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BLM SETS PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS MOTORIZED EQUIPMENT USE ON WILD HORSE GATHERS AND STINKINGWATER ROUND-UP

HINES, Oregon – The U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Burns District has scheduled a public meeting to discuss agency procedures for gathering wild horses and how helicopters and other motorized equipment help the process. The meeting will also cover the next wild horse gather in the Burns District, which is set for July 2010 in the Stinkingwater Herd Management Area.

The public is encouraged to attend and hear information from BLM about motorized equipment use on wild horse gathers and provide comments on the Stinkingwater round up. The meeting is set for Wednesday, April 21, at 5:30 p.m., at the BLM, Burns District Office, 28910 Hwy 20 West, in Hines, Oregon.

BLM Wild Horse and Burro Specialist Gary McFadden said, "Good wild horse management requires the use of modern-day tools. We have found the use of helicopters and other motorized equipment is the most humane method to gather horses from the open range and remote mountain areas where they live."

Oregon/Washington BLM gathers 400-500 horses on average annually from public lands. In 2010, gathers are tentatively planned for Herd Management Areas within the Burns and Vale Districts.

For additional information about the upcoming public meeting or Stinkingwater wild horse gather, contact the Burns District BLM at (541) 573-4400.

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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