



**Warm Springs, OR Wild Horse Roundup
Day 1 of 2 scheduled public observation days**

Meeting at BLM Office in Burns at 4:30 am

The drive to the observation location was before sunrise. It was pitch dark out and the roads in were very rocky. We were led on the roads at a fast pace. We were thankful the tires held up and we arrive at trap site at 5:45 am. There is still absolute darkness and we sit in the car for over an hour waiting for sunrise. We arrived at the designated observation location at 7:00 am and the contractor arrives almost 2 ½ hours later at 9:20 am.

The new contractor is "Sun J" out of Vernal, Utah and they had lots of very new looking and what appeared to be quite expensive equipment. The helicopter fuels at 10:06 amrefuels again at around 12 pm.....refuels again around 2 pm

The BLM PR person asks the contractor if there will be horses brought in today and the contractor said yes, there will be horses coming in. The helicopter refuels again at 3:30 pm which is the fourth fueling of the helicopter in the five hours after their initial take off.

There is growing concern among some observers and observer Deb Coffey speaks with the BLM PR person. She inquires as to just how far those horses are being run in a single day and isn't time to call this off. At this point the BLM PR person goes to trap to talk to contractor and BLM "decides" it is time to call it off to rest horses. No horses were rounded up on this day.

Visit to Temporary Holding: Access was denied to view the mares and foals.

The BLM has offered only two observation days. Although no horses were brought in today, they will not reschedule another observation day for the public to view.