



HEED THE HERD: PROTECT THE HORSES, PROTECT YOURSELF

RANGE

The horses on the Virginia Range have the best chance of survival on the range. Like any other animal living in the wild, if there is not sufficient forage, the horses are expected to search for forage to survive. Horses that do not learn to search for forage are less likely to survive.

ADMIRE FROM AFAR

While the horses of the Virginia Range can be beautiful, it's important to admire from afar. Horses can be unpredictable and may charge, kick or strike those in proximity.

DRIVE AWARE

Horses on or near roadways present a public safety hazard. Please stay alert, drive with caution, use your high beams when appropriate, and be prepared to stop.

PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY

Nevada is a fence-out state, meaning property owners are required to fence their own property if they wish to keep out wildlife and livestock, including the Virginia Range horses. The NDA, Nevada Department of Transportation, BLM and other local agencies are working towards erecting fencing to keep horses out on the Virginia Range and away from roadways and urban areas.

FEEDING IS ILLEGAL

Providing feed and/or water to horses encourages them to move off of the range and further into urban areas where they are at risk of wandering onto roadways and being involved in vehicle collisions. Per Nevada Revised Statute 569.040, providing feed to the Virginia Range horses can result in a fine of up to \$2,000 and a gross misdemeanor charge.



REPORT CONCERNS AND ISSUES

To report horses that are posing a public safety risk in urban areas or on roadways, or to report an injured horse, please call **Wild Horse Connection at (775) 352-3944**. This line is monitored 24/7, so please leave a message with location details if you are unable to speak to someone directly.

To report other issues including damaged fencing, illegal feeding or watering, please email horse@agri.nv.gov.

BACKGROUND

Wild horses in Nevada fall under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM). However, in 1984 the BLM removed horses from the Virginia Range and declared it "wild horse free." The Virginia Range covers the area east of U.S. 395, west of Highway 50, south of I-80 and north of Carson City. As a result of this declaration, the Virginia Range horses are legally considered stray/feral livestock because they are not within a BLM herd management area. Horses that have migrated over time from BLM management areas or have been "turned out" onto the Virginia range fall under Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) Chapter 569, pertaining to stray/feral livestock under jurisdiction of the Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA).