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## *WILD HORSE ADOPTION SET FOR APRIL 3, 4 IN ONTARIO*

*HINES, Oregon* – Thirty wild horses will be offered for adoption April 3 and 4 in Ontario, Oregon. 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 4 p.m. on Friday, April 3 at the Malheur County Fairgrounds, 795 Northwest 9<sup>th</sup> Street.

On Saturday, April 4, viewing and registration opens at 7 a.m. Adopters should arrive early and get registered. Only registered adopters can participate in the silent bidding process for the animal or animals they want to take home. Bidding opens at 12:00 noon and closes promptly at 12:30 p.m. Animals not adopted during this process will remain available for the minimum fee of \$125 on first come, first serve basis.

Event goers should also check animal demonstrations on Saturday with Tyrell Zufelt, recent winner of Boise, Idaho's "Horse Affairs Trainer Challenge."

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 Tara Martinak, at the Burns District Office, (541) 573-4400 or contact Mark Wilkening, at the Vale District at 541-473-6218 or visit the Vale District website at [www.blm.gov/or/districts/vale](http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/vale).

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The BLM manages more land – 258 million 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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