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## **BLM Sets Meeting of National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board For July 17 in Salt Lake City; Bureau Also Calls for Nominations to Board**

The Bureau of Land Management's National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board will meet on July 17 in Salt Lake City to discuss issues relating to the management and protection of wild horses and burros on Western public rangelands. The one-day meeting will take place from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. local time at the Red Lion Hotel in downtown Salt Lake.

The BLM also announced today that it is calling for public nominations to fill three positions on the nine-member Advisory Board. Nominations for the positions – which represent the categories of natural resource management, livestock management, and wild horse and burro research – should be submitted to the BLM by July 14, 2006.

The Advisory Board provides input and advice to the BLM as it carries out its responsibilities under the 1971 Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act. The law mandates the protection, management, and control of these free-roaming animals in a manner that ensures healthy herds at levels consistent with the land's capacity to support them. The BLM manages about 32,000 wild horses and burros that roam BLM-managed rangelands in 10 Western states.

The public may address the Advisory Board at the July 17 meeting at an appropriate point in the agenda, which is expected to be about 3 p.m., local time. Individuals who want to make a statement should register with the BLM by noon on the day of the meeting at the meeting site (Red Lion Hotel, 161 West 600 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101; hotel phone number: 801-521-7373). Depending on the number of speakers, the Board may limit the length of presentations, which have been set at three minutes for previous meetings.

The agenda of the meeting can be found in the June 19, 2006, *Federal Register*. Speakers must submit a written copy of their statement to the BLM at the meeting; those who would like to comment but are unable to attend may submit a written statement by July 12, 2006, to: Bureau of Land Management, National Wild Horse and Burro Program, WO-260, Attention: Ramona DeLorme, 1340 Financial Boulevard, Reno, Nevada, 89502-7147. Comments may also be e-mailed to: [Ramona\\_DeLorme@blm.gov](mailto:Ramona_DeLorme@blm.gov). Those submitting comments electronically should include the identifier "WH&B" in the subject of their message and their name and address in the body of the message.

For additional information regarding the meeting, please contact Ramona DeLorme, Wild Horse and Burro Administrative Assistant, at 775-861-6583. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may reach Ms. DeLorme at any time by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

Regarding nominations to the three positions on the Advisory Board, any individual or organization may nominate one or more persons to serve on the Board. Individuals may also nominate themselves. In accordance with Section 7 of the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act of 1971, Federal and state government employees are not eligible to serve on the Board, whose members serve three-year terms, on a staggered-term basis, with one-third of the Board subject to appointment each year.

The Advisory Board meets at least two times a year and the BLM Director may call additional meetings when necessary. Members serve without salary, but are reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses according to government travel regulations.

The BLM is accepting nomination letters plus resumes that include the nominee's name, address, profession, relevant biographical information, references, and specific category of interest. Nomination letters should be sent by July 14, 2006, to the National Wild Horse and Burro Program, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, P.O. Box 12000, Reno, Nevada 89520-0006, Attn: Ramona Delorme; phone 775-861-6583 or fax: 775-861-6618.

The BLM, an agency of the U.S. Department of the Interior, manages more land – 261 million surface acres – than any other Federal agency. Most of this public land is located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1.8 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, cultural, and other resources on the public lands.