## Herd Maintenance Costs (Red comments by P.O'Dowd)

Estimates for the Jicarilla and Jarita Mesa Wild Horse herds on the Carson National Forest as of 2006. 03/28/06 Stan Dykes, Carson Wild Horse Coordinator

**Vet Related Tasks** Aging the horse, wormer, tick treatment, freeze mark, coggins test, pregnancy test on ofage females, Bleed for DNA testing, vaccinations for West Nile, Eastern and Western Encephalitis, Tetnus

\$120/horse vet costs prep for adoption, SAME or Not Needed

Genetic Testing \$30 per horse for DNA testing SAME

Round-ups Costs/frequency for darting or adoptions or vetting please specify

\$700/ horse to gather **SAME** or less for Darting

Enclosure Costs/Maintenance (Mobile Panels etc.) SAME or less

**Holding facilities** \$1000/month generally 2months for a gather, one month prior to the adoption event and one month after the adoption event. Not Needed

Feed Cost (Not including round-up lure) \$1.50 per day per horse, horses held generally from 30-45 days Not Needed

Water requirements/Well/Tanks and Cost of Upkeep Maintained by grazing permittees SAME

**Surveillance Cost**, Frequency (watch herd, watch for poaching etc.)

**Volunteers** (How many) from 2-4 Volunteers Duties Assist with working horses as needed **TBD** 

Routine Maintenance Cost (fencing up keep, garbage pick-up, camping site up-keep)

**Fences** generally maintained by grazing permittees **SAME** or volunteers

**Photography** costs (to document horse's lineage and herd size etc)

*One* \$900 camera. Files are digital for the most part. Occasionally print photos for adoption and for adoption records. **SAME** 

Administration Costs \$40,000. This is primarily Stan's Salary, but covers the costs of all other individuals that assist in management planning, field surveys and the adoption program including post adoption requirements. SAME or less

Various stuff, rope, chain, halters, medicine, misc. \$1000 SAME or less

Vehicle requirements/Costs \$4,000 SAME or less

**Horse Trailer Needed/Used?** One 16 ft. stock trailer, occasionally a flat bed 16 ft. and another 16 ft from another District. **Not Needed** 

**Helicopter Costs** and frequency for counting or round-ups.

Helicopter survey at Jicarilla \$5000 SAME or Not Needed

Ground survey at El Rito \$3000 covered in Administration SAME