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## **WILD TRAILS HORSE EXPO**

Central Oregon's first annual Wild Trails Horse Expo will be held July 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at the Rim Rock Riders Arena at Brasada Ranch. The event will combine an All-Mustang Extravaganza with an All-Breed Trail Challenge, focusing on responsible enjoyment of our public lands.

Throughout the weekend the public is invited – with no admission charge – to watch the excitement, learn from various demonstrations, shop at the Vendors Mall for equine products, or explore the Kids Activity Tent. Owners of Mustangs and Wild Burros can register for the informal show on Saturday, or take part in the Saturday evening Showcase featuring a parade of proud and confident once-wild equines with live music provided by Riders in the Dirt.

Sunday opens with a Wild Burro Pageant and a Mustang driving demonstration, followed by a presentation of wild horses from previous adoptions and clinics. Sunday will also feature an adoption of a few selected Mustangs that have been expertly trained by proven participants in the Mustang Heritage Foundation's Trainer Incentive Program.

Oregon Mustang trainers Todd Titus and Lesley Neuman will work with previously-adopted Mustangs in intensive sessions designed to overcome training challenges and foster improved partnerships with their owners.

Owners of any breed of horse are welcomed in the Trail Challenge. Riders can test their human/horse relationship and skills in competitive classes on Saturday, or sign up for a fun ride on Sunday, with realistic obstacles emphasizing safety and citizenship. Wild Trails is co-sponsored by the Central Oregon Wild Horse Coalition, Oregon Equestrian Trails, East Cascades Back Country Horsemen, Bureau of Land Management, and U.S. Forest Service, and promises to be an extraordinary experience for both spectators and participants.

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