



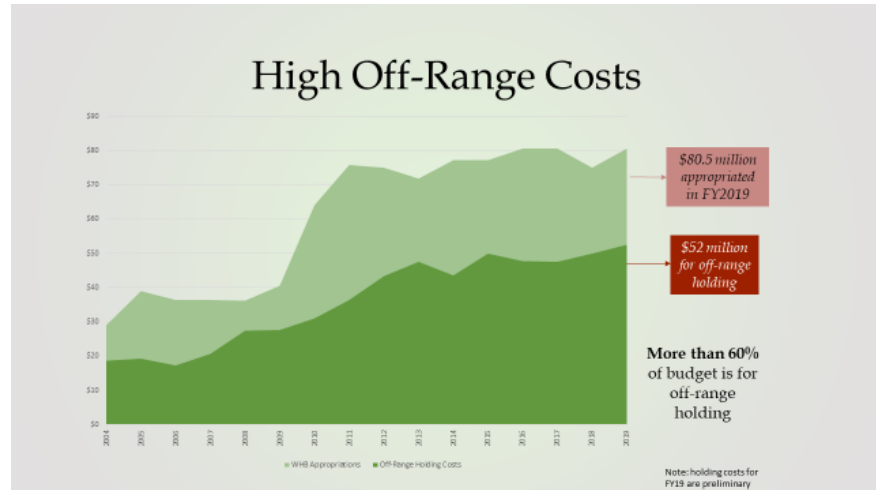
Public/Private Partnership: An economically, biologically, ecologically, and ethically practical Option

The current management paradigm is failing. Rangelands, wildlife, and wild horses are being adversely affected.

The 2019 cost of off-range holding is \$52 million or \$1,040 per animal. With 60,000 excess animals on-range above AML the total animals requiring off-range care grows to 107,000 animals.

The cost will accumulate to at least \$2.2 billion in 20 years. Just for Off-Range Animals

These are actual costs of the program just for holding at WHB numbers today.



A different means of funding care of off-range horses is necessary.

Novel markets through a Public/Private partnership offers numerous benefits:

- Shifts majority of the burden from BLM (govt.) to private sector
- Opens BLM off-range short term holding facilities to allow for necessary gathers of excess horses in emergency and non-emergency situations
- Increases BLM's ability to manage on-range populations
- Tax credits would provide funding for care of animals by private entities
- Any US tax payer could provide funding through a charitable contribution
- Business tax credits could be either refundable or non-refundable
- Tax Credits sunset in 20+/- years with attrition of animals by natural death
- Avoids unlimited sale and euthanizing excess animals – **Socially acceptable and politically feasible**

Doing nothing is not an option when Federal land management agencies are charged with maintaining the health of wild horse herds and the land on which they depend by multiple laws.



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Moody Spring destroyed by horses near Eureka NV. No Cattle for 10+ years



Horses & wildlife competing for water



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