



Off-Range Highlights for Wild Horse and Burro (WHB) Advisory Board Meeting Sacramento, CA, January 6-10, 2025

Key Accomplishments FY24 – The Wild Horse and Burro Program achieved impressive private care placement results in FY24, totalling 6,675 adoptions, sales and transfers. Of these, 3,871 animals were placed through the Adoption Incentive Program (AIP). The Program titled 4,931 animals during the fiscal year. The Program also cared for approximately 68,000 animals in off-range holding, with approximately 23,200 in corrals, 43,700 in pastures, and 1,200 in public off-range pastures, demonstrating its commitment to both placements and long-term care solutions.

New WHB Partnerships – The Program [announced](#) five new public-private partnership agreements aimed at placing an additional 11,000 wild horses and burros into private care, potentially saving taxpayers around \$160 million over five years. These partnerships will complement BLM’s existing adoption program and help reduce the number of wild horses and burros currently held in facilities. New funded partnerships include **Forever Branded, Teens and Oregon Mustangs, Meeker Mustang Makeover, Sacramento Sheriff’s Office Wild Horse Program, and Mustang Yearlings Washington Youth**. These partnerships aim to support training, education, and community engagement to ensure the sustainability of wild horse and burro populations.

Marquee Partnership Events -- Mustang Champions, in partnership with the BLM, hosted three major events showcasing the adaptability and trainability of American mustangs.

- The Mustang Challenge, held from July 11–13, 2024, at the South Point Arena in Las Vegas, featured a \$125,000 prize purse, awarding \$50,000 to the champion. This competition highlighted the bonds between trainers and mustangs through preliminary classes and an innovative championship finals.
- The inaugural Mustang Classic held September 13-15, 2024, at Rolex Stadium at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, KY, showcased the exceptional versatility and skill of American mustangs in English disciplines. The event featured dressage, show jumping, cross-country, working equitation, and freestyle performances. Trainers and their mustangs demonstrated the breed’s adaptability and talent, earning praise from industry leaders and BLM representatives for raising awareness about mustang preservation and adoption.
- Additionally, Mustang Magic captivated audiences at the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo in January, where trainer-mustang duos demonstrated their skills after 100 days of preparation, competing for over \$50,000 in cash and prizes.

Looking ahead to 2025, Mustang Magic will take place once again at the Fort Worth Stock Show from January 23–25, while the Mustang Challenge and Classic will return again later in the year. These events continue to raise awareness about mustangs' potential as companions and champions, promoting their adoption from BLM holding facilities.



WHB Off-Range Corral and Pasture Contracting Webinar – The Program hosted a free [webinar](#) via Zoom on Jan. 24, 2024, for prospective vendors interested in submitting proposals to care for wild horses and burros under contract in off-range corral and pasture facilities. The webinar provided foundational knowledge about the proposal process as well as an overview of the BLM’s off-range corral and pasture requirements.

Off-Range Pasture and Corral Solicitations – The Program posted two solicitations in December to acquire additional off-range [pastures](#) and [corrals](#). The pastures will provide a free-roaming environment and high-quality care for potentially tens of thousands of unadopted and unsold animals, supporting the Program’s efforts to sustain the health and sustainability of wild herds and their habitats. Contracts may be awarded to facilities in several targeted states that range in capacity from 200 to 10,000 animals. The corral solicitation seeks facilities that can provide quality care and training for wild horses and burros. The training component will support the Program’s goal of maximizing private care placements (adoptions, sales and transfers). The corral solicitation targets the states of Nevada, Colorado, Wyoming and Kansas. Interested parties are encouraged to participate and can access additional details and resources on SAM.gov and the [BLM Funding Opportunities](#) page.

Off-Range Pasture Tour – On June 22, 2024, the Program hosted two [free public tours](#) of the Gray Horse off-range wild horse pasture near Hominy, Oklahoma. The tours offered attendees the chance to see over 2,500 wild horses roaming 26,000 acres of private grassland under federal care and to learn about the BLM’s Wild Horse and Burro Program. Participants also experienced a virtual reality educational kiosk, showcasing wild horses and their natural habitats. The tours highlighted BLM’s mission to maintain healthy herds and rangelands, with off-range pastures serving as long-term care solutions for unadopted wild horses removed from overpopulated rangelands.

Wild Horse Annie Project (Donations Program) – The Program is finalizing a micro-donations website, dubbed the Wild Horse Annie Project, set to launch in Fiscal Year 2025, allowing individuals to donate up to \$249 annually to support the protection and management of wild horses and burros on public lands. Donations help maintain healthy herds, preserve habitats, and provide care for animals in adoption programs or off-range holding. Contributors can make donations in their name, as a gift, or in memory of a loved one. Donors can also choose specific areas of interest for targeted updates from the Program, such as adoption opportunities, local herd news, research updates, etc. Larger donations are also accepted by contacting the Wild Horse and Burro National Information Center (wildhorse@blm.gov; 866-468-7826) or through the [Foundation for America’s Public Lands](#). This initiative offers a meaningful way to engage with wild horse and burro conservation, even for those unable to adopt.