

BRING HOME YOUR
LIVING LEGEND

A HOW-TO GUIDE



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Wild Horse & Burro Program



U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
Wild Horse and Burro Program

HISTORY

OF WILD HORSES
AND BURROS

A wild horse or burro, as defined by federal law, is an unbranded, unclaimed, free-roaming horse or burro found on public lands in the United States.

Wild horses and burros are descendants of animals released by or escaped from Spanish explorers, ranchers, miners, the U.S. Cavalry and American Indians. Spanish explorers first introduced horses to the Americas in the 1500s. Horses and burros were crucial to survival for settlers and pioneers for activities such as transportation and agriculture.

"MUSTANGS are a special breed; they take some time to know. But once you've earned their TRUST, you'll be amazed at what they show."

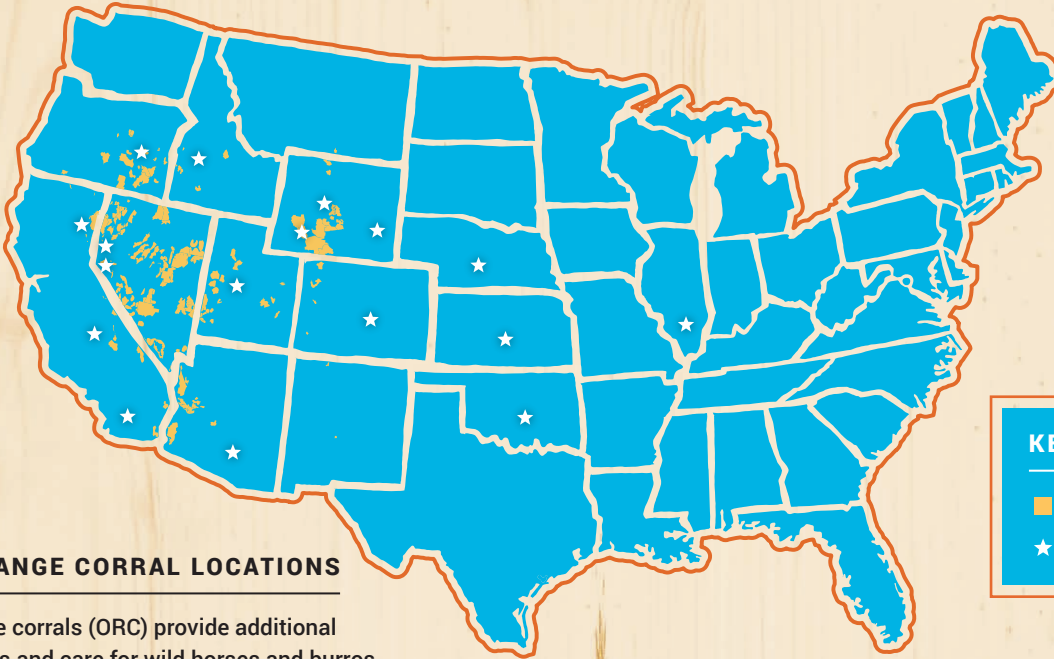
— Jessie Willyerd, "Mustangs I Have Known"

Cover photo credit: Marsha Hartford Sapp and Cobra (Chason Photos). Marsha purchased Cobra from the BLM after he was passed over at three adoption events. Marsha saw what others couldn't... a champion! Cobra received many titles between 2013 and 2015, but in 2015 he was named 2015 World Champion USEF for Western Dressage and 2015 USEF Horse of the Year for Western Dressage.

ABOUT OUR HERDS

HERD MANAGEMENT AREAS

Wild horses and burros live on segments of public lands, known as Herd Management Areas (HMA), that cover 31.6 million acres. The U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management (BLM) oversees 26.9 million acres of this land. BLM managers and field specialists, with input and advice from a citizen-based advisory board, work to manage wild horses and burros on HMA's in 10 western states.



OFF-RANGE CORRAL LOCATIONS

Off-range corrals (ORC) provide additional resources and care for wild horses and burros awaiting placement into private care.

