

Rex Cleary Bio Sketch

Rex Cleary put in a career with BLM in Nevada, Montana and northeast California.

His wild horse experience includes the Carson City District Office (1959 to 1963) where as a range con, Rex observed and followed the effect on western Nevada wild horse populations resulting from the enactment of the Aircraft Prohibition Law in 1959. The law stopped the private use of aircraft to gather wild horses for market hunting.

Rex was in Montana (1967 to 1975) first as wild horse staff assistant to the State Director for wild horses while the issue was raging over the Pryor Mtn. horses and then as Billings District Manager where he managed the Pryor Mtn. Wild Horse Range for four years.

In the Susanville District Office (1975 to 1989), Rex served as District Manager for 14 years. The District had well over 5,000 wild horses before gathering was begun. When the dust settled, the District had 13 HMAs with a total AML of around 1,300. Rex established and managed the Modoc-Washoe Experimental Stewardship Program. One of the successful experiments conducted was to manage the wild horse herds within AML and be self sufficient so that no horses would be added to the national holding facilities.