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## **Wild horse and burro adoption coming to Halfway**

The Bureau of Land Management will be holding a wild horse and burro adoption May 26 and 27 in Halfway, Oregon. Twelve Oregon mustangs and four burros will be available for adoption at the event to be held at the Hells Canyon Arena on Fairgrounds Road.

Animals will be available for viewing beginning at 9 a.m. on May 26. Leslie Neuman will be offering horse gentling demonstrations from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday.

The competitive silent bidding begins at 3 p.m. on Saturday, and ends promptly at 3:45. When the highest bidder is announced for each animal, that individual must be present to accept the adoption or the award will go to the next highest bidder.

Potential adopters must be at least 18 years of age, have facilities consistent with BLM requirements, have no history of mistreating animals, and must have an adoption application approved by BLM. Applications may be approved on-site Friday or Saturday prior to the bidding.

Adoption requirements and additional information on the wild horse and burro program can be obtained through your local BLM office or on the web at [www.wildhorseandburro.blm.gov](http://www.wildhorseandburro.blm.gov). Halters and lead ropes are not required for loading. No two-horse, partitioned trailers will be loaded; however, more than one horse may be transported in a closed-top, stock-type trailer of appropriate size.

For more information about this event, or to pre-qualify for adoption, please contact Jim Johnson, Vale District Wild Horse and Burro Specialist, at (541) 473-3144.

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