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### Trapped Horses Back Home on the Range

The seven wild horses trapped by rising water in Bighorn Canyon are back on their range today.

The National Park Service and Bureau of Land Management employees constructed a rock pathway over a large boulder on Wednesday which enabled the horses to climb out of the canyon through a rocky drainage. The boulder had been blocking the only way out for the horses. As soon as the horses reached grass they stopped to eat, having been without their accustomed source of food for several days. The BLM did deliver hay to them Sunday morning in an attempt to build their strength for the climb out. The only way to reach the horses was by boat.

According to Linda Coates-Markle, Montana BLM wild horse specialist, personnel from the Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area were instrumental in the rescue effort.

“They ferried us back and forth to the site several times in their boat and were a tremendous help in building the rock pathway. Friends of the Pryor Mountain herd owe the Park Service a big thanks,” she said.

Coates-Markle added that the task of encouraging the horses to find the pathway and climb out of the canyon was a difficult one and took about six hours.

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