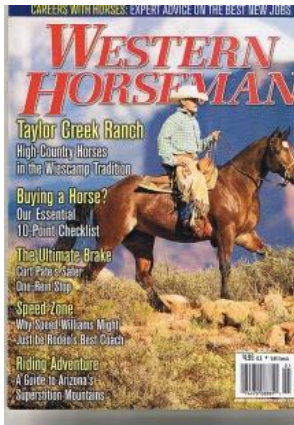


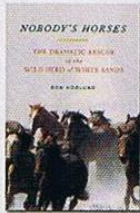
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Nobody's Horses: The Dramatic Rescue of the Wild Herd of White Sands

By Don Höglund, DVM

If author Don Höglund hasn't already sold the movie rights to *Nobody's Horses*, he soon will. *Nobody's Horses* has all the requisites for a Hollywood blockbuster—ranches seized by eminent domain, nuclear missile and arms testing, unexploded ordnance, bureaucratic and military snafus, resentful local citizens, animal-rights activists, environmentalists, Western preservationists, a 2 million acre wasteland and more.

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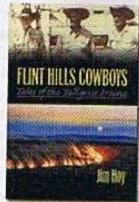
who had developed a plan in 1989 to get the horse herds off the hardscrabble missile-range country. He was chosen to spearhead the capture and removal of the remaining 1,800 head. He did, with the help of cowboys and soldiers, maintaining uneasy alliances with not only his crew, but also area Native Americans and ranchers, and numerous others, some with agendas that had little to do with the horses.

Höglund's unlikely ally was Les Gillingland, whose family ranch had been taken by the government in the early 1940s. Despite a rocky start, the two men became a formidable team with the horses' best interests at heart—not as bleeding-heart do-gooders, but as horsemen and stockmen who know their business and respect their charges.

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