- ★ **Arizona** • *Wild Horse and Burro Training and ORC*
1305 East Bute Avenue, Florence, AZ 85132 • (602) 417-9200
- ★ **California** • *Litchfield ORC* • 474-000 Highway 395 East, Litchfield, CA 96117 • (800) 545-4256
- ★ **California** • *Ridgecrest ORC* • 3647-A Randsburg Wash Road, Ridgecrest, CA 93562 • (800) 951-8720
- ★ **California** • *Sundance Ranch* • 27273 Pilgrim Road, Redlands, CA 92373 (800) 951-8720
- ★ **Colorado** • *Cañon City Inmate Training Program and ORC*
Two miles east of Cañon City on Highway 50 • (719) 269-8500
- ★ **Idaho** • *Boise ORC* • 12449 South Pleasant Valley Road, Boise, ID 83705 (208) 384-3300
- ★ **Illinois** • *Ewing ORC* • 22295 Sheep Farm Road, Ewing, IL 62864 (800) 293-1781
- ★ **Kansas** • *Hutchinson Correctional Center Training Program and ORC*
500 Reformatory Street, Hutchinson, KS 67501 • (620) 728-3296
- ★ **Nebraska** • *Elm Creek ORC* • 5050 100th Road, Elm Creek, NE 68836 • (308) 856-4498
- ★ **Nevada** • *Northern Nevada Correctional Center Training Program*
1721 Snyder Avenue, Carson City, NV 89701 • (775) 861-6500
- ★ **Nevada** • *Reno ORC* • 15780 State Route 445, Reno, NV 89510 (775) 475-2222
- ★ **Oklahoma** • *Pauls Valley ORC* • 16204 NCR 3205, Pauls Valley, OK 73075 • (800) 237-3642 • (405) 238-7138
- ★ **Oregon** • *Burns ORC* • 26775 Highway 20 West, Hines, OR 97738 (541) 573-2930
- ★ **Utah** • *Delta ORC* • 350 West 500 North, Delta, UT 84624 (435) 864-4068
- ★ **Wyoming** • *Wyoming Honor Farm Training Program*
40 Honor Farm Road, Riverton, WY 82501 • (307) 352-0302
- ★ **Wyoming** • *Rock Springs ORC* • 280 Highway 191 North, Rock Springs, WY 82901 • (307) 352-0292
- ★ **Wyoming** • *Mantle Adoption and Training Facility* • 615 South Antelope Road, Wheatland, WY 82201 • (307) 322-5799

Call (866) 468-7826 or visit BLM.gov to learn more about these locations and their hours of operation, make an appointment or find additional trained and untrained animals that may be in your area.

WITH UNCHECKED HERDS DOUBLING IN SIZE

EVERY FOUR YEARS,

THE BLM NEEDS YOU TO CARE FOR A LIVING
SYMBOL OF OUR AMERICAN HISTORY.

THE NEED FOR PRIVATE CARE

The Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act of 1971 entrusts the BLM and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service with the responsibility to manage and protect wild horses and burros on the nation's public lands. Because wild horses and burros are federally protected and lack natural predators, the BLM must manage population growth to ensure healthy wild horses and burros thrive on healthy public rangelands. To accomplish this mission, the BLM regularly monitors herd size and health, land health, vegetation quality and water availability and, when necessary, works to place excess wild horses and burros into qualified, private care.

"If more people understood the true **RĒWARD**
and could grasp the real meaning, no
MUSTANGS would ever want for a home."

— Fred Woehl, Wild Horse & Burro Advisory Board Member

Mary Miller Jordan and
Silver Lining. Photo
credit: Sarah Woody



Alex and Boots, 2017 Reno
Rodeo Queen. Photo credit:
Fred Cornelius



Mark Lyon and Christian,
winners of the 2008
Texas Extreme Mustang
Makeover. Photo credit:
Darrell Dodds



Echamane and Rianna,
4-H Project. Photo credit:
Jessica Paxton



EVERY WILD HORSE AND BURRO IS UNIQUE

Wild horses and burros:

