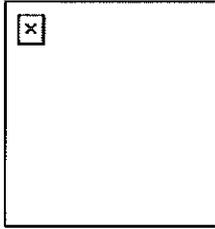


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## Nevada Department of Agriculture to Begin Collection of Nuisance Estray/Feral Horses near Highways, in Neighborhoods

Sparks, NV 07-19-2012 - The Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) will begin collecting nuisance Virginia Range estray/feral horses near highways and in neighborhoods today. This action is a result of a high volume of telephone calls complaining about horses in roadways and neighborhood yards surrounding the Range. "We expected to have issues with the estray horses this year, like last year, when forage and water became scarce on the Range, said NDA spokesperson Ed Foster. "With the relatively dry winter we just had it's logical that the horses are coming down early," he added.

The Virginia Range horses fall under the jurisdiction of Nevada estray/feral laws. The NDA is responsible for carrying out those laws.

This estray/feral horse collection does not have a time limit. Captures will be compared to equine/human interaction data on a daily basis.

This collection will strictly follow Nevada estray/feral law (NRS 569). After capture, the horses will be transported to the Stewart Facility in Carson City and held there until they are photographed, branded and advertised per statute. After the horses are processed, NDA will conduct a sale of the estray horses. The horses will be sold for \$90 each which basically covers the cost of processing. Notice will be given as to where and when this event will occur. Horses not sold will be taken to Fallon and sold at auction. This practice will reduce operational costs as well as staff time resulting in increased efficiency.

This agreement is a collaborative effort by the Nevada Department of Agriculture, Office of the Attorney General, the Nevada Department of Corrections, and concerned private property owners.