



Bureau Of Land Management To Offer Wild Horses For Adoption

U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will offer approximately 40 wild horses, ranging from yearling to five-years old, to potential adopters on June 26-27, 2015, at the Golden Hills Trail Rides, located at 19546 Golden Drive, Raymondville, Missouri, according to Martha Malik at the BLM northeastern states district office in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

"While the adoption process is simple and straightforward, anyone considering adoption of a wild horse should remember that the animals are wild and require gentling and training," Malik explained.

Prospective adopters must have sturdy corrals that are 20-feet-by-20-feet, or larger, and at least six-feet-high for an adult horse, and at least five-feet-high for horses younger than 18-months, with a shelter directly attached to the corral. "Adopters must provide a stock-type, step-up trailer, because ramps and side-by-side two-horse type trailers are not allowed," Malik emphasized.



Advertised and promoted on 580 WIBW, WibwNewsNow, and the Kansas Agriculture Network, Saturday's BLM adoption will be on a first come, first served basis. Horses can be previewed on Friday, June 26, from 2 p.m., to 7 p.m. Adoption hours are Saturday, June 27, from 8 a.m., to 4 p.m.

"A minimum adoption fee of \$125 for animals less than three-years-of-age, and \$25 for

animals three-and-older is required for adoption. In addition, adopters can take home a buddy animal for only \$25 when one horse is adopted at the regular full fee of \$125," Malik said.

"Wild horses and burros have virtually no natural predators, and their herd sizes can double about every four years. As a result, the agency must remove thousands of animals from the range each year to control herd sizes," Malik explained.

"The BLM manages, protects, and controls wild horses and burros under the authority of the 1971 Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act. This law authorizes the BLM to remove excess wild horses and burros from the range to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands," according to Malik.

"Since 1971, the BLM has adopted out more than 235,000 animals nationwide," she said.

"All animals available for adoption have been examined by a veterinarian, vaccinated, de-wormed, and blood-tested," Malik assured. Information is available by calling 1-866-4MUSTANG, or at www.wildhorseandburro.blm.gov.



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Padre says:

"When the storm clouds in
the west
Are quickly gathering
The ponies they run wild
there
Before it rains
You'll see their sleek dark
bodies
Brightly gleaming
You know the fire is flying
through
Their brains..."