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Wild Horse Adoption Set for June 1, 2

HINES, Ore. – Oregon’s Wild Horse Corral Facility in Hines will be open Friday and Saturday, June 1 and 2 for a special adoption event featuring more than 500 mustangs of various ages and colors from Herd Management Areas in southeast Oregon.

The Corral Facility, located near milepost 122 on Highway 20 West, will be open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. each day for adoption opportunities on a first come, first serve basis. Binoculars and all-weather shoes or boots are recommended. Free hauling is available to adopters at this event within a 400-mile radius of the Corral Facility. Only qualified individuals can adopt a mustang – please bring photos of your facilities and fill out an application upon your arrival if you are considering adoption.

For the first time ever, this adoption event will sponsor a certified American Competitive Trail Horse Association (ACTHA) ride around the facility and on adjacent Public Land. ACTHA riders must register online before May 31 to participate. Go to: www.actha.us/rides and search ‘Oregon’ to sign-up for this competition. In addition to the adoption opportunities and ACTHA ride, guided tours of the corrals and handling facilities will be held throughout the weekend.

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.

For more information and a complete event schedule, call the BLM Burns District Office at (541) 573-4400. Additional information about the BLM’s Wild Horse and Burro program is available online:

<http://www.blm.gov/or/resources/whb/index.php>

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