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Wild Horse and Burro Expo Showcases Adopted Horses

Wild horse and burro enthusiasts roll into the Reno-Sparks area August 19, 20 and 21 to attend the Western States Wild Horse and Burro Expo at the Reno Livestock Events Center. To accommodate these past adopters and potential future adopters, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) National Wild Horse and Burro Center at Palomino Valley will be open on the weekend.

The BLM's center is located about 20 miles north of Sparks on the Pyramid Lake Highway. In addition to regular weekday hours, the Center will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on August 20 and 21 for the convenience of past and potential new adopters, plus those who just want to observe the 2,000 wild horses currently at the Center. Many of the horses were gathered in July and August from the Fish Creek and Buck and Bald Complexes by BLM and Forest Service employees who work in the Eureka, Ely and Elko areas. While many of these animals have not yet received their full set of inoculations and may not be ready for adoption in August, if a visitor sees a horse he/she wishes to adopt, an appointment can be made to return to the Center to adopt and transport the animal home.

Some of the employees at the Center will be joining in the Expo's Friday Night Showcase which begins about 5 p.m. at the Reno Livestock Events Center located at 1350 Wells Ave. Palomino Valley assistant manager Mike Myers, Lead Wrangler Cary Frost and Wrangler Jeb Beck work with their horses - Cherry, Dillon and Sis - every day to manage the wild horses which are moved in order to freeze mark, inoculate, provide special care, load or adopt the animals.

Four other horses making an appearance during the weekend are untrained BLM horses which will be involved in the demonstrations provided by various trainers. These demonstration horses will be available at the Expo for \$125 each to qualified adopters on a first come, first serve basis. Potential adopters should visit the BLM's booth at the Expo. The four horses are from the Diamond Hill, Snowstorm Mountain, Little Humboldt or Diamond Hills South Herd Management Areas.

For a comprehensive view of the Western States Wild Horse and Burro schedule; list of classes; details on clinics, demonstrations, trainers, vendors and products; visit www.wswhbe.com. To download a BLM adoption application or to learn more about the adoption program visit www.blm.gov or call 1 866-4Mustangs. To make an appointment or to learn more about adopting a horse from the BLM's Center at Palomino Valley, call 775-475-2222.

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