

# Northern Nevada Correctional Center & Bureau of Land Management's Wild Horse Adoption



**Saturday, June 3, 2023**

***Up to 21 Saddle-started Wild Horses  
will be available for Adoption***

**9:00-10:00am: Preview Wild Horses**

**10:00am: Competitive-Bid Adoption Begins**



**Event location: Northern Nevada Correctional Center Facility  
1721 Snyder Avenue, Carson City, Nevada 89701**



### **About the Northern Nevada Correctional Center program**

The gentling, saddle-training program in Carson City began in October 2000 as a cooperative effort between the Nevada Department of Corrections – Silver State Industries and the Nevada Department of Agriculture to train stray / feral horses removed from lands administered by the State of Nevada. BLM joined the partnership in 2004; through an agreement signed in 2007, and a renewed contract in 2018, the inmates now train only wild horses and burros removed from public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management.

The Northern Nevada Correctional Center (NNCC) and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) hosts three public adoptions each year and all horses and burros are offered through a competitive-bid adoption process, conducted by an auctioneer. Approximately 45 - 60 wild horses (and burros) are trained and adopted each year through these public events. In addition, the NNCC also starts horses for other Federal and state agencies such as the U.S. Border Patrol, the National Park Service, Law Enforcement Mounted Units, Military Mounted Units and Nevada's Fish and Wildlife agencies.

Over 500 inmates have participated in the program, often coming with little or no experience working with horses. The inmates give each horse (or burro) approximately 120 days of training. The animals are essentially "green broke" and will need additional daily training and handling by an experienced rider when at their new home.

Find out more details on this exceptional program by going to the NNCC page located on the BLM website at <https://go.usa.gov/xEk8t> and stay up to date on the Bureau of Land Management's Nevada wild horse and burro program, including upcoming events or news, by following the BLM Nevada Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/BLMNevada>. In addition, a Facebook Group, called "NNCC Adopted Wild Horses & Burros" was established by and for past adopters to post updates of their adopted horses from the NNCC and use as a resource for questions and tips.





**Bids start at \$150**

**All trained animals will only be offered for adoption once during the event.**

**Adopters must meet BLM adoption requirements to bid.**

**Go to <https://go.usa.gov/xmcwS> for BLM requirements**

**Directions to the Northern Nevada Correctional Center  
traveling from the south side of Carson City:**

**From US-395 (Carson Street),**

**Take Snyder Avenue (go left - NV State Route 518) east for 1.5 miles.**

**Turn south (right) at the NNCC sign and look for directional signs at  
the far south end of the facility.**

**Directions traveling south from Reno:**

**Take 1-580 South to Carson Street and turn north (right).**

**Take Snyder Avenue (go right - NV State Route 518) east for 1.5 miles.**

**Turn south (right) at the NNCC sign and look for directional signs at  
the far south end of the facility.**

**NO TOBACCO OR CELL PHONES ARE PERMITTED ON THE GROUNDS DURING THE EVENT!**

**NO PHOTOGRAPHY WITHOUT MEDIA CREDENTIALS OR PRIOR APPROVAL**



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## Chanel #5606



Freezemark #18635606  
Age 5  
Sex: Mare  
Height: 15.1 hands  
Weight: 1,050 pounds  
HMA: Eagle  
(NV0414)  
Trainer: Hugo Rodriguez

"Chanel" is a very loving Dun colored Mare that is ready to push cattle and get to work. She does very well with all four legs and trailer loads easily. Chanel has very good speed control and I can rope off of her. She was gathered on January 18, 2020.

## Modi #6862



Freezemark #16636862  
Age 7  
Sex: Gelding  
Height: 14.3 hands  
Weight: 975 pounds  
HMA: Eagle  
(NV0414)  
Trainer: Brett Badger

"Modi" is a gentle and loving Dun colored Gelding. He is dependable and has been a great companion. Modi trailer loads and has had some experience with working cows. He works well as has worked on different types of terrain. Modi was gathered on February 18, 2020.



