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Raffle Contributions Will Fund Youth Scholarships

Klamath Falls, Ore. – The 4-H Equestrian Clubs of Klamath County and Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Klamath Falls Resource Area will hold their annual wild-horse raffle at the 2010 Klamath County Fair. The money raised via this event will be used to fund equestrian scholarships for local 4-H members pursuing a college education.

This year's promotional horse is a yearling filly from the Paisley Desert Herd Management Area. The foal is appropriately named Pepper, as she is sure to add a little spice to the life of the lucky raffle winner. Pepper can be viewed at the BLM's Klamath County Fair booth August 5 through 7. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the booth from 4-H members and BLM employees. The official drawing will be held during the Pro Rodeo on Saturday night.

This event has been organized every year since 1999. The foals are donated to this cause by the BLM's Wild Horse and Burro Adoption Program. Tonya Pinckney, BLM wild horse and burro specialist, initiates the process each February by traveling to Oregon's Wild Horse Corral Facility in Hines, Oregon, to select a foal to be gentled for the fundraiser.

Over the past 11 years, volunteers have raised more than \$14,000 through this raffle to fund 20 scholarship awards. "I continue to be inspired by the support local residents have shown for our equestrian scholarship program," said Pinckney. "Their contributions make it possible for us to help local youth further their education."

For more information on the equestrian scholarship program, please contact the BLM at (541) 883-6916. Additional information about the BLM's Wild Horse and Burro program is available online at:

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

About the BLM: The BLM manages 245 million acres of public land known as the National System of Public Lands. The lands are primarily located in 12 Western states, including 75 million acres in Alaska. With a budget of about \$1 billion, the bureau 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.

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