Goals of the Adoption Incentive Program

• Increase placement of wild horses and burros
  • Encourage new individuals and organizations to adopt untrained wild horses or burros.
  • Encourage prior adopters to consider adopting additional animals.

• Reduce holding costs
  • $1,000 incentive is less than the annual feed and care cost/animal.
  • Cost savings will contribute to improving rangeland health.
Adoption Incentive Program Process

• Applicant completes standard adoption application, agrees to abide by the prohibitive acts and terms identified, provides financial institution information and pays $25 adoption fee. *(All current incentives are discontinued.)*

• Within 60 days of adoption date, $500 is electronically deposited into adopter’s bank account.

• Within 60 days of animal’s title eligibility, adopter submits required titling and incentive paperwork for the second $500 incentive payment. *(Adopter will receive the second $500 incentive payment within 425 days of the initial adoption date.)*

*Titling eligibility initiates one year (365 days) from adoption date.*
Adoption Incentive Program Process (cont.)

• All untrained wild horses and burros are eligible for the incentive regardless of species, age, sex, color, HMA or the number of times the animal had been offered for adoption.

• Applicant can choose to adopt, not purchase, a sale-eligible animal and participate in the AIP, however the applicant waives the opportunity to receive immediate ownership.

• Adoption fees for the AIP may be competitive and/or non-competitive.

• Trained animals are **NOT** eligible for the incentive.
The reality is that the off-range holding numbers may not decrease dramatically in the immediate future, however the BLM is implementing the Adoption Incentive Program in an effort to assist the BLM in regaining balance to animal populations and rangelands.