

Dispute disrupts deal to save hundreds of Nev. horses

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Nevada officials have terminated a privately-funded agreement that's kept hundreds of free-range horses from western Nevada's Virginia Range without resorting to slaughter.

The agreement provided a framework for state officials to work with a nonprofit to control the horse population through capture, adoption and birth control drugs.

Controlling the horse population is critical because overpopulation results in increased instances of horses on roads, in communities and in distress.

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