## Storm #0777



Freezemark #18890777  
Age 5  
Sex: Gelding  
Height: 15.3 hands  
Weight: 1,100 pounds  
HMA: Diamond Hills South  
(NV0412)  
Trainer: Colton Kochampanasken

"Storm" is a youthful and high-spirited Black Mustang. He is eager to find a pal in life and is great to work with. Picking up all four feet, trailer loading, and pushing cattle are some of the jobs that we have worked at doing. Storm is also comfortable with his rider carrying a flag that is mounted on either side and he has proven to not be head shy. He was gathered on September 13, 2020.

## Mocha #7845



Freezemark #18897845  
Age 5  
Sex: Gelding  
Height: 15.1 hands  
Weight: 950 pounds  
HMA: Sand Springs  
(OR0016)  
Trainer: Jose Rodriguez

"Mocha" is a gentle Buckskin that is willing and eager to please. He has never bucked and is willing to travel. Mocha is easy to handle and has a nice stop. Mocha was gathered on October 27, 2021.



## B.G. #7779



Freezemark #18897779  
Age 5  
Sex: Gelding  
Height: 16.0 hands  
Weight: 1,060 pounds  
HMA: Sheephead-Heath Creek  
(OR0016)  
Trainer: Trammel Young

"B.G." is a 5-year-old Sorrel Gelding that is very gentle and curious. He loves to travel, and he is very brave. He knows how to sidestep, backs up, and stops on command. B.G. trailer loads and picks up all four feet. He has the potential to be a great roping horse and he is a very loving horse and a great companion. B.G. was gathered on October 24, 2021.

## Colonel Leon #7679



Freezemark #17897679  
Age 6  
Sex: Gelding  
Height: 16.0 hands  
Weight: 1,150 pounds  
HMA: Sheephead-Heath Creek  
(OR0016)  
Trainer: Benjamin Criglar &  
Daniel Dadeppo

"Colonel Leon" is an outstanding Strawberry-Roan that is soft with leg cues. He is gentle in the mouth and responds to all verbal and leg cues and is a great working horse. Colonel Leon is always willing to work pushing cattle or going on trail rides. He just loves and enjoys relaxing with you and will eat your heart out as he is so lovable. He is always eager to learn and will make a great horse. Colonel Leo was gathered on September 26, 2021.



## Custer #2741



Freezemark #17632741

Age 6

Sex: Gelding

Height: 16.1 hands

Weight: 1,175 pounds

HMA: Rock Creek  
(NV0103)

Trainer: Eric Speese

"Custer" is the Palomino you wanted Roy Rogers to ride, as he was, the King of the Cowboys. He is large and strong as well as a lesson horse who is very well broke. Custer has been used to handle cattle and should make anyone proud and happy to own. He picks up all four feet, stops on a dime and is soft at the mouth. Custer was gathered on October 3, 2018.

## Arrow #7757



Freezemark #18897757

Age 5

Sex: Gelding

Height: 15.2 hands

Weight: 1,175 pounds

HMA: Sheephead-Heath Creek  
(OR0016)

Trainer: Shane Marsh

"Arrow" is an awesome, little gelding that is eager to please. He gives his all no matter what it is you are asking of him not matter the task. He has great speed control and an excellent stop. Arrow is not bothered by much throughout his training and does well with new riders. Arrow was gathered on October 20, 2021.



## Ezi #7715



Freezemark #19897715  
Age 4  
Sex: Gelding  
Height: 15.2 hands  
Weight: 1,125 pounds  
HMA: Sheephead-Heath Creek  
(OR0016)  
Trainer: Eric Ziegler &  
Brandon Powell

"Ezi" is a very sweet horse. He is a strong and reliable Gray colored Gelding who gets over fears really quickly and is a joy to ride. Ezi saddles and has a very soft mouth. He was gathered on October 19, 2021.

## Magpie #7678



Freezemark #19897678  
Age 4  
Sex: Gelding  
Height: 14.3 hands  
Weight: 1,125 pounds  
HMA: Sheephead-Heath Creek  
(OR0016)  
Trainer: Shawn Kennedy

"Magpie" is a very young and active Pinto Gelding. He is very smart, is curious in a good way and is eager to learn. He likes to be involved with whatever you are doing. Magpie is good with his feet, saddles easy, trailer loads, and is very well started wild horse. He was gathered on September 26, 2021.



