

**BLM Response to National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board
(Board Recommendations from June 15, 2010 meeting)**

1. The National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board recommends that the BLM consider the Mustang Heritage Foundation proposal.

BLM Response: BLM values its existing partnership with the Mustang Heritage Foundation and recognizes the positive benefits of their programs. BLM desires to expand this partnership, however the expansion of MHF projects will depend on funding availability and processing through an appropriate procurement process. The concept of this proposal is still under review and more analysis is needed to determine how major shifts in funding to such a partnership away from the existing BLM adoption program would affect BLM adoption operations and how such changes would be implemented.

2. The National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board recommends that the BLM consider hosting a dedicated science and research workshop in conjunction with the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) request for Program review.

BLM Response: BLM will consider hosting a science and research workshop after the completion of the National Academy of Science (NAS) study. Scientists from around the world are expected to participate in the NAS study and new science and approaches to wild horse management are likely to be identified. BLM feels that a more beneficial workshop for public and BLM employee education could be organized after the study's completion.