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Kiger Mustangs Among Wild Horses Up For Adoption In Pasco, April 17-18

Eight Kiger Mustangs will be among the 40 wild horses available for adoption in Pasco on April 17th and 18th, at the Franklin County TRAC (Trade, Recreation, and Agriculture Center). The Wild Horse and Burro Adoption is being sponsored by the Bureau of Land Management. The wild horses are from the Kiger, Hog Creek, Paisley, and Three Fingers Herd Management Areas in eastern Oregon. A few burros from the southwest will also be available for adoption. During the weekend event, the BLM is sponsoring two wild horse gentling demonstrations by popular horse trainer Steve Rother.

Rick McComas, Wild Horse and Burro Specialist in the BLM Spokane office, says, "It's been a few years since we held an adoption in Pasco, so we're excited about returning to the Tri-cities area." Adoption requirements, according to McComas, are simple--a sturdy corral and shelter, along with a willingness to provide good care for the animal. After one year of certified good care, full ownership of the adopted animal is transferred to the adopter.

Interested adopters should submit adoption applications as soon as possible and must also register at the adoption site prior to the adoption to participate in the auction. The minimum bid is \$125 per animal, except for jack burros which start at \$25 bid. Approximately \$20 for a health certification is required for out-of-state adopters.

Potential adopters can view the animals and register to adopt all day Saturday, April 17, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. The wild horse demonstrations will be Saturday, from 9 a.m. to noon, and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. On Sunday, April 18, animal viewing and adopter registration will continue starting at 8:00 a.m. until just prior to the adoption.

The adoption will be conducted by oral competitive bid, starting at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 18. Remaining animals after the oral bidding process will be available for adoption until Sunday afternoon.

The BLM Adopt-A-Wild Horse or Burro program locates homes for wild horses removed from public rangelands to maintain an appropriate management level. Gathering of excess animals for adoption helps to maintain balance between wild horses, native wildlife, domestic grazing, and the environment.

For application forms and details on adoption requirements and bidding procedures, contact the Spokane BLM, 1103 N. Fancher, Spokane, WA, at (509) 536-1200, or check their website at www.or.blm.gov/spokane/. For recorded information about the Pasco adoption, call Spokane BLM at 1-800-997-2022. The BLM nationwide toll free number for Wild Horse & Burro information is 1-866-4MUSTANGS.