## Whiskey #7760



Freezemark #16897760  
Age 7  
Sex: Gelding  
Height: 15.3 hands  
Weight: 1,200 pounds  
HMA: Sheephead-Heath Creek  
(OR0016)  
Trainer: Christopher Piquette

"Whiskey" is a Black Gelding with a solid build and is sure footed and alert. He is smooth to ride, picks up all four feet easily, and saddles and grooms without any troubles. Whiskey is very responsive to the training he has had so far and certainly will be able to do anything he is asked to do. He was gathered on October 20, 2021.

## Roscoe #7775



Freezemark #18897775  
Age 5  
Sex: Gelding  
Height: 15.0 hands  
Weight: 1,150 pounds  
HMA: Sheephead-Heath Creek  
(OR0016)  
Trainer: Jose Rodriguez

"Roscoe" is a Strawberry-Roan Gelding with lots of chrome. He is a gentle horse that is very willing. He trailer loads and has had his feet trimmed. Roscoe is a very handsome horse with a really good attitude. He was gathered on October 20, 2021.



## Rusty #7683



Freezemark #16897683  
Age 7  
Sex: Gelding  
Height: 15.0 hands  
Weight: 1,025 pounds  
HMA: Sheephead-Heath Creek  
(OR0016)  
Trainer: Brett Badger

"Rusty" is gentle horse that is eager to learn. He picks up all four feet with no problem and trailer loads easily. Rusty backs up, side passes, and travels well. He is spirited and a lot of fun. Rusty was gathered on September 26, 2021.

## Alf #7936



Freezemark #18897936  
Age 5  
Sex: Gelding  
Height: 15.3 hands  
Weight: 1,050 pounds  
HMA: Coyote Lake/Alvord-Tule  
Springs  
(OR0014)  
Trainer: Daniel Dadeppo

"Alf" is a super-fast learner and excellent Dun Gelding. He is capable of pulling a roping dummy as well as having had items attached to his saddle. He can walk, trot, and lope on command and can ease back down to a trot or walk. Alf is handsome and very nice and lovable. He was gathered on October 19, 2020.



## Blaze #0936



Freezemark #16890936  
Age 7  
Sex: Gelding  
Height: 15.2 hands  
Weight: 1,150 pounds  
HMA: Diamond Hills South  
(NV0412)  
Trainer: Matthew Grissom

"Blaze" is a very beautiful Bay. He is a smooth horse to ride, gentle in the mouth, and listens well to every command. He is a quick learner and shows a real interest in what you are doing. Blaze was gathered on September 16, 2020.

## Sancho #7843



Freezemark #18897849  
Age 5  
Sex: Gelding  
Height: 16.2 hands  
Weight: 1,150 pounds  
HMA: Coyote Lake/Alvord-Tule  
Springs  
(OR0014)  
Trainer: Hugo Rodriguez

"Sancho" is a gorgeous Grulla that is very eager to learn and has a very soft mouth. He loves to push cattle and trail rides. Sancho trailer loads with ease and picks up all four feet with no problem. He was gathered on October 26, 2021.



## Apache #7999



Freezemark #18897999  
Age 5  
Sex: Gelding  
Height: 16.2 hands  
Weight: 1,275 pounds  
HMA: Coyote Lake/Alvord-Tule  
Springs  
(OR0014)  
Trainer: Shane Marsh

"Apache" has a gentle demeanor and moves very well. This Gray responds well to cues and is very soft in the mouth and neck reigns. He has worked cattle and you can swing a rope off of him. Apache is a good all-around horse no matter how he will be used. He was gathered on October 22, 2021.

## Basqo #7953



Freezemark #17897953  
Age 5  
Sex: Gelding  
Height: 15.2 hands  
Weight: 1,175 pounds  
HMA: Sheephead-Heath Creek  
(OR0016)  
Trainer: Christopher Piquette

"Basqo" is a beautiful Bay with a crescent blue eye that makes him unique. He has been quick to train and smooth to ride. Basqo picks up all four feet with ease, trailer loads, opens gates, and rides through obstacles without hesitation. He was gathered on October 29, 2021.



