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To: Field Managers

From: State Director

Subject: Adoption Fee Reduction - Burro Jacks; and Wild Horses at the Kingman and Sonoita Adoption Events

At the present time, the holding facilities are near capacity. In an attempt to increase adoptions within Arizona, all male burros will be offered to the public for \$25. The current policy is that burros two years or older are available at the reduced fee of \$25. California BLM's policy is that all male burros are available at the reduced fee. After conferring with the Washington Office, it would be more consistent to the adopting public, for male burros coming from the Kingman facility to also be available at the reduced fee. This reduced adoption fee will remain in effect until the back log of burros has been reduced, the corrals are operating below capacity, and the short-term holding pens have been emptied.

In addition, wild horses that have been exposed for adoption twice through a silent bid auction to all the public and yet remain unadopted, will be offered to successful bidders at a reduced fee of \$25. Successful bidders can adopt an animal at the reduced fee only if they can demonstrate that they have the proper facilities to care for the additional animal.

Any successful adopter that wishes to adopt another wild horse at the reduced fee will participate in a lottery drawing for placement on a list to select any of the remaining animals they wish to adopt through this special offering. After the Kingman and Sonoita adoptions, the policy will be evaluated to see if it increases the adoption of excess wild horses and burros.

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