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Chapter 1: Authority, Responsibility

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1.1 Authority. The authority for the protection, management, and control of wild horses and burros is the Wild Free-Roaming Horse and Burro Act of 1971, as amended (85 Stat. 649; 16 U.S.C. 1331-1340), hereinafter referred to as the Act.

1.2 Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to assign responsibility for the implementation of the Act and document the delegation of enforcement authority in accordance with Sec. 8(b) of the Act. This chapter also establishes procedures for intradepartmental coordination and cooperation.

1.3 Responsibility.

A. The Director, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), has been delegated authority (235 DM) and has major responsibility for the implementation and enforcement of the Act.

B. The Director, National Park Service (NPS), and the Director, United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), are each responsible, within the capabilities of their respective staffs, for assisting the Director, BLM, in the enforcement of the Act when called upon for such assistance, or in accord with any pertinent cooperative agreement either bureau may enter into with the Bureau of Land Management.

1.4 Cooperative Agreements. The Directors of BLM, NPS, and FWS may enter into cooperative agreements relating to the enforcement of the Act.

1.5 Delegation of Authority. The Director, NPS, and the Director, FWS, have been delegated, in 245 DM and 242 DM respectively, the arrest authority granted by Sec. 8(b) of the Act, when enforcement assistance is requested by the Director, BLM.

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