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Adoption Incentive Program Updates

2022 National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board Meeting – Phoenix, Arizona





Background

The Adoption Incentive Program (AIP) was launched in March 2019

Offers \$1,000 to qualified individuals to adopt and title untrained animals

AIP adopters must meet the same rigorous standards as with traditional adoptions

Purpose:

- **Increase overall private placements thereby reducing off-range holding costs, freeing up resources for on-range management efforts**
- **Attract new adopters to the program and encourage previous adopters to adopt again**

Since its inception, more than 12,120 animals have been placed into good homes through the AIP





Recent Changes

July 26, 2021 – [BLM announces plans](#) to revise the AIP to better ensure the health and safety of adopted animals.

January 26, 2022 – BLM issues [Instruction Memorandum 2022-014](#) implementing the following changes to the AIP:

- One-time incentive payment of \$1,000 at time of titling
- Accelerate timeline for mandatory AIP compliance inspections (w/i six months of adoption)
- Require veterinarian or BLM signature on title application to receive incentive payment
- Set minimum fee of \$125 for AIP adoptions (up from \$25)





Stakeholder Outreach

In May/June 2022, BLM held several workshops with targeted stakeholder groups to solicit ideas for possible further revisions to the AIP

Sideboards: Potential changes must be implementable under existing statutory authorities

BLM is currently considering the merits of several ideas that arose from the workshops

Future stakeholder engagement is planned





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Questions / Discussion

