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BLM to begin Palomino Buttes emergency wild horse gather

PORTLAND, Ore. – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Burns District Office will conduct an emergency wild horse gather within the Weaver Lake portion of the Palomino Buttes Herd Management Area (HMA) this week. This emergency gather is due to lack of water within this portion of the HMA.

Once captured, precaution will be given to slowly introduce water to these animals to reduce the likelihood of water intoxication or colic. A veterinarian will be on site to monitor animal condition and make recommendations for treatment of weak or poor condition horses.

The BLM will gather approximately 50-75 wild horses, and all removed horses will be transported to the Oregon's Wild Horse Corral Facility in Hines for preparation and placement into the adoption program. All horses over the age of 15 will be returned to the western portion of the HMA when dry conditions subside this winter.

The emergency nature of this gather operation, the consequent inability to pre-plan, and the estimated very short gather duration (likely only one gather day), no opportunity for public observation will be available. The public will be able to view all removed horses at Oregon's Wild Horse Corral Facility during normal business hours – weekdays, 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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