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The US Wild Horse and Burro Association is proud to announce that our trainers, as Bureau of Land Management volunteers, are participating in a BLM pilot program “mini adoption” at Ricks Saddle Shop Cream Ridge, New Jersey store, 282 Rt. 539 Cream Ridge, N.J. There will be ten to fifteen gentled and halter trained mustangs available for adoption. The adoption will be Saturday, May 2nd, 2009, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. There will be employees of the Bureau of Land Management’s “Adopt a Wild Horse or Burro Program” on-site to process applications for potential adopters.

Pictures of the mustangs that are available for adoption will be posted on our Web site as soon as they are available on the “Ricks Mustang Adoption” page. For information about the horses and trainers, contact Robin Rivello at president@uswhba.org or call Robin at (732) 742-5044.

Members of the USWHBA will be running an outdoor barbeque at the adoption. We will also have a display table with information about our organization and the BLM “Adopt a Wild Horse or Burro Program.”

USWHBA member and Mustang owner, Lisa Holderby will be at the Ricks Saddle Shop adoption signing copies of her new book “Soleil, a Mustangs Story.” Lisa will also be at the Hunterdon County Horse Expo on Sunday May 3rd.

The following day, Sunday May 3rd, 2009, we will be participating in the Hunterdon County Horse Expo at South County Park, Route 179 at Route 202, Ringoes, New Jersey. The hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. We will have a booth at the expo with information about our organization and the mustangs. Employees of the Bureau of Land Management will also be there with us. We will have many of our own mustangs, as well as a burro and we will be participating in the daily parade of breeds in the outdoor arena. Last year we had the largest breed representation at the expo!

The expo has much to offer. There are many booths, displays, and vendors representing all aspects of the horse and farming community. Food and beverages are available at the many stands on the grounds.

We are very proud to announce that the US Border Patrol Mounted Unit has registered 17 mustangs with the USWHBA. The US Border Patrol will be receiving special registration numbers for their horses. Their mustangs will be registered as USBP0001 thru USBP0017. This is a great honor and we thank the US Border Patrol for choosing USWHBA for their horse registrations. Thanks also to our Vice President Hans Shull for his efforts in bringing the US Border Patrol into the USWHBA family.

BLM welcomes new partnership with USWHBA ***Scott Swanson, Public Affairs Specialist***

There's no question about it: volunteers help make the Wild Horse and Burro Adoption Program the success it is! We at the Bureau of Land Management Eastern States Office are proud to welcome our newest partner the US Wild Horse and Burro Association.

Together, the BLM and USWHBA will work to continue finding good homes for America's 'Living Legends.'

Declining budgets, workforce reductions, and the geographic extent our office covers makes volunteers and partner groups vital components of our program. Together, we ensure the public is afforded the chance to adopt a mustang or burro. These wonderful animals should be enjoyed by all, and our volunteers make certain their legacy is protected and safeguarded.

This May the USWHBA will support the BLM at a 15-trained horse adoption at Rick's Saddle Shop in New Jersey. USWHBA members generously offered their time and skill by picking-up two to three animals for training from the Lexington, VA, adoption and committing to prepare them for adoption at Rick's. BLM Eastern States State Director Juan Palma is committed to fruitful partnerships like this designed to adopt out more animals in sensible, fiscally responsible ways.

“We at the BLM are excited to forge this new partnership,” said Juan Palma, State Director. “Our volunteers have supported the wild horse program for years, and we look forward to the creativity and infusion of new ideas the USWHBA has to offer.”

The BLM manages more land – 256 million acres – than any other Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western States, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, cultural, and other resources on public lands.

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