

**Project Manager: Virginia Range Feral/Estray Horse Project**  
Division of Animal Industry



At the pleasure of the Division Administrator, the Project Manager directs, manages, supervises, and coordinates the activities and operations of the Nevada Department of Agriculture's (NDA) Virginia Range Feral/Estray Horse Management Project. Over the course of the next 15 months, the project manager will be responsible for oversight, development, implementation, monitoring, collecting, and compiling statistical data, and reporting for the Nevada Virginia Range Feral/Estray Horse Project.

The management project focus is on implementing health and safety measures and establishing public/private partnerships for long-term management options which include cooperative agreements and management, fencing, horse sanctuaries, and adoption programs to address the significant feral/estray horse populations on the Virginia Range that pose public health and safety risks.

This position will implement a multi-year collaborative and science-based project to manage and alleviate public health and safety issues surrounding the growing feral/estray horse population in the Virginia Range. This project is conducted in cooperation with local partners to count and verify current feral/estray horses and develop long-term management solutions including establishing a formal horse adoption program, manage diversionary feeding solutions to draw herds away from urban areas and roadways, and erecting fencing in urban or high traffic areas to complement private entity fencing efforts. In addition, this project will provide local, state, and federal agencies with long-term data to implement science-based management plans for their large feral/estray horse populations.

This position is funded through Federal Earmarks to assist the state of Nevada in identifying and applying long-term management solutions of the Virginia Range area in the interest of protecting public health and safety, while applying sound animal welfare and range management practices.

This is a full-time contract position with the NDA for a period currently funded through September 30, 2024. Ability to work remotely possible.

**Salary**

\$36.94 per hour as a contract employee.

### **Specific Duties**

- Strategize implementation steps, outline, and prepare a timeline of the Nevada Virginia Range Feral/Estray Horse Management Project.
- Implement a collaborative project to manage and alleviate public health and safety issues surrounding the growing feral/estray horse population on the Virginia Range.
- Implement a project in cooperation with local partners to count and verify current feral/estray horses and develop long-term management solutions including establishing fertility control and providing diversionary feeding to keep herds away from urban areas and roadways, and erecting fencing in urban and high traffic areas to complement private entity fencing efforts.
- Provide counties, states, and the federal government with long-term data to implement science-based management plans for their large feral/estray horse populations.
- Ensure implementation and compliance with sound rangeland health practices.
- Develop and maintain effective relationships with cooperators, local, state county, federal agencies, and industry to create a robust program.
- Seek additional opportunities for federal funding to further enhance and promote the program.
- Monitor financial plans and program expenditures.
- Compose and submit quarterly program performance reports.
- In cooperation with NDA colleagues, develop communication and financial plans.
- In cooperation with the NDA Communications Team, create informational and educational materials and presentations for the public and local, state, and federal partners.
- Prepare monthly status reports for the Administrator and selected staff.
- Act as the subject matter expert for public inquiries and respond appropriately.

### **Functional Requirements**

- Light to moderate lifting, 20 pounds with occasional lifting of up to 40 pounds.
- Occasional bending or kneeling.
- Operation of a motor vehicle to perform duties.
- Occasional statewide travel may be periodically required.

### **Environmental Factors**

- Working both indoors and outdoors is required.
- May be required to occasionally wear personal protection equipment.
- Working in cold temperatures for periods of time may be required.
- Working in hot temperatures for periods of time may be required.

### **Minimum Qualifications**

- Project management experience including budgeting, planning, and scheduling.

**Preferred Qualifications**

- Knowledge of and familiarity with Nevada rules and regulations relating to livestock.
- Experience and knowledge of working with livestock.
- Knowledge and/or experience in range and/or natural resources management.
- Knowledge and/or experience in animal science.

**Application**

Position open until filled. Please send a cover letter, resume and list of 3 references to:

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