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Wild Horse Adoption Set for May 7 to 8

HINES, Oregon – Ten wild horses will be offered for adoption May 7 and 8 in Colville, Washington. The event gives anyone interested the opportunity to get out and see wild horses up close, learn about their history and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) "Adopt-a-Horse Program"...and maybe even bring one home.

Animal viewing and adopter registration begins at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, May 7 at Mountain House Stables – 775 Old Arden Hwy, Colville, Washington, 99114.

On Saturday, May 8, viewing and registration opens at 8:00 a.m. Adopters should arrive early and register. It is important to note that only registered adopters can participate in the silent bidding process for the animal or animals they want to take home. Bidding opens at 1:00 p.m. and closes promptly at 1:30 p.m. Animals not adopted during this process will remain available for the minimum fee of \$125 on first come-first serve basis.

Mustang gentling demonstrations on Saturday with Gerry Cox, Mountain House Stables owner, are not to miss. Cox finished in third place at the 2010 Northwest Extreme Mustang Makeover in March. The adoption event will also feature an opportunity to trade equine tackle. Anyone interested should bring their gear for a friendly tack swap!

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 Burns District Office at (541) 573-4400.

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

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

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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