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Wild Horse adoption set for August 3, 4

HINES, Ore. – Approximately 20 wild horses from Oregon will be offered for adoption at the Grant County Fairgrounds Rodeo Area in Moses Lake, Washington, August 3 and 4. The event gives anyone interested the opportunity to get out and see wild horses up close, learn about their history and BLM's "Adopt-a-Horse Program"...and maybe even bring one home.

Those interested can view the animals and register to adopt them Friday, August 3 from 4 to 7 p.m., or Saturday, August 4 beginning at 8 a.m. Horse trainer Lesley Neuman will give mustang gentling demonstrations at 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, and volunteer Debby Jackson will give a trail course demonstration at 11:00 a.m. The mustang adoption by silent competitive bids starts at 2:30 p.m. sharp.

Mustangs to be featured at the Moses Lake event are male and female aged 1-3 years from several Herd Management Areas in southeast Oregon. Colors vary from bay to buckskin, chestnut to roan. Photos of the horses available for adoption are online at www.blm.gov/adoptahorse or on the 'Adopt a Living Legend' page at www.facebook.com.

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, call the BLM Wenatchee District Office at (509) 665-2127. The Grant County Fairgrounds Rodeo Arena is located at: 3953 Airway Dr. NE, Moses Lake, Washington.

Additional information about the BLM's Wild Horse and Burro program is available online at:

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

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