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## **Deadline Extended for Proposals to Establish Wild Horse Ecosanctuaries**

The Bureau of Land Management announced today that it is extending from May 14 to June 7 the deadline for submitting proposals for public-private partnerships to establish wild horse “ecosanctuaries” on private or other non-BLM managed land. The deadline for a second set of proposals – relating to ecosanctuaries that would be on a mix of private and BLM-managed land – has been extended from May 24 to June 21. The ecosanctuaries, to be publicly accessible with a potential for ecotourism, would help the BLM feed and care for excess wild horses that have been removed from Western public rangelands.

The notice of the first solicitation for proposals can be found at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) under opportunity number L11AS00033. The notice for the second solicitation can be found at the same Website under opportunity number L11AS00043.

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.

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