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WILD HORSE AND BURRO ADOPTION SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 21

DILLON (August 9, 2004) – People interested in adopting a wild horse or burro will have an opportunity on Saturday, August 21 in Dillon. The animals will be adopted by an oral competitive bid starting at 11 a.m. at the Beaverhead County Fairgrounds. Oral bidding will start at \$125 per animal.

The public and interested adopters are invited to view the horses and burros on Friday, August 20 from noon to 7 p.m. and again at 7 a.m. on August 21. For an adoption application or more information on required facilities and transportation, please contact Nancy Bjelland at (406) 896-5222 or Mark Sant at (406) 683-8033.

Forty wild horses and six burros are slated for adoption in Dillon. The horses and burros are gathered primarily from Bureau of Land Management lands in the Southwest when their population exceeds available resources.

Since the adoption program started in 1973, BLM has placed thousands of wild horses and burros into private care. Horses are generally used for recreational riding or pack animals and burros are often adopted as pack animals or as guard animals for domestic livestock to protect against coyotes or dogs.