

**NEVADA STATE OFFICE NO. 2005-16**  
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**INDOOR TRAINING AREA TO BE DEDICATED DURING  
FEBRUARY 12 SADDLE HORSE ADOPTION**

Training horses in inclement weather is now safer for the horses and inmates at the Warm Springs Correctional Center in Carson City thanks to the donations of businesses and agencies which support the inmate training program. An 80' by 80' two-sided structure has been erected with about \$35,000 in donations. The steel structure itself was erected by inmates involved in the agricultural program.

The two-sided indoor training arena will be dedicated on Sat., Feb. 12 at 10 a.m. prior to the competitive bid adoption for 12 horses. Six Bureau of Land Management (BLM) horses and six State of Nevada (estrays) horses will be offered to qualified adopters at the event. The facility is open to the public at 9 a.m. and the adoption will begin about 10:30 a.m.

Donors to the facility are: Jones West Ford; Capitol Ford; Capitol City Concrete; American Ready-Mix; RMC Nevada, Inc.; Reno-Sparks Ready-Mix; the BLM; the National Wild Horse and Burro Foundation; the Nevada Commission for the Preservation of Wild Horses; Wild Horse Organized Assistance and Dynamic Construction, Inc. Donations made to the Bolos and Blue Jeans fund raiser and in the memory of Paul Iverson, former director of the Nevada Department of Agriculture, also added to the materials fund.

The Corrections program, in cooperation with the Nevada Department of Agriculture, has trained more than 200 horses since its inception four years ago. Both State of Nevada (estrays) horses and BLM horses from Nevada rangelands are trained at the facility. Each group of horses is on a 90-day training cycle. Trainer, Hank Curry, recommends new adopters continue and expand on the horse's education at home.

Visitors to the Saturday dedication and adoption must enter the correctional facility from the rear entrance on Edmonds Drive. You may not wear blue clothing, blue jeans, tank tops or shorts. No cell phones or keys are allowed inside the area.

Photos and information about each animal are posted on the BLM website ([www.nv.blm.gov](http://www.nv.blm.gov) and click on the right-hand link). Or, visit Silver State industries ([www.silverstateindustries.com](http://www.silverstateindustries.com)). Application forms may be downloaded from the BLM website and will be accepted by both the BLM and the Virginia Range Protection Association (VRPA), adoption agent for the estray horses. Facility and transportation requirements are listed on the website or you may call the BLM for information at 775 861-6469 or the VRPA at 775 881-2288. Bidding starts no lower than \$125 for a BLM horse or \$150 for an estray.

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**NEVADA STATE OFFICE NO. 2005-15**  
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**SADDLE HORSE ADOPTION ON FEBRUARY 12**

There was no winter break for the next class of saddle-trained horses being prepared for adoption at the Warm Springs Correctional Center in Carson City, Nev. The equine students were chosen in early November 2004 to be the first graduating class of 2005. They and their inmate trainers immediately began lessons.

On Sat., Feb. 12, the trained wild horses seek new homes with qualified adopters. Even though spring will not have officially arrived, it is anticipated a good crowd will bid on the horses educated under the direction of Hank Curry, Nevada Department of Corrections trainer.

The preview begins at 9 a.m., and a competitive bid adoption will commence for qualified adopters at 10:30 a.m. Six Bureau of Land Management (BLM) horses and six State of Nevada (estrays) horses will be offered.

Photos and information about each animal are posted on the BLM website ([www.nv.blm.gov](http://www.nv.blm.gov) and click on the right-hand link). Or visit Silver State industries ([www.silverstateindustries.com](http://www.silverstateindustries.com)). Application forms may be downloaded from the BLM website and will be accepted by both the BLM and the Virginia Range Protection Association (VRPA), adoption agent for the stray horses. Facility and transportation requirements are listed on the website or you may call the BLM for information at 775 861-6469, or the VRPA at 775 881-2288. While the basic fee is \$125 for a BLM horse or \$150 for an stray, bidding usually is spirited as potential adopters recognize the hours of training, care and inoculations received by these wild horses.

Visitors to the Saturday adoption must enter the correctional facility from the rear entrance on Edmonds Drive. You may not wear blue clothing, blue jeans, tank tops or shorts. No cell phones or keys are allowed inside the area.

In an effort to offer wild horse adopters another alternative, the BLM agreed to a trial saddle horse adoption in the fall of 2002. The Corrections program, in cooperation with the Nevada Department of Agriculture, had been training stray horses since October 2000 and they continue to train some strays for most adoptions. Today the BLM and the State of Nevada have a training agreement for saddle-trained or halter-trained horses.

Under an agreement with the BLM, Curry, and carefully selected inmates, train about 40 BLM wild horses each year. These horses, which hail from various Nevada Herd Management Areas, are offered for adoption quarterly, primarily in Carson City.

Inmates need not be familiar with horses to enter the program, but they must have a good attitude and be willing to learn the tricks of the trade from Curry. When the inmates enter the arena for a drill prior to the start of each competitive bid event, it is obvious each man knows his horse. A wild horse receives about 90 days of training before it gets to the arena. Curry recommends new adopters continue and expand on the horse's education at home.

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**NEVADA STATE OFFICE NO. 2005-14  
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## NEW BLM LAS VEGAS FIELD MANAGER SELECTED

Juan Palma will be the new manager for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Las Vegas Field Office. He will begin work in Las Vegas in early March. Palma presently is manager of BLM's Colorado Western Slope where he supervises more than 300 employees and oversees three interagency fire organizations and provides internal services to seven BLM offices.

"I am excited to come to Las Vegas and contribute to ongoing community partnerships with which our employees are actively involved," said Palma. "I believe in the value of strong, collaborative partnerships to address business, social, and environmental issues."

Palma began his career on the Malheur National Forest in 1984 and for the past 20 years has worked in many parts of the West. Most recently he was the Executive Director for Tahoe Regional Planning, a bi-state compact agency that oversees all land use planning activities within the Lake Tahoe Region. Prior to that position, he was the District Manager for the Vale District of the BLM in Vale, Oregon. From 1997 to 2000 he was the Forest Supervisor for the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit. From 1984 to 1997 he held Forest Service positions of Budget Officer, Administrative Officer, District Ranger and Deputy Forest Supervisor.

Juan was raised in Toppenish, Washington. He attended Brigham Young University (BYU) and graduated from Oregon State University with a Business Management degree. He received a Master's degree in Environmental Sciences from the University of Nevada at Reno. He and his wife, Susan, have three boys: Jonathan, a senior at BYU; Joe, who lives at Lake Tahoe; and Jake, who is a freshman at Utah State University.

"We are pleased that Juan has accepted the offer to be the BLM field manager in Las Vegas," said BLM Nevada State Director Bob Abbey. "I am confident that he will be a great representative for BLM in southern Nevada."

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### **NEVADA STATE OFFICE NO. 2005-13 FOR RELEASE: Dec. 29, 2004**

#### BLM Nevada Information Access Center changes operating hours

Reno, Nev.—The BLM Nevada State Office's Information Access Center will change its hours of operation, effective Jan. 3, 2005. New hours for the Center, located at 1340 Financial Blvd. in Reno, will be Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Service from 7:30 to 9 a.m. will be available by appointment. If you wish to make an appointment, please call (775) 861-6500.

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