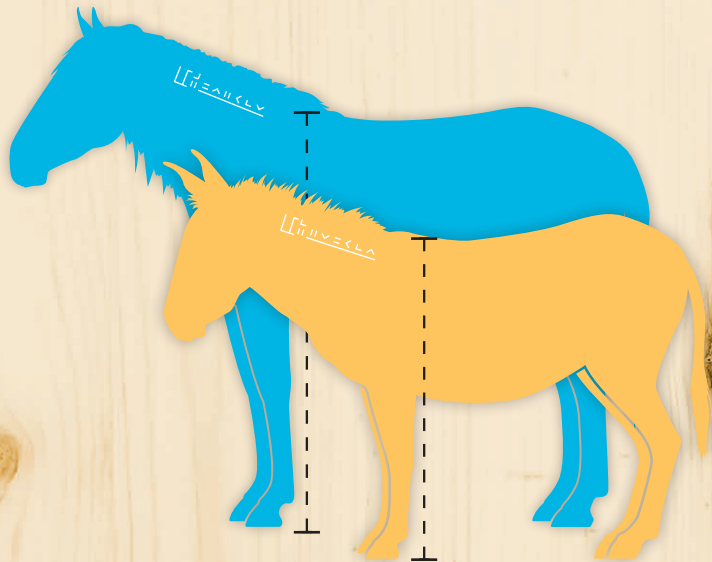
- ★ Come in a variety of colors and sizes, each with a unique personality
- ★ Exhibit characteristics associated with certain breeds
- ★ May or may not be trained

HORSES

700-1,000 POUNDS
13-15 HANDS HIGH
52-60 Inches

BURROS

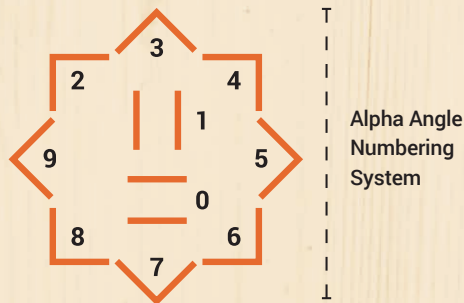
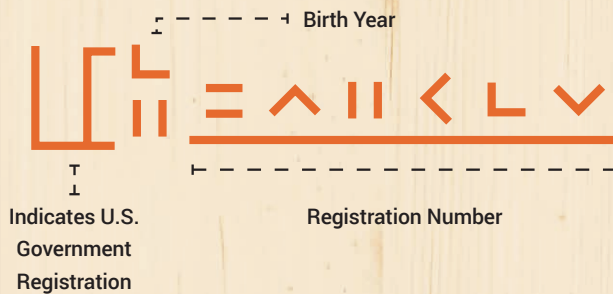
500 POUNDS
11 HANDS HIGH
44 Inches



2015 Extreme Mustang Makeover. Photo credit: Rhonda Hole

FREEZE MARKS

After gathered from public lands, each horse and burro receives a unique freeze mark on the left side of the neck to identify the animal as property of the U.S. government. The procedure is painless, using a cold iron, chilled in liquid nitrogen.



BRING HOME YOUR

LIVING LEGEND

Depending on your goals, the BLM offers two ways to bring home your new horse or burro.

- ★ **PURCHASE:** Available for trained or untrained animals; purchase provides immediate ownership of the animal.
- ★ **ADOPTION:** Available for trained or untrained animals; adoption maintains federal ownership of the animal until BLM grants title, one year after the adoption date.

Limitations

PURCHASE: Up to four (4) animals in a 6-month period

ADOPTION: Up to four (4) animals in a 12-month period

If you are interested in more than four animals, please contact your local BLM office for additional information and requirements.

WHAT TO BRING TO AN ADOPTION/PURCHASING EVENT

PAYMENT: The BLM accepts VISA®, MasterCard®, Discover®, American Express®, travelers' checks, money orders, personal checks and cash as payment for adoption fees. Some offices may not accept credit cards. Please confirm ahead of time.

EQUIPMENT: The BLM recommends you bring a halter and lead rope for your animal. BLM personnel will place the halter on your animal and load the animal into your trailer. The lead rope should be about 12 feet long and made of cotton or nylon. A trailer and truck to transport your horse or burro is also required.

