild" insert "feral".

Page 5-line 21 Delete "wild" insert "feral".

Page 6-line 2 Delete "wild" insert "feral". GEIS, CHAIRMAN

2/11/2015 S COW Passed

2/12/2015 S 2nd Reading:Passed

2/17/2015 S 3rd Reading:Passed 29-0-1-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Senator(s) Anderson, J.D. (SD02), Anderson, J.L. (SD28),
Barnard, Bebout, Burns, Case, Christensen, Coe, Cooper, Craft,
Dockstader, Driskill, Emerich, Esquibel, Geis, Hastert, Hicks, Johnson,
Kinskey, Landen, Meier, Nicholas Pres, Pappas, Perkins, Peterson, Ross,
Rothfuss, Von Flatern, Wasserburger

Excused: Senator Scott

Ayes 29 **Nays** 0 **Excused** 1 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

2/17/2015 H Received for Concurrence

2/18/2015 H Concur:Failed 15-44-1-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Representative(s) Berger, Connolly, Dayton, Gay, Halverson,
Hunt, Jaggi, Jennings, Kasperik, Kirkbride, Krone, Lockhart, Madden,
Schwartz, Stubson

Nays: Representative(s) Allen, Baker, Baldwin, Barlow, Blackburn,
Blake, Brown Speaker, Burkhart, Byrd, Campbell, Cannady, Clem, Edmonds,
Edwards, Eklund, Esquibel, Freeman, Greear, Harshman, Harvey, Kroeker,
Larsen Lloyd, Laursen Dan, Lindholm, Loucks, McKim, Miller, Moniz,
Nicholas, Northrup, Paxton, Pelkey, Petroff, Piiparinen, Pownall,
Reeder, Sommers, Steinmetz, Throne, Walters, Wilson, Winters,
Zwonitzer,Dn, Zwonitzer,Dv

Excused: Representative Patton

Ayes 15 **Nays** 44 **Excused** 1 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

2/18/2015 H Appointed JCC01 Members
Representative(s) McKim, Hunt, Lindholm

2/20/2015 S Appointed JCC01 Members
Senator(s) Emerich, Dockstader, Hicks

2/24/2015 H Adopted HJ0003JC001: 58-0-2-0-0

HJ0003JC001/HADOPTED (TO ENGROSSED COPY)

Adopt the following Senate amendments:

HJ0003SS001/A

Further amend the ENGROSSED COPY as follows:

Page 1-After line 6 Insert:

"WHEREAS, Wyoming has recognized the Wild and Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act of 1971 and free-roaming horses are defined as feral under W.S. 11-48-101(a)(iii).".

Page 5-line 10 After "West" insert "at the appropriate management level".

Page 6-line 18 Delete "and" insert ",".

Page 6-line 19 After "Delegation" insert "the Secretary of the Interior, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Land Management and the Director of the Wyoming Office of the Bureau of Land Management".
MCKIM, HUNT, LINDHOLM, EMERICH, DOCKSTADER, HICKS

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Excused: Representative(s) Allen, Patton

Ayes 58 **Nays** 0 **Excused** 2 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

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Landen, Meier, Nicholas Pres, Pappas, Perkins, Peterson, Ross,
Rothfuss, Scott, Von Flatern, Wasserburger

Excused: Senator Driskill

Ayes 29 **Nays** 0 **Excused** 1 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

2/25/2015 Assigned Number HEJR No. 0003
2/26/2015 H Speaker Signed HEJR No. 0003
2/26/2015 S President Signed HEJR No. 0003
3/3/2015 Governor Signed HEJR No. 0003