



# National Wild Horse and Burro Management Summit

## Summit Agenda

**Tuesday – August 22, 2017** – Field tour will provide participants with first-hand experiences in wild horse and burro on-the-range and off-the-range management issues.

**Wednesday - August 23, 2017** – Speakers will synthesize the policy, legal, science, best management practices leading to resolution of wild horse and burro management issues

### **Plenary Session (Invited speakers)**

**Welcome** – The Honorable Gary R. Herbert, Governor of Utah

**Department of Interior** – Secretary of Interior Ryan Zinke

**US Congress** – Rep Chris Stewart

**Wild Horse and Burro Management: Framing the Issues** – Keith Norris, National Horse and Burro Rangeland Management Coalition;

**Managing Wild Horses, Burros, and Wildlife on Western Rangelands** – Rick Danvir, former Wildlife Manager, Deseret Land and Livestock.

**Policy and Management Session Topics** - Current BLM Implementation of the Wild Horse and Burro Management Act, wildlife management realities and the search for options, wild horse and burros and One Health.

**Science and Management Session Topics** - Science of managing western rangelands, wildlife responses to wild horse and burros, wild horse and greater sage-grouse conflicts, unmanaged wild horse and burro impacts on plants and soils.

**Management Options and Challenges Topics** - wild horse movement and use of public and private lands, wild horse and burro behavior: reproducing vs non-reproducing herds, wild horse and burro economic impacts, and what are the viable options.

**Thursday, August 24, 2017** - The legal realities of wild horses and burros.

**Facilitated workgroups:** Legislative/policy changes, public communications, political considerations and approaches

**1) On-range science and management** – what are the best options for sustaining wild horse and burro populations

**2: Off-range science and management** – what are the best options for enabling on-range wild horse and burro management

**Outcome:** Strategic action to achieve implementation the Act

**Goal:** Full implementation of the 1971 Wild Horse and Burro Management Act (Act)

**Dates:** August 22-24, 2017

**Location:** Salt Lake City Marriott , Downtown at City Creek, SLC

**Participation:** By invitation

**Summit registration Fee:** \$275

**Field Tour Fee:** \$60

**Videotaping** – The speaker presentations in the plenary, science, management, and policy sessions be video-taped and posted on Summit website post-conference

**Summit Publication:** The speakers for the policy, science, and management sessions will be invited to prepare a manuscript of their comments/research for publication as a peer-reviewed or peer-edited contribution for a special issue of *Human-Wildlife Interactions*  
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