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Individuals interested in adopting a wild horse or burro will have an opportunity on June 14 in Billings at Oscar's Park and Recreation Complex. Approximately 40 untrained wild horses and burros gathered by the Bureau of Land Management from western rangelands will be available for adoption.

This event is being held in conjunction with the Montana Equine Expo 2003. Demonstrations on how to train your wild horse will be provided by Steve Mantle on June 13 at 12 pm and at 3 pm and again June 14 at 9 am. The two wild horses used for training demonstration will also be available for adoption. The demonstrations and adoption take place at Oscar's Park and Recreation Complex, 4002 Story Road, Billings, Mont.

Adoption registration starts at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 14 with oral bidding at 11 a.m. The minimum bid for each animal is \$125. For more information on how to adopt or to receive an application, contact Nancy Bjelland, BLM adoption coordinator, at (406) 896-5222.

The BLM manages public lands throughout the west and their vast array of resources to benefit both current and future generations. One of the BLM's legislative responsibilities is to manage and preserve the wild horse and burro as a "living symbol" of the Old West. The BLM gathers wild horses and burros from the western range in order to maintain an ecological balance between wild horses and burros, native wildlife and domestic animals grazing on western public lands. The gathered horses are put into the BLM's Adopt-A-Horse or Burro program.

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