HOW TO PURCHASE

It's easy! If you are interested in purchasing a wild horse or burro, including full ownership, please complete the Application to Purchase Wild Horses and Burros and email to wildhorse@BLM.gov or fax to (202) 912-7182. Please review the clauses in the bill of sale. Find the application and sample bill of sale online at BLM.gov.

If you have questions regarding the purchasing program, please contact the Wild Horse and Burro Program.

Minimal cost and great reward

\$125

Standard for Trained/Untrained Wild Horse or Burro

Fees vary based on location and competitive bidding. If you decide to return your animal(s), you are responsible for returning your animal(s) to the BLM and the fee is non-refundable.



HOW TO ADOPT

It's easy!

- ★ Complete the Application for the Adoption of Wild Horse(s) or Burro(s), Form 4710-10, located at the back of this brochure. It is also available at the BLM off-range corrals, events and offices or you may download it at BLM.gov.
- ★ Take the completed application to a BLM off-range corral, event or mail/fax/email it to your local BLM office.
- ★ Once the BLM approves your application, you are eligible to adopt your very own wild horse or burro. Go to BLM.gov to locate an off-range corral or view the current schedule of adoption events.

For internet adoptions, you must apply online at BLM.gov/adoptahorse. For more information about the Internet process, please visit the website or call (800) 370-3936.

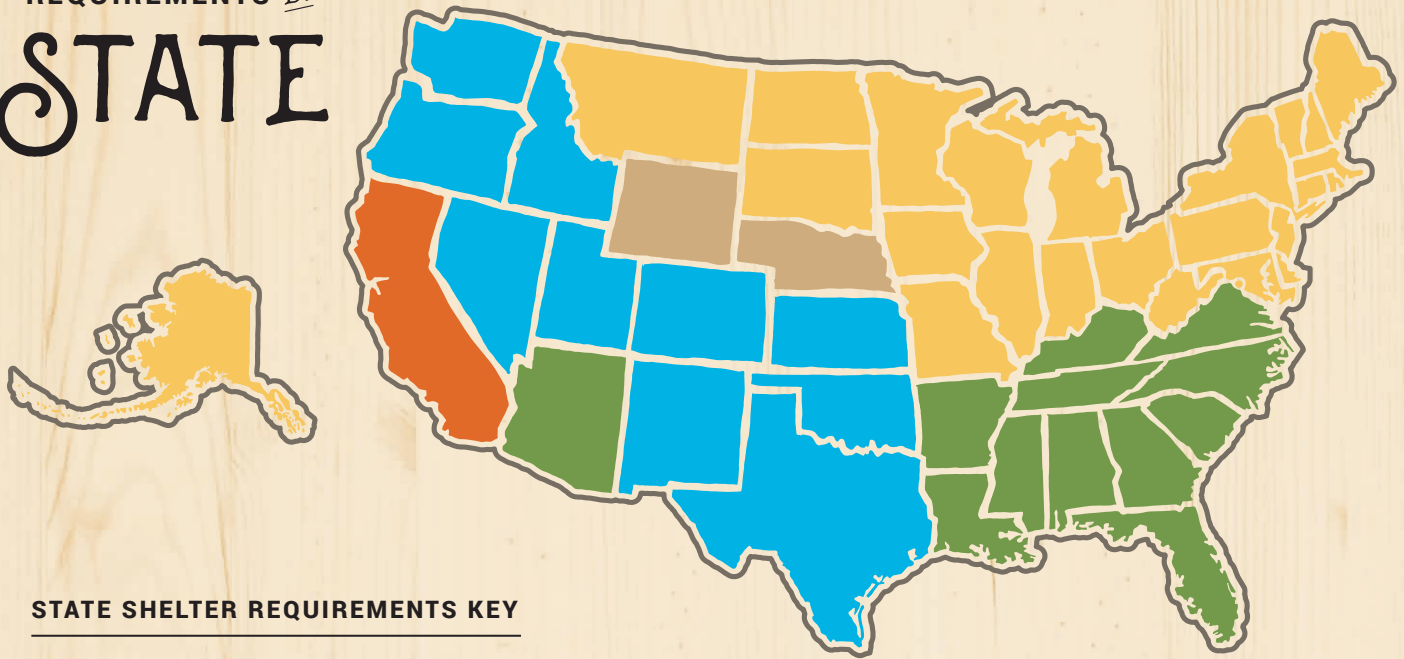
Sample application. Please fill out the form using your actual information and corral measurements.

