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\$15,000 Reward Offered to Solve Wild Horse Shooting

Wild horse and humane interest groups have joined with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to offer a reward of \$15,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the death of three horses in February in northern Washoe County.

Persons having information regarding this shooting incident are encouraged to call the BLM at 1-800-521-6501 (toll free). Callers may ask to remain anonymous.

Information may also be directed to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office at 775 328-3001. This is not a toll free number.

The BLM continues to investigate the shooting of three wild horses discovered dead near Leadville about 40 miles north of Gerlach, Nev., along County Road 34. Wild horses are frequently observed in this area. These horses were part of the Calico Mountains Herd Management Area managed by the BLM Winnemucca Field Office.

BLM law enforcement and the Washoe County Sheriff's Department began the investigation immediately after being contacted by a member of the public on February 14, 2006, shortly after the incident occurred. A subsequent investigation revealed that all three animals had been shot to death earlier that day.

The reward is being offered by the Wild Horse Preservation League, National Mustang Association, Humane Society of the United States - West Coast Regional Office, other wild horse advocates and the BLM.

Wild horses and burros are protected by law under the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act of 1971. By regulation, any person who commits any prohibited act, including but not limited to the unauthorized destruction of a wild horse or burro, shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$2,000 or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both, for each violation.