

**Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs
2008 Resolutions**

**RES. NO. 6: SUPPORT HUMANE REMOVAL OF WILD HORSES AND BURROS
FROM SHELDON NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE**

BACKGROUND: The Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge is developing a comprehensive conservation plan to address threats and opportunities in managing this large remote area of the sagebrush steppe in Northwest Nevada. The refuge was established to protect the native pronghorn. Cattle were removed from the refuge in the early 1990's. However, there are now more than 1000 wild horses and burros, which have a deleterious effect on springs, streams, and riparian areas. These need to be removed in accordance with the Wild Horse and Burro Act so that native species can flourish.

RESOLUTION: The Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs supports the humane removal of wild horses and burros as soon as possible from the Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge in order to protect the native species of the sagebrush steppe that are supposed to be protected by this refuge.

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