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Free Mustang Clinic Scheduled in Prineville

PRINEVILLE-A free clinic that focuses on the challenges and rewards of Mustang horse ownership is scheduled for May 4, 5, & 6 in Prineville. "Teaching & Achieving Mustang Excellence" (TAME) will feature professional horse trainers Clint Surplus and Matt Fournier. The trainers will work with adopted wild horses on specific training issues, allowing spectators an opportunity to observe training solutions.

Various specialists will be on hand to answer questions on equine health, nutrition, hoof care, teeth, massage, chiropractics, and tack. A BLM Wild Horse & Burro Program Manager will answer questions about the process of adopting wild horses and volunteers will share information on how to build lifelong relationships with these Living Legends. Previously adopted Mustangs will demonstrate the level of success a wild horse can achieve through proper training.

This free clinic will be held at the Crook County Fairgrounds Indoor Arena from 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. on Friday & Saturday, and from 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. on Sunday. This event is being sponsored by the Bureau of Land Management, the Ochoco National Forest and the Central Oregon Wild Horse Coalition. For more information, contact Bill Pieratt at (541) 416-6720.

The Bureau of Land Management manages more land – 258 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 Bureau of Land Management'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, and cultural resources on the public lands.

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