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Subject: Re: Eco Tourism Questions

Patience,

Allison will have to answer most of the questions, as they involve the National Seashore directly. I can tell you that the Humane Society charges nothing for conducting the contraceptive program under their FDA INAD authorization. We (the Science and Conservation Center) provide the vaccine at a cost of \$21/dose, which is our cost of production and for which we may not charge more, as per FDA regulations. We also do annual pregnancy testing for the park (remotely, via fecal or urinary reproductive steroid metabolites) at a cost of about \$20/sample. I think we test about 60 horses a year. As you review the answers she provides you with, please keep in mind that a national park subsidizes the cost of education, through its interpretive division and responsibilities, i.e., one of the major missions of the NPS is education. With regard to the contraception, I annually go to ASIS to aid Allison with the darting and I do that at our cost here at the Science and Conservation Center. The park provides housing and I provide air fare and subsistence.

Also, as Allison provides costs, for things like trash collection, etc., that cost is for more than a million people a year who go to the park and many of them for reasons not associated with the horses. My point here is that many of the park figures may not be very relevant to a private sanctuary. Finally, I think you should include the horses of the Shakleford Banks, on Cape Lookout National Seashore, in NC, which we are also managing with contraception. The contact there is Sue Stuska <sue_stuska@nps.gov>. Hope this helps. If you need more information regarding just the contraceptive dimension of all this, please feel free to contact me.

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On Mar 10, 2006, at 2:31 PM, Patience O'Dowd wrote:

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Re: Wild Horse Eco-Tourism, Info request.

March 7th, 2006

Hello Allison,

**It was great talking with you. Here are the questions I mentioned below.
Thank you so much for your inputs in advance, and most of all for taking such good care of the wild horses!**

PURPOSE: We at WHOA are working to provide impetus and information to the USDA Forest Service District 3 to preserve the NM Jicarilla herd at 200 vs. 50 -105 for genetic viability and Eco-Tourism purposes. We would like to share with the forest service what you already know, that wild horses can provide educational and inspirational Eco-Tourism along with a likely profit in most cases.

We are requesting information from Black Hills Sanctuary, Return to Freedom Sanctuary, Chincoteague Virginia, and Asseteague Maryland. Each of you differ, from private non-profit to permites, to National Park Service. This will give a broad spectrum from which to tailor a reasonable draft plan for the Jicarilla Carson National Wild Horse Territory in the USDA Forest Service here in New Mexico.

The Deputy Director Abel Camarina has requested WHOA provide financial data as an initial guide for their consideration. Your help will be greatly appreciated and credited unless you would like your data/info kept "confidential". We will be presenting this info on April 3rd and so will need this info if possible well before that date.

QUESTIONS

Below is a list of questions which will help you see what we are looking for (that we can think of). If you have the information for your herd in a different manner or spread sheet, please feel free to just send that. We are not trying to add to your work load if possible.

If there is some category we have totally over looked, please let us know or just provide the information. Please specify if you would like your information kept confidential or presented with/without a name, or any other requirement you may have.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks much for all you do!

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Herd Maintenance Costs

Herd Size (Min and Max)
Humane Society Charge for permit to uses PZP birth Control
Darting Costs
Darting Logistics

Veterinary Costs
Veterinary Tasks

Round-ups Costs/frequency for darting or adoptions or vetting please specify
Feed/Lure Costs
Enclosure Costs/Maintenance (Mobile Panels etc.)

Surveillance Cost, Frequency (watch herd, watch for poaching etc.)
Feed Cost (Not including round-up lure)

Tourism/Administration Staff

(Contract, permanent, volunteer, pls specify)
Administration Staff
Tourism Staff Duties (Tour guides?)
Public Relations Staff Cost
Public Relations Duties
Advertising Staff/Cost
Advertising Cost
Volunteers (How many)
Volunteers Duties

Routine Maintenance Cost

Maintenance Duties (fencing up keep, garbage pick-up, camping site up-keep)
Photography costs (to document horse's lineage and herd size etc)
Genetic Testing
Vehicle requirements/Costs
Horse Trailer Needed/Used?
Helicopter Costs and frequency for counting or round-ups.
Water requirements/Well/Tanks and Cost of Upkeep

Tourism Income

Total Gross Income from Tourism/Program
What Programs? (Viewing Fees, Tours, Photos, Youth, Biology, Adopt a Horse on Paper with Photos and lineage? Etc.)
Number of tourists

Are the Tourist Local or from out of state, out of country

Housing Cost

Staff Housing
Visitor Housing/Camping facilities, cost

Other

What have we missed?