## Whistler #7990



Freezemark #17897990  
Age 6  
Sex: Gelding  
Height: 16.0 hands  
Weight: 1,250 pounds  
HMA: Coyote Lake/Alvord-Tule Springs  
(OR0014)  
Trainer: Colten Kochamanasken

"Whistler" is a great working Sorrel Mustang that loves to push and move cattle. He is comfortable with snaffle bits and hackamore head stalls. Whistler trailer loads and can be saddled on both sides. He was gathered on October 22, 2021.

## Boogie #7716



Freezemark #18897716  
Age 5  
Sex: Gelding  
Height: 15.1 hands  
Weight: 1,135 pounds  
HMA: Sheephead-Heath Creek  
(OR0016)  
Trainer: Michael Williamson

"Boogie" is a very gentle Gray wild horse. He is easy to handle and has experience around cows. All around he is a very good horse. Boogie was gathered on October 19, 2021.



## Rojo #7942



Freezemark #20897942  
Age 3  
Sex: Gelding  
Height: 14.3 hands  
Weight: 975 pounds  
HMA: Sheephead-Heath Creek  
(OR0016)  
Trainer: Sean Evans

"Rojo" is an easy ride and listens well. He can pick up all four hooves and can trailer load. He walks, trots, lope and stops as well as side passes. Overall, Rojo is a young, trainable Strawberry-Roan who is willing to learn more and more everyday which has made him a pleasure to train. He was gathered on October 29, 2021.





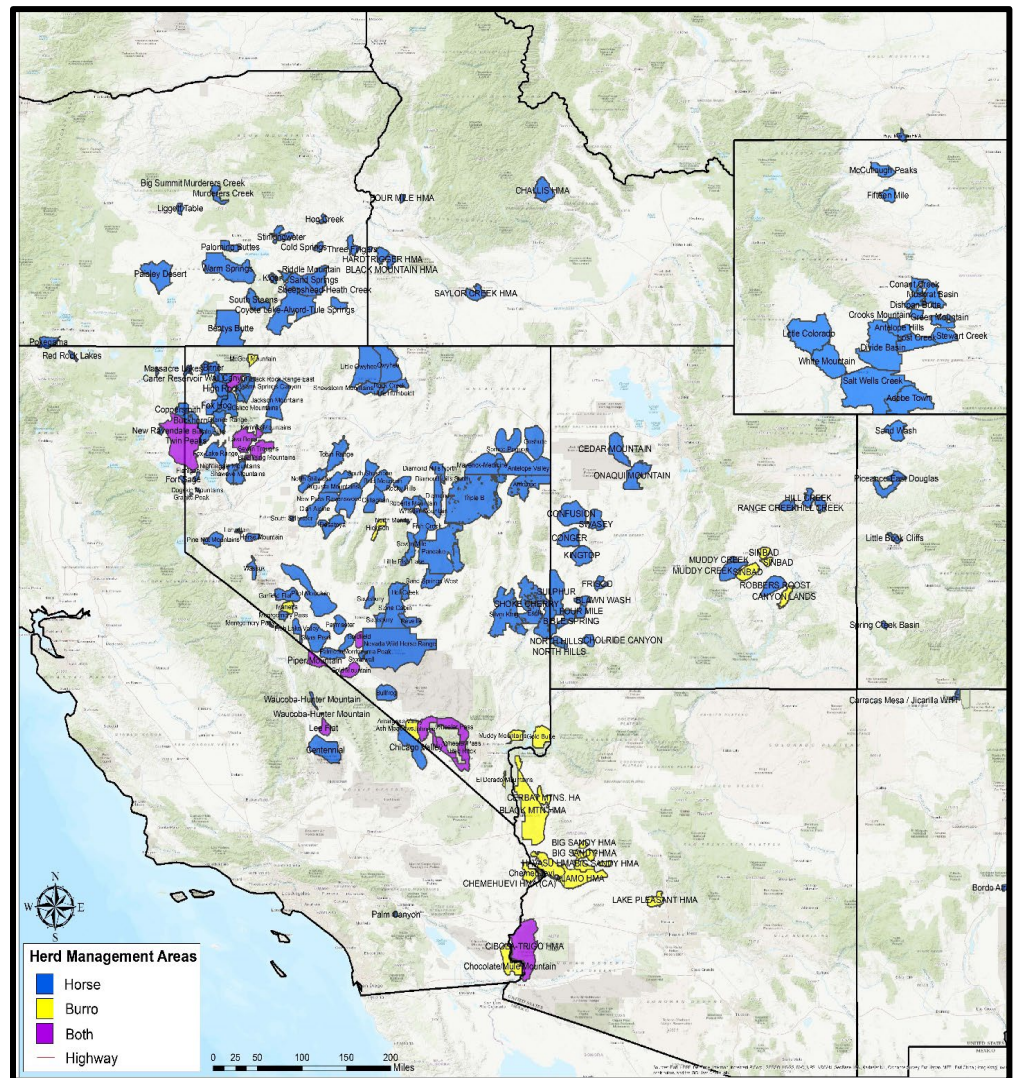
# Bureau of Land Management Herd Management Areas

The BLM manages wild horses and burros in 177 herd management areas (HMA) on nearly 26.9 million acres of public land across 10 western states. Each HMA is unique in its terrain features, local climate, and natural resources, just as each herd is unique in its history, genetic heritage, coloring, and size distribution.

Wild horses and burros are managed as *part* of the BLM's multiple-use mission, with the goal of supporting healthy wild horses and burros on healthy public rangelands. To protect the health of the land and to support healthy horses and burros, the BLM works to achieve in HMAs what is known as the Appropriate Management Level (AML). AML is the point at which wild horse and burro populations are consistent with the land's capacity to support them and other mandated uses of those

lands, including protecting ecological processes and habitat for wildlife and livestock. The AML for each HMA ranges from a minimum population level to a maximum population level in order to allow for population growth over a four- to five-year period. The BLM establishes AML through the evaluation and analysis of rangeland resource and population data spanning several years, including data relating to vegetation and soil types, weather, and water. The AML for each HMA is set in an open, public process through field office planning efforts.

How wild horses and burros are managed differs from how most other species are managed on public lands. Wildlife species, such as deer, are usually controlled through a combination of hunting and natural predators. Livestock use on public lands is intricately managed and controlled through grazing permits. Because wild horses and burros are protected from hunting, and because of a lack of natural predators, if left unmanaged herds can double in size in just four to five years and quickly outgrow the ability of the land to support them. Maintaining herd size at the appropriate management level is the best way to ensure healthy horses and burros on healthy rangelands. The current nationwide, maximum population level is 26,785 animals. For more information about all the BLM's HMAs, visit the BLM website's herd management areas section at <https://go.usa.gov/xm3p9>.





## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### **What is prohibited on the grounds and are cameras allowed?**

- No tobacco products or cell phones are permitted on the grounds during the event.
- No photography is permitted without Media Credentials or prior approval is granted.

### **How much training do the animals actually have?**

- The animals are “green-broke” which means they have received up to 120+ days of training by the inmates. They will continue to need daily training to reinforce the basics they have learned. Most saddle-started horses will initially need an experienced rider.

### **Can we preview the animal available for adoption before the adoption date?**

- No, since this is a prison facility, the animals cannot be viewed until the morning of the adoption.

### **What is the average sale price of saddle-started horses trained by prison inmates?**

- Prices vary widely. The bids have gone as high as \$15,000. However, the average price is between \$1,500 to \$3,500 per animal. It really depends on how many people are interested in one particular animal.

### **Do I have to be present to adopt a wild horse or burro? Can I send my friend?**

- You must be present to adopt a wild horse or burro. You cannot send a family member or a friend. The person signing the “Private Maintenance and Care Agreement” will be the legal adopter and the only person that can apply for title after a year of proper care.

### **What are the facility requirements?**

- The minimum size corral is 20' x 20' which is also the recommended size until the adopted animal becomes easy to catch. Even though the horses are green broke, they may still startle easily and attempt to jump over the corral; therefore, a minimum corral height of 5' made from heavy duty construction materials using poles, pipes, or planks with at least 1 ½ inch thickness, and without dangerous protrusions, is required. Barbed wire, large-mesh-woven, stranded, and electric materials are unacceptable for fencing.
- Some form of shelter must be available, within the corral area, to mitigate the effects of inclement weather and temperature extremes; examples of acceptable shelter may be of natural cover (tree, etc.) or man-made structure.

### **Do I have to pick up the animal I adopt the day of the adoption?**

- The BLM prefers that you take the horse or burro home the day of the adoption, but special arrangements can be made with the prison to pick up the animal in a couple of days.

### **What are the BLM's trailer requirements for hauling my animal home?**

- The BLM recommends stock type trailers; three-horse slant load trailers are acceptable. Other types of trailers will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. BLM requires trailers meet the following minimum requirements:
  - a. Covered top, sturdy walls and floors, and a smooth interior, free from any sharp protrusions.
  - b. Ample headroom, adequate ventilation and floors covered with a non-skid material.
  - c. Removable partitions or compartments to separate animals by size and sex, if necessary.
- BLM personnel will inspect the safety of each trailer and reserve the right to refuse loading if the trailer is unacceptable.



## **Adoption Application, Requirements and Payment Information**

To download a BLM adoption application for a wild horse or burro (Form 4710-10), please go to <https://go.usa.gov/xEkhV>.

### **Adoption Requirements at a Glance**

- Must be 18 years old. Parents or guardians may adopt and allow a younger family member to care for the animal.
- Have no prior conviction for inhumane treatment of animals or for violating the Wild Free-Roaming Horse and Burro Act.
- Have adequate feed, water, and facilities (at least 400 square feet for each animal) to provide humane care for the number of animals requested.
- Provide a home for the animal in the United States until you receive Certificate of Title from the BLM.

### **What types of payments are accepted?**

- The BLM would prefer payments made on Credit Cards such as VISA, MasterCard, American Express and Discover.
- The BLM also accepts personal checks, money orders, travelers' checks, and cash as payment for adoption fees.

### **Can I get a refund or exchange my adopted horse for another in the future?**

- In spite of efforts to provide adopters with healthy animals, situations arise where unrecognized lameness or health problems surface following adoption. Upon request, an adopter may receive a credit for the amount of the original adoption toward the adoption fee for a replacement animal if the following conditions apply:
  - a. Within six months of the original adoption, the adopter provides a signed statement from a veterinarian that the animal died, had to be euthanized, or was diagnosed with an incurable illness or lameness attributable to a condition that already existed at the time of adoption.
  - b. The death, development of the illness, or lameness of the animal must not have been preventable by proper care from the adopter.
  - c. The request for replacement, with the substantiating veterinarian's statement, must be received by the BLM no later than 30 days after the animal's death or diagnosis.
  - d. Adopters shall return live animals to the BLM; should the animal have been euthanized or succumbed; the adopter is responsible for the disposal of the carcass.
- BLM will issue the original adopter an adoption fee voucher with the following stipulations:
  - a. The voucher will be the same amount paid at the time of the original adoption.
  - b. Valid for 1-year from the date issued.
  - c. Redeemable toward the fee to adopt another animal at an upcoming satellite adoption event, Internet adoption, or during a regularly scheduled Northern Nevada Correctional Center adoption.
  - d. The voucher cannot be used at an event sponsored by the Mustang Heritage Foundation (MHF).
  - e. The voucher is only good for one animal.
  - f. If the fee for the replacement animal is more than the original adoption fee, the adopter will be required to pay the balance. If the fee for the replacement animal is less than the original adoption voucher amount, the remaining balance will be forfeited.
  - g. No other refunds or exchanges will be approved.

***The next Saddle-trained Wild Horse Adoption is tentatively scheduled for October 14, 2023***