Applicant's Name John Doe	
MAP OF LOCATION OF ADOPTED WILD HORSES AND/OR BURROS	
Facility Address 1234 Boarding Stable Lane	
City Shadow Hills	State CA Zip Code 91040
Property Owner(s) Name Jane Smith	Phone Number 818-922-1234
Draw a map to the location where animal(s) will be kept (from the nearest major highway).	Draw a layout of corral(s) and shelter(s).
Directions to the Facility take the 210 freeway, exit Wentworth St. turn right on Wentworth and then left onto Boarding Stable Lane. Facility is on the right just before the stop sign.	
INSTRUCTIONS	
1. Carefully read the PROHIBITED ACTS and TERMS OF ADOPTION outlined below.	State. (For the correct address, refer to the pamphlet "Adopting a BLM Horse or Burro" or take it to an adoption event.)
2. Carefully read information provided in the pamphlet "Adopting a Wild Horse or Burro."	4. So that we may notify you when and where the animal(s) you requested are available, provide the Bureau of Land Management office serving your State within 10 days of any change to your address or telephone number.
3. Submit your completed Application for Adoption of Wild Horse(s) or Burro(s) to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) office serving you.	
PROHIBITED ACTS	
(a) Maliciously or negligently injuring or harassing a wild horse or burro;	(f) Harassing a wild horse or burro;
(b) Treating a wild horse or burro inhumanely;	(g) Harassing or altering a fence mark on a wild horse or burro;
(c) Removing or attempting to remove a wild horse or burro from the public lands without authorization from the BLM;	(h) Violating an order, term, or condition established by the BLM under this part;
(d) Destroying a wild horse or burro without authorization from the BLM, except as an act of mercy;	(i) Commercially exploiting a wild horse or burro;
(e) Selling or attempting to sell a wild horse or burro or its remains;	Any person who commits a prohibited act is subject to a fine of not more than \$2,000 or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both, for each violation.
(Continued on page 3)	(Form 4710-10, page 2)
Question 5. Have you ever been convicted of abuse or inhumane treatment of animals, violation of the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act or the Wild Horse and Burro Regulations? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
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ADOPTION APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Adopted animal must remain in the United States until titled. (Eligibility occurs on its one year anniversary.)
- Applicant has no convictions of inhumane treatment of animals or violation of the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act.
- Applicant must provide a facility with access to feed, water and shelter. NOTE: Facility refers to enclosed area such as corral, barn, stall, etc. Approval is not based on pasture fence height, but the height of the enclosed area.
- Applicant must provide a stock or horse trailer with a rear swing gate and covered top. Provided the dividers are removed or folded back, slant trailers are acceptable. Drop-ramps are acceptable if there is an additional back gate to the trailer. Two-horse trailers approved on case-by-case basis. No one-horse trailers approved.
- Applicant must be at least 18 years old.
- Shelter requirements detailed on page 14.

ADOPTION SHELTER REQUIREMENTS BY STATE



STATE SHELTER REQUIREMENTS KEY

- ★ Shelter shall be available to mitigate the effects of inclement weather and temperature extremes. The requirement is at the discretion of the authorized officer and will vary dependent on the severity of weather in the region.
Example: Natural cover (tree) or man-made structure (plywood or other material on side of corral, stall, etc.)
- ★ A two-sided shelter with a roof.
Example: Structure with sides and a roof (wood, metal, etc.)
- ★ A three-sided shelter with a roof.
Example: Structure with sides, a back and a roof (wood, metal, etc.)
Additional minimum requirement for Alaska only:
Heated water source
- ★ Natural cover or man-made structure that provides a windbreak.
Example: Tree or structure with a side (plywood on side of corral, stall, etc.)
- ★ Natural cover or man-made structure that provides shade.
Example: Tree or structure with a roof (wood, metal, etc.)

