

Off-Range Branch Update: Advisory Board Holle' Hooks, Branch Chief



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Wild Horse and Burro Off-Range Space Update

Number of wild horses at
Off-Range Pastures: 30,492

Number of wild horses and burros at
Off-Range Corrals: 15,801

Number of wild horses at
Eco-Sanctuaries: 534



Wild Horse and Burro Off-Range Space Update

- Eco-Sanctuaries
- Three awards from the 12 ORP proposals; 900 new spaces are expected by October 2016
- New ORP solicitation opened March 10, 2016 and closes April 29, 2016: AR, CO, ID, IA, KS, MO, MT, NE, NM, ND, OK, OR, SD, UT, TX, WA and WY (200-5,000)
- TPEC (Technical Proposal Evaluation Committee)
- Overwhelming response
 - Continued Increased Outreach Efforts
 - Press release
 - Advertising (i.e., Western Horseman, Farm Journal)
 - Radio, E-blasts, Social Media



This is a perfect opportunity to
DIVERSIFY
YOUR RANCHING
OPERATION

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is seeking proposals for new pasture contracts to care for wild horses in the following states: Arkansas, Colorado, Iowa, Idaho, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon/Washington (excluding west of the Cascades), South Dakota, Texas, Utah, and Wyoming.

Each proposal must show it can provide humane care for a minimum of 200 wild horses in a free-roaming pasture setting on an annual basis, plus describe a supplemental feeding plan for the dormant months. The proposal must include documentation to support the carrying capacity listed and your required cost on a per head/day basis. Deadline will be announced soon, but you can start getting ready now!!

To locate the full list of requirements for the proposal and obtain further assistance,

[click here](#) or call 866-468-7826.



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Wild Horse and Burro Shade/Shelter for Adopters

- Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)
 - 43 C.F.R. § 4750.3-2(a) Qualification Standards for Private Maintenance
 - (3)(iii) Shelter shall be available to mitigate the effects of inclement weather and temperature extremes. The authorized officer may require that the shelter be a structure, which shall be well drained and adequately ventilated.
- IM Finalized
- Manual/Handbook revision

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Attachment 1: List of Minimum Shelter Requirements by State

*These requirements are in addition to state, county, and local animal health and welfare laws and regulations for the area the animal resides.

STATE	MINIMUM REQUIREMENT*	EXAMPLE
Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon/Washington (east of the Cascade Mountains), Texas, Utah	Shelter shall be available to mitigate the effects of inclement weather and temperature extremes. The requirement is at the discretion of the authorized officer and will vary dependent on the severity of weather.	Natural cover (tree, etc.) or man-made structure (plywood or other material on side of corral, stall, etc.)
Nebraska, Wyoming	Natural cover or man-made structure that provides a wind break.	Tree (etc.) or structure with a side (plywood on side of corral, stall, etc.)
Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia	Natural cover or man-made structure that provides shade.	Tree (etc.) or structure with a roof (wood, metal, etc.)
California, Oregon/Washington (west of the Cascade Mountains)	A two (2)-sided shelter with a roof.	Structure with sides and a roof (wood, metal, etc.)
Alaska, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wisconsin	A three (3)-sided shelter with a roof. Heated water source (Alaska only).	Structure with sides, a back, and a roof (wood, metal, etc.)

Placement of Animals into Private Care

- Private Care Placement Team developed
 - Addressing adoptions, training and sale programs
 - Reviewing inconsistencies, issues and challenges
 - Implement significant changes
 - Manual/Handbook Revision
- Adoption Incentives
 - Past History
 - Horses 7>
 - Burros 9>
 - Adopted and trained within a 12-month period
 - Halter gentled

Placement of Animals into Private Care

- Increasing efforts to offer more trained animals
 - Sale eligible animals
- Demand for trained animals east of the Mississippi
 - Barriers to expand current trainer networks
 1. Need for basic and specialty training
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 3. Few convenient locations
- Trainer Ambassador Pilot Program (TAPP)
 - Two Tier Program
 - Foundation Trainers
 - Specialty Trainers

Placement of Animals into Private Care

- Request for Information
 - Inquired about training interest in the East
 - Posted September 24 and closed November 7
 - 13 formal responses were received and various informal feedback via email
 - Facebook advertisement
- TAPP opportunity available in 31 states (ES jurisdiction)
- Foundation Trainer solicitation closes May 6, 2015
- Outreach efforts
- Specialty Trainer Solicitation



DIVERSIFY YOUR EQUINE TRAINING OPERATION

This is a perfect opportunity to diversify your equine training operation! The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is seeking proposals for a new pilