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To: Field Office Managers
From: State Director
Subject: Use of Gelding Voucher Form

In accordance with Washington Office Instruction Memorandum 2006-074, adopters of wild horse stallions will receive a voucher worth \$50 towards the gelding of their adopted wild horse. This voucher must be redeemed within eleven months of adoption and must be accompanied by an invoice from the veterinarian. Adopters will be directed to send the documentation to the Canon City office and will receive a check shortly thereafter. The gelding voucher does not apply to jack burros or horses under two years of age. For eligibility purposes, the age of the horse is determined by the freezemark. A horse that is born in 2004 would be eligible for a gelding voucher only if it is adopted after January 1, 2006, the date upon which the animal turns two according to the Wild Horse and Burro Information System.

The policy also states that all stallions four years and older will be gelded after they reach a holding facility and before they are offered for adoption. Colorado is unique in that we hold trap site adoptions where animals are adopted shortly after being gathered. Since these animals never enter a holding facility, there is no opportunity to castrate them. Therefore, gelding vouchers will be issued at trap site adoptions for any stallions two years and older.

Attached is the gelding voucher. Any questions on this policy should be directed to Fran Ackley at 719.269.8511.

Signed by:
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1 Attachment
1- Gelding Voucher Form (1 p)