



**Peaceful Valley Donkey Rescue
Wild Burro Project
Death Valley, CA
Capture Plan: Phase 1**



When released by the National Park Service, PVDR will begin wild burro operations in Wildrose Canyon and Butte Valley. The primary method will be bait trapping at or near the locations marked below. The actual traps will be constructed of portable corral panels approximately 40' in diameter. The traps will be monitored by either PVDR employees or PVDR's contractor. Alfalfa is the preferred bait as donkeys are naturally drawn to its smell and taste.

WILDROSE CANYON

Trap Location #1

USGS 7.5 Minute Map "Panamint Springs"

Unnamed Spring

GPS N36 15.9424'

W117 11.6262'

UTM 1150482593

4013442

This Spring is at the intersection of the Emigrant Pass Road, The Wildrose Canyon Road and the road leading back to Panamint Valley. It is a constant source of water and allows for a trap to be placed off of the road and out of the public's sight. The burros will be loaded onto the trailers on the road by creating an alleyway from the trap to the trailer.

Trap Location #2

USGS 7.5 Minute Map "Panamint Springs"

Wildrose Ranger Station

GPS N36 15.9021'

W117 11.1378'

UTM 1150483326

4013361

This would be a secondary location behind the existing structure. The burros regularly travel behind the cabin and could easily be baited into our trap. Loading would be performed by backing the trailer directly into the trap.

BUTTE VALLEY

Trap Location #1

USGS 7.5 Minute Map "Ballarat"

Anvil Spring

GPS N35 55.3985'

W117 5.0676'

UTM 1150492381

3975446

Anvil Spring, below the Geologist's Cabin, is a constant burro location. Water runs freely from a pipe and the burros get the majority of their water from this location. The area, except for the edges of the spring, is cleared of all vegetation. The trap would encompass much of the spring with trailer access on three sides.

Trap Location #2

USGS 7.5 Minute Map "Ballarat"

Willow Spring

GPS N35 54.6995'
W117 3.4315'
UTM 1150494840
3974151

This spring is not as conveniently located but serves many burros as there is a small clearing along its western edge where the burros congregate. This would be a smaller bait trap as the reeds growing up in the spring would make it impossible to penetrate.

We will require air support in the later stages of burro removal from this area. This can include helicopters to guide mounted wranglers as well as drones to survey the area and determine burro locations and their numbers.

***NOTE:** Butte Valley is accessible from the West only by Goler Wash which requires a serious 4-wheel drive vehicle and is completely unsuitable for trailers. The only trailer access would be from Warm Springs Canyon off of West Side Road. The road to Warm Springs is passable with our large 32' stock trailers, however the road from Warm Springs Camp into Butte Valley would be limited to 12'-16' trailers. This will require us to make several trips with our smaller trailers and put the burros in a portable corral at the Warm Springs Camp in front of the mine. Once enough burros were brought in, they would be loaded into the larger trailers for transport to the staging area.

Trailer Transfer Area
USGS 7.5 Minute Map "Ballarat"
GPS N35 58.1036'
W116 55.7519'
UTM 180506384
3980444

Other Capture Locations

Gold Valley, in the Black Mountains, showed a great deal of burro sign but none of it was fresh as of my visit on May 21st. There is very little shade in the area and I feel that this is probably more of a winter grazing area for the burros. We have no current capture plan.

Saline Valley is home to several burros, many of them very friendly. As this is a popular tourist area, a different approach will need to be taken. This area will be postponed into later operations. We have no current capture plan.

It should be noted that the Peaceful Valley Donkey Rescue has been contacted by many other agencies and institutions to assist with their wild burro populations. We are already committed to Fort Irwin from Mid-June to Mid-July and will be transporting 100 burros from the BLM's Axtell facility in Late July.

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