



U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management

Wild Horse and Burro Program

The Bureau of Land Management – Adoption Incentive Program





Goals of the Adoption Incentive Program

- **Increase placement of wild horses and burros**
 - Encourage new individuals and organizations to adopt untrained wild horses or burros.
 - Encourage prior adopters to consider adopting additional animals.
- **Reduce holding costs**
 - \$1,000 incentive is less than the annual feed and care cost/animal.
 - Cost savings will contribute to improving rangeland health.





Adoption Incentive Program Process

- Applicant completes standard adoption application, agrees to abide by the prohibitive acts and terms identified, provides financial institution information and pays \$25 adoption fee.
(All current incentives are discontinued.)
 - Within 60 days of adoption date, \$500 is electronically deposited into adopter's bank account.
 - Within 60 days of animal's title eligibility, adopter submits required titling and incentive paperwork for the second \$500 incentive payment. (Adopter will receive the second \$500 incentive payment within 425 days of the initial adoption date.)
- * Titling eligibility initiates one year (365 days) from adoption date.*



Adoption Incentive Program Process (cont.)

- *All untrained wild horses and burros are eligible for the incentive* regardless of species, age, sex, color, HMA or the number of times the animal had been offered for adoption.
- Applicant *can choose to adopt, not purchase, a sale-eligible animal and participate in the AIP*, however the applicant *waives the opportunity to receive immediate ownership*.
- Adoption fees for the AIP may be competitive and/or non-competitive.
- Trained animals are **NOT** eligible for the incentive.



The reality is that the off-range holding numbers *may not decrease dramatically in the immediate future*, however the BLM is implementing the *Adoption Incentive Program* in an effort to assist the BLM in regaining balance to animal populations and rangelands.

