

## **Wild and Feral Horses and Burros**

The Wild Horse and Burro Act (WHBA) is lacking proper management tools for the BLM. It has also given those who love Wild Horses and Burros an avenue to use the courts to make management decisions for those animals, mostly without concern for their long term health or well-being the animals or of other affected natural resources. There have been no historic wild horses and burros in the Winkelman District under the definition of the WHBA. It is the policy of the district that there shall be no protected areas in the district for wild horses and burros.

Feral horses and burros are not protected under the WHBA. Whenever agencies encounter feral horses and burros, it shall be the policy of the Winkelman NRCD to demand, for the sake of the resources and property rights they impact, the quick removal and disposal under Arizona law of those animals. Agency Long Range Plans should include the same. We urge our producers and other cooperators to quickly report to Arizona Department of Agriculture all feral and abandoned horses and burros.