

Taiga by *Marty Felix*

The bay filly Taiga was born in late April of 2017 in the Round Mt. section of the horse range. Tonkawa, her dam, is a bay paint from Wyoming who was transplanted to the Little Book Cliffs in Nov. of 2014. Taiga's sire is a black stallion named Dash. By the time Taiga was born, Tonkawa had left Dash and was running with Azure, a blue roan stallion.

The first time I saw Taiga, she was inquisitive, as so many of our foals are, and she started walking toward me. Unlike Tonkawa, who didn't seem to care and continued grazing, Azure was very protective of "his" foal, and he got between Taiga and me, and he meant business. Both Taiga and I got the message; she trotted back to her mom, and I backed up several yards.

When Taiga was in the temporary holding facility in Grand Junction before being transported to Canon City, one of the FOM volunteers who was helping feed the captured horses, fell in love with her. She said Taiga was beautiful, sweet, and friendly. I totally agree with her, and if I were going to adopt another mustang, this precious yearling would be at the top of my list.