These requirements are in addition to state, county and local animal health and welfare laws and regulations for the area in which the animal resides.

ADOPTER FACILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum of 400 ft.² of corral space per animal (i.e., 20' x 20');
- Suitable materials: pipe panels, wood post, planks (min. 1.5" thick), horse fence (V Mesh or 2" x 4" square);
- 5' high facility for yearling or gentled horse of any age;
- 6' high facility for an ungentled horse two years or older;
- 4.5' high facility for a burro of any age;
- Applicant is required to adhere to the shelter requirements for wild horses and burros based on the state or region in which the animal resides, unless otherwise stipulated by the authorized officer.

WHAT TO EXPECT

PRIVATE CARE COSTS

The financial commitment for caring for a wild horse or burro can exceed \$1,000 per year, depending on your location. You are responsible for all costs associated with the care of your animal, and, if the animal is pregnant, its offspring. Though the adoption fee may seem minimal, it's important to consider the following costs when calculating a wild horse or burro budget:

- Medical-Veterinarian care
 - Medicine, deworming and vaccinations
- Stall/Corral rental or materials
- Tack
- Salt or other supplements
- Transportation/Hauling
- Grooming supplies
- Feed
- Farrier/Shoeing

If your animal(s) escapes from your property, you are responsible for all costs associated with recovering the animal.

VETERINARY TREATMENT

The BLM vaccinates, deworms and freeze marks the wild horses and burros, while a veterinarian provides all the necessary medical care. The BLM provides a record of the animal's age, gather history and medical history, including the negative results of a Coggins test, to each new adopter or purchaser. A negative Coggins test indicates the animal does not have Equine Infectious Anemia.

I've known some **MUSTANGS** in my time, thanks to friends and competitions. A better horse you will not find, regardless of conditions. Love and Joy and **FREEDOM**. Mustangs represent all three. I hope that you can get a **LOOK** at what I already see.

– Jessie Willyerd, "Mustangs I Have Known"

CERTIFICATE OF TITLE/BILL OF SALE

A wild horse or burro belongs to the federal government until the BLM issues a Certificate of Title or Bill of Sale. If **adopting**, you will be notified one year from the adoption date directing you to obtain a signature from a qualified person, such as a veterinarian or county extension agent, verifying that you have given humane care and treatment to your adopted animal(s). Once you return the signed letter, the BLM will mail you a Certificate of Title. (There are no additional federal fees involved in the titling process.) If **purchasing** the animal, you will receive immediate ownership upon receipt of the Bill of Sale.

Upon the issuance date of the Certificate of Title or Bill of Sale, the animal is deemed private property. The animal is no longer considered a wild horse or burro protected by the Act or federal regulations. The animal is considered private property.



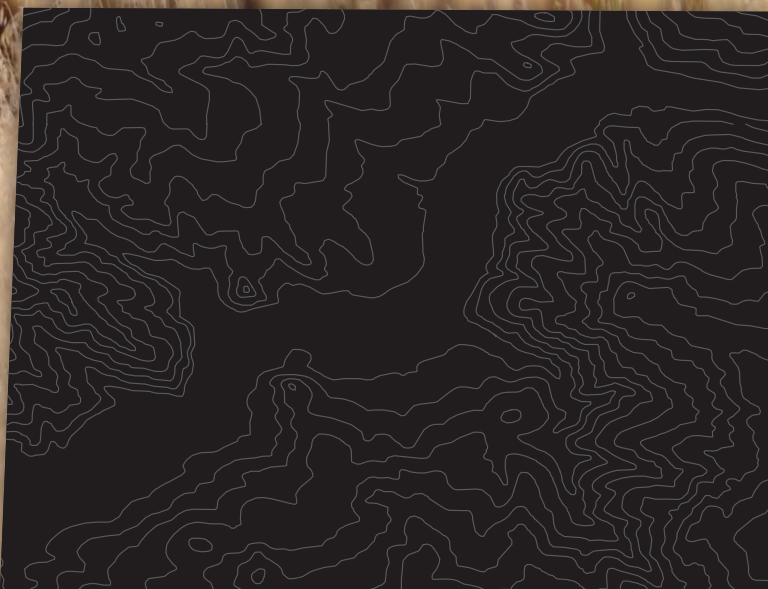
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mustangs. Imagine if we could see the
POTENTIAL inside of each one of them.
Believe in the American MUSTANGS."

