

Table 5-13.

**WILD FREE-ROAMING HORSE AND BURRO REMOVAL
AND ADOPTION BY OFFICE, FISCAL YEAR 2005**

Administrative Office /a/	Animals Adopted				Animals Removed	
	FY 1971 - FY 2004		FY 2005		FY 2005	
	<i>Horses</i>	<i>Burros</i>	<i>Horses</i>	<i>Burros</i>	<i>Horses</i>	<i>Burros</i>
Arizona	2,881	2,735	218	91	1	53
California /a/ /b/	16,518	5,896	705	231	992	252
Colorado	6,099	762	292	17	357	0
Eastern States /a/	54,079	14,159	1,766	71	0	0
Idaho	3,942	293	110	0	360	0
Montana /a/	9,811	1,274	4	0	0	0
Nevada /b/	3,801	282	54	0	5,805	68
New Mexico /a/	18,071	3,793	916	69	23	0
Oregon /a/ /b/	12,784	1,318	313	6	891	0
Utah	5,231	369	173	20	248	0
Wyoming /a/	15,650	1,123	420	1	1,973	0
Natl. Program Office /c/	20,736	1,069	222	2	0	0
Total	169,603	33,073	5,193	508	10,650	373
Total Adopted, Fiscal Years 1971 through 2004:			202,676			
Total Adopted, Fiscal Year 2005:			5,701			
Total Removed, Fiscal Year 2005:					11,023	

Note: The table reflects reassignments, which occur when adopted animals are returned to the Federal government and then re-adopted. Historical adoption numbers have been adjusted to avoid double counting in the case of reassignments (approximately 300 per year). Mules are reported as burros.

/a/ California administers the wild horse and burro program in Hawaii; Eastern States Office administers the program in the 31 States east of and bordering on the Mississippi River and the District of Columbia; Montana administers the program in North and South Dakota; New Mexico administers the program in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas; Oregon administers the program in the State of Washington; and Wyoming administers the program in Nebraska.

/b/ These numbers include 777 animals removed from Forest Service territories: 247 in California; 453 in Nevada; and 77 in Oregon.

/c/ Prior to 1996, adoptions were reported by geographic state, including the District of Columbia. Since 1996, adoptions have been reported by the BLM administrative state where the adopted animals were maintained. Beginning in 1999, adoptions conducted in the two national centers – Elm Creek, Nebraska, and Palomino Valley, Nevada – have been reported under the National Program office.