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## **National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board Will Hold Two-day Meeting in March in Phoenix**

The Bureau of Land Management announced today that the National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board will hold a two-day meeting in Phoenix on March 10-11. The two-day event will take place at the Sheraton Phoenix Downtown Hotel, 340 N. 3rd Street, Phoenix, Arizona, 85004. (The hotel phone number for reservations is 1-800-325-3535.) The Thursday, March 10, meeting is set for 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. local time; the hours of the Friday, March 11, meeting are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. local time. The business agendas for the two days appear on page 7231 of today's (Wednesday, Feb. 9) Federal Register (at <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2011/pdf/2011-2788.pdf>).

On Friday, March 11, the public will be able to offer comments to the Advisory Board on the BLM's proposed new wild horse and burro management strategy, which the BLM will be posting on its national Website ([www.blm.gov](http://www.blm.gov)) in the near future. If the public wants to make comments directly to the BLM, it should follow the instructions on page 2 of the forthcoming proposed strategy.

The public may address the Advisory Board from 9 a.m. to noon local time on Friday, March 11. Individuals who want to make a statement should register with the BLM by 8:30 a.m. that Friday at the meeting site. Depending on the number of speakers, the Board may limit the length of presentations, set at three minutes for previous meetings; however, this time limit may vary. Speakers, who should address the specific wild horse and burro-related topics listed on the agenda, must provide a written statement of their comments, which may be brought to the meeting.

Those unable to attend the meeting may mail their comments to the National Wild Horse and Burro Program, WO-260, Attention: Ramona DeLorme, 1340 Financial Boulevard, Reno, Nevada, 89502-7147. Alternatively, electronic comments may be sent to the BLM through the Wild Horse and Burro Website at: [http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/wild\\_horse\\_and\\_burro/wh\\_b\\_contact\\_us/enhanced\\_feedback\\_form.html](http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/wild_horse_and_burro/wh_b_contact_us/enhanced_feedback_form.html). Mailed or e-mailed comments should be submitted no later than close of business March 3, 2011. For additional information about the meeting, please contact Ramona DeLorme, Wild Horse and Burro Administrative Assistant, at 775-861-6583. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may reach Ms. DeLorme at any time by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

The National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board provides input and advice to the BLM as it carries out its responsibilities under the 1971 Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act. This law mandates the protection, management, and control of these free-roaming animals in a manner that ensures healthy herds at levels consistent with the land's capacity to support them. The BLM manages more than 38,000 wild horses and burros that roam BLM-managed rangelands in 10 Western states; the agency also feeds and cares for more than 40,000 horses and burros that are maintained in short-term corrals and long-term Midwestern pastures.

The Advisory Board meets at least twice a year and the BLM Director may call additional meetings when necessary. Members serve without salary, but are reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses according to government travel regulations.

The BLM manages more land – over 245 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.