— Madison "Mustang Maddy" Shambaugh





Sharron Evans, Utah State Office Volunteer, won a BLM 2016 Making a Difference National Volunteer Award. Sharron contributes her time to many facets of the BLM Wild Horse & Burro Program. One of her primary areas of responsibility is recordkeeping for the 1,600+ wild horses and burros that currently reside at the contracted Off-Range Corral in Axtell, Utah.

Sharron spends long hours promoting the BLM Wild Horse & Burro Program in person and via social media. Her outreach efforts have helped the BLM, partners, contractors and members of the public work together effectively in their efforts to safeguard America's wild horses and burros.

There is a wild horse or burro waiting for you!

For more information, visit BLM.gov or call (866) 468-7826.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you have questions, need program information, or need to mail paperwork to BLM for approval, please contact the appropriate office below:

**BLM – Bureau of Land Management
Wild Horse and Burro (WH&B) Program**
(866) 468-7826 • wildhorse@BLM.gov
BLM.gov

Alaska – *Alaska State Office* • (907) 271-5555
222 West 7th Avenue #13, Anchorage, AK 99513

Arizona – *Arizona State Office* • (602) 417-9200
One North Central, Suite 800, Phoenix, AZ 85004

California – *California State Office*
(916) 978-4400 • 2800 Cottage Way,
Suite 1623 • Sacramento, CA 95825

Litchfield • (800) 545-4256 • 474-000 Highway
395 East • Litchfield, CA 96117

Ridgecrest • (800) 951-8720 • 3647-A Randsburg
Wash Road • Ridgecrest, CA 93562

Colorado – *Royal Gorge Field Office*
(719) 269-8500 • 3028 East Main Street
Cañon City, CO 81212

Eastern States – *Eastern States Office*
(202) 912-7700 • 20 M Street SE, Suite 950,
Washington, D.C. 20003

AL, AR, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA –
Southeastern States Field Office
(888) 274-2133 • 278 Market Street,
Flowood, MS 39232

**CT, DE, DC, IL, IN, IA, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN,
MO, NH, NJ, NY, OH, PA, RI, VT, WV, WI** –
Northeastern States Field Office
(800) 293-1781 • 626 E. Wisconsin Avenue,
Suite 200, Milwaukee, WI 53202

Idaho – *Idaho State Office* • (208) 373-4000
1387 S. Vinnell Way, Boise, ID 83709

Boise District Office • (208) 384-3300
3948 Development Avenue, Boise, ID 83705

Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota –
Billings Field Office • (406) 896-5013

5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, MO 59101

Nevada – *Nevada State Office* • (775) 861-6500
1340 Financial Boulevard, Reno, NV 89502

New Mexico, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas –
Oklahoma Field Office • (800) 237-3642

201 Stephenson Parkway, Suite 1200,
Norman, OK 73072

Oregon, Washington – *Burns Wild Horse Corrals*
(541) 573-2930 • 26755 Highway 20 West,
Hines, OR 97738

Utah – *Utah State Office* • (801) 539-4057
440 West 200 South, Suite 500, SLC, UT 84101

Salt Lake Field Office • (801) 977-4300
2370 South Becker Lake Boulevard,
West Valley, UT 84119

Fillmore Field Office • (435) 743-3135
95 East 500 North, Fillmore, UT 84631

Wyoming, Nebraska – *Rock Springs Field Office*
(307) 352-0256 • (307) 352-0292 • 280 Highway
191 North, Rock Springs, WY 82901

