To: Files 2260 Wild Horses

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FY 2009 Black Mountain Wild Horses



On October 14, 2008(FY09) **6 foals** were picked up by BLM and taken to Ridgecrest. This was a little earlier than usual due to the drought conditions of 2008. Ten mares and the stallion remained.

Starting around Christmas, 2008 the first of foals of the year was born. Two foals this year were apparently born during a storm and did not survive. A total of 4 foals were added to the herd this year.



Family Portrait, Mare we call Check Mark (17), the Stallion (9), and their filly. April 2008

The grass and the water in the lake held this year and the horses did well. The old Modoc mare can't keep up with the herd and is usually separate with her young daughter. But, others, usually the older mares, are often seen with her. Mother and daughter groups seem to move together.

FY 2010

On November 17, 2009, Melody Fountain and Bob Stone captured most of the herd in the capture corral. A decision was made to keep some of the fillies to replace the old mares in the herd and remove the stallion. The stallion was born in Feb. 2001 and has sired some very nice babies. He needs to be replaced if the fillies are kept to prevent inbreeding with his own daughters. He is a prime specimen and BLM should be able to use him to diversify another herd or adopt him out. We decided to keep 2 fillies from this year, on left over from the previous year, and will see what gets born this year from the Stallion. Replacement of the Stallion will be postponed for a year or two to find a good replacement and give the mares a vacation from motherhood.

On November 19, the BLM came and picked up the Stallion, 1 colt and 1 filly.

As of January 7, 2010 the herd consists of the following:

No.	M/S	Color	Known as	Yr Born /Age	Marks/Notes
1	M *	Bay	Modoc	1979 /31 yrs	Does not foal anymore
2	M *	Bay	Black Mountain	1980 /30 yrs	Last of the original Bethal horses
3	M *	Sorrel	Nevada (Mom of Stud)	1986 /24 yrs	White Blaze, does not foal
4	M	Black	Black	1990 /20 yrs	
5	M	Bay	Check Mark	1993 /17 yrs	Small check on forehead
6	M	Bay	Daughter of Modoc (#1)	1996 /14 yrs	Tallest in herd
7	M	Bay	Daughter of Modoc (#1)	1997 /13 yrs	
8	M	Brown	Daughter of Black (#4)	2000 /10 yrs	
9	M	Bay	Daughter of #6	2000 /10 yrs	
10	M *	Sorrel	Daughter of #2	2001 /9 yrs	Has never foaled
11	M	Bay	Daughter of #5	2008 /2 yrs	White Blaze
12	M	Bay	Daughter of #5	2009 /1 year	White Blaze
13	M	Brown	Daughter of #8	2009 /1 year	No white – line on back
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*These mares do not have babies.

#4 out of one of the Modoc mares (probably ½ sister to #1) that is deceased.

#5 out of Palamino mare that was from Nevada, now deceased.