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BLM to Conduct Final Public Tours at Indian Lakes Wild Horse Facility

Reno, Nev. – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will host two final public tours of the Indian Lakes Holding Facility in Fallon, Nev., on June 3 and June 10. Extended tour hours will be 10 a.m. through 3 p.m.

The public will have the opportunity to view the privately-owned and operated facility and the excess wild horses that were gathered from the Calico Mountains Complex last winter. The horses have successfully transitioned to their new environment, regained their health and have been prepared for adoption (freeze-marked, vaccinated, and de-wormed).

Potential adopters are invited to attend the tours and identify horses they would like to adopt and have added to the July 14 Wild Horse and Burro Internet Adoption. BLM will have added staff available to serve unlimited numbers of visitors. Approximately 82 Calico Internet Adoption horses have already been moved to the Palomino Valley Facility, 20 miles east of Sparks, Nev., and are available for viewing by potential adopters. Individuals interested attending the tours should call (775) 475-2222 to schedule an appointment and get directions to the facility. Information about the Internet Adoption is available by calling (866) 468-7826 or visiting: www.blm.gov/adoptahorse/.

The BLM will continue to publish weekly Indian Lakes facility web site updates on Fridays. After the final public tour, the BLM will continue to host invited professionals at Indian Lakes, including visits by an animal welfare specialist and a Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) veterinarian. The BLM will begin shipping younger horses to adoption venues throughout the United States in June and older animals to long-term holding facilities in July.

Indian Lakes is a privately-owned and operated facility, was never intended as a public facility and isn't staffed to serve the public. As a result, staff from other offices have been taken away from priority work and unplanned costs have been incurred.

The Indian Lakes Facility, about a one-hour drive from Reno, encompasses 80 acres and includes 30 large holding pens that are 70,000 square feet per pen and safely holds approximately 100 horses per pen. The horses are fed an abundance of hay each day, and a veterinarian routinely