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Mr. Mike Byrne
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Dear Mr. Byrne:

I understand that the Public Lands Council would like to assist the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in finding good homes for wild horses that are available for purchase. Your offer is most gracious and welcome.

The BLM currently has about 7,000 sale-eligible animals that are located at long-term holding pastures in the Midwest. These mares and geldings are 10 years of age and older.

The intent of our sales program is to transfer ownership to individuals who will provide long-term, humane care. The purchase price is modest and negotiable, and the BLM is willing to deliver loads of 20 or more animals to any destination. Individual or smaller numbers of animals are available to purchasers for pickup at BLM wild horse corral facilities.

I am committed to wise and responsible use of the BLM's fiscal resources. The cost of maintaining horses consumes more than half of our agency's wild horse program budget. Reducing holding costs will enable the BLM to commit greater resources to the accomplishment of rangeland health and wild horse herd management goals.

Thank you for any assistance your organization may lend to finding good homes for these animals. You may contact Don Glenn, Acting Group Manager, at (202) 452-5082 for further information.

Sincerely,



Kathleen Clarke
Director