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NATIONAL WILD HORSE ADOPTION DAY EVENTS SET ACROSS OREGON AND WASHINGTON

HINES, Oregon – Wild horse and humane animal advocacy groups from across the nation are joining forces for a single cause: to encourage the American public to consider and act on the adoption of a wild horse or burro.

The first ever National Wild Horse Adoption Day is set for Saturday, September 26, and with the help of several volunteers, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has put together several events across Oregon and Washington. Each of the following locations will host an event featuring demonstrations, clinics and a competitive adoption for gentled mustangs 1-4 years of age:

BB Stables, Bellingham, Washington

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Vetter Farms, Buckley, Washington

8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Double D Ranch, Dallas, Oregon

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Oregon's Wild Horse Corral Facility in Hines will also be open on Saturday, September 26 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for anyone interested in adopting a mustang straight from the pen.

An additional National Adoption Day event is set for one week prior – Saturday, September 19 - at the **High Desert Museum** in Bend, Oregon. Activities start at 10:00 a.m. and include educational seminars and a competitive bid adoption for gentled mustangs.

“In actuality, every day is adoption day in the United States, but National Wild Horse Adoption Day is designed to bring attention to the need for adoption to the American public, and especially those who have an interest in horse ownership,” said Julie Bryant, event coordinator.

The groups supporting National Wild Horse Adoption Day, in addition to the BLM, include Wild Horses 4 Ever, the American Horse Protection Association, the Mustang Heritage Foundation and The Humane Society of the United States. The Pacific Wild Horse Club and Mustang U advocacy groups are also behind Adoption Day events in the Northwest.

For specific event details or more information, call (541) 573-4400 or go online to www.blm.gov/or/resources/whb/adopt.php.

