

## Parks Victoria's reasons to Ground Shoot East Alpine Brumby "Heros"

See original article in the ABA Newsletter Brumby Bridges June 2020

Areas with higher Brumby numbers across NSW and Victoria were less affected by fire. BUT instead of acknowledging the "Hero" resident Brumbies efforts, Parks Victoria (PV) decided to ground shoot Brumbies that had saved many native species from fire by claiming "large numbers" of Brumbies as evidenced by the following six photos. It seems PV's propaganda is becoming even more brazen.



Photo credit Parks Victoria 27 Feb 2020

**Parks Victoria describes** this photo as: "Horses in waterways on burnt landscape", to use as evidence that wild horses must be immediately removed/shot.

**Whereas ABA describes** this photo as: *Two* Brumbies drinking at the edge of a stream, and standing on green grass that has not been burnt.



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**Parks Victoria describes** this photo "poor condition horses damaging native vegetation" to use as evidence that wild horses must be immediately removed/shot.

**Whereas ABA describes** this photo as: four Brumbies in good condition grazing on land separated by unburnt tracks that allowed grazed vegetation within them to be protected.



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**Parks Victoria describes** this photo as: “horses grazing near fenced enclosure” to use as evidence that wild horses must be immediately removed/shot.

**Whereas ABA describes** this photo as: a small mob of horses grazing in a broad expanse of short green unburnt grass and shrubs.



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**Parks Victoria describes** this photo as: “fire impacted waterways” to use as evidence that wild horses must be immediately shot.

**Whereas ABA describes** this photo as: burnt landscape with no Brumbies evident.



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**Parks Victoria describes** this photo as: “fire extent”, to use as evidence that wild horses must be immediately shot.

**Whereas ABA describes** this photo as: mostly burnt landscape with no Brumbies evident.



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**Parks Victoria describes** photo 6 as: “fire impacted plain and moss-beds”, to use as evidence that wild horses must be immediately shot.

**Whereas ABA describes** this photo as: burnt landscape with no Brumbies evident.

PV uses other studies based on false or selective statements that support their view that grazing does not reduce blazing.

Positive grazing studies include;

- **Analyzing post-socialist grassland conversion in a traditional agricultural landscape – case study Croatia 2017** “as part of the process of abandoning grazing and mowing, they are increasingly being encroached upon by shrubs and forests (Hellessen & Levin 2014; Meshinev et al. 2000; Vassilev et al. 2011, Tasser et al., 2007).”
- **2006 Fire Management in the Alpine Region** “He (Costin 1954) provided no evidence of the causes of fire damage and erosion, and his experimental data showed that a grazed and burnt plot had a much greater cover of grass and herbs than its unburnt and grazed counterpart (Costin 1954).”

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