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Fact Sheet

January 21, 2012 Horse Round Up
Range Units 257 & 259

FACTS:

- **Policy:** It is the Policy of the Hopi Tribe to protect, conserve and prudently manage its natural resources on the Hopi Reservation.
- **Hopi Ordinance 43:** Governs the Control of Livestock and Grazing and has the Authority to Enforce Tribal Laws and impound trespass animals within the jurisdiction of the Hopi Tribe.
- **Sept. 14, 2011 Navajos on Hopi Partitioned Lands host meeting**: Hopi Representatives attend.
    - Complaints: Livestock trespass, overgrazing, fence cutting, water issues, drought conditions and feral equines. Demand enforcement of laws for trespass and destruction of property.
- **Notice to livestock owners:** HPL Permittees (valid grazing permits) in Range Units 257 and 259 were notified of roundup. Required 5 Day Notices were posted in public places.
- **Range Units 257 & 259:** Located on the north portion of the Hopi Reservation and within the jurisdiction of the Hopi Tribe.
    - Range units border the Hopi Partitioned Lands & Navajo Partitioned Lands.
- **Horse Round Up:** Jan. 21, 63 horses with no brands, or no permits with the Hopi Tribe, were impounded and sold. Eight cattle were also seized belonging to an HPL resident who was allowed only one cow. Cattle were returned to the owner and sold by the family.
- **1996 Range Inventory:** Established the stocking rate for range units which set the amount of animals allowed to graze within a range unit.
    - Permits are based on the following calculation: 5 sheep = 1 horse, 4 sheep = 1 cow
    - Example: 20 sheep = 4 horses or 20 sheep = 5 cows (for illustration purposes only)
- **Enforcement of Law:** Round up was conducted in full support of Hopi Tribal Council and Executive Officers and will continue to be enforced.

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