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OREGON WILD HORSE ADOPTION: *FEBRUARY 19-20*

HINES, Ore. – The first Pacific Northwest mustang adoption for 2010 is set for Friday and Saturday, February 19 and 20 at the Bureau of Land Management’s (BLM) Wild Horse Corral Facility in Hines, OR. Over 100 vivid pintos, speckled roans, and creamy palominos are slated for adoption at this two-day event. Other select colors include buckskin, dun, sorrel, bay and black. This will be the first opportunity since the fall 2009 round-ups to adopt mustangs from the South Steens, Paisley and Palomino Butte Herd Management Areas in Southeast Oregon.

Animal viewing and adopter registration is Friday, February 19 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Saturday, February 20 from 8:00 to 11:30 a.m. The silent competitive bid for featured mustangs begins Saturday at 12:00 noon. Only registered and approved adopters can participate in the silent bidding process for the animal. Registration can occur onsite at the event. For early approval and advanced planning, fax your adoption application before February 19 to Patti or Ramona with the BLM Burns Office at: (541) 573-4411.

“All horse enthusiasts are encouraged to consider becoming adopters so these wild horses can be placed in good, safe homes. With their stamina, hardiness, and quick intelligence, Oregon's wild horses make excellent partners for any discipline,” said Gary McFadden, BLM Burns District Wild Horse Management Specialist. Horses from the South Steens herd are characterized by color and above average conformation, while Palomino Butte and Paisley horses host a variety of colors and feature a saddle horse type quality. The animals range in age class from yearling to five years old and adoption fees begin at \$125.

Don't forget: February is free shipping month for Oregon mustangs. If you adopt directly from the Corral Facility this month, the BLM will haul the mustang for you within a 400-mile radius.

Additional information about the BLM’s wild horse and burro program is available online at:

www.blm.gov/or/resources/whb/index.php

About the BLM: The BLM manages more land – 253 million surface acres – than any other Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western States, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM’s multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, cultural, and other resources on public lands.

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