

Registration is Open

2026 FREES SUMMIT

October 5-8, 2026

The Boise Centre

Boise, Idaho



SUMMIT HIGHLIGHTS:

DAY 1

- Plenary
- Selected talks on ecology, economics, and ethics of free-roaming equid management
- Hands-on field demonstrations
- Networking social and Poster Session

DAY 2

- Full-day chartered field tour to BLM-managed horse intake and holding facilities

DAY 3

- Interactive working groups and break out sessions

About The Event

The Summit explores complex trade-offs inherent in managing free-roaming horse and burro populations, with a focus on the interconnected dimensions of ecology, economics, and ethics. Bringing together researchers, land managers, policymakers, and other stakeholders, the event will examine how management decisions impact rangeland health, public resources, and animal welfare. Through diverse perspectives and evidence-based discussions, participants will engage in meaningful dialogue aimed at identifying balanced, sustainable approaches to one of the West's most challenging and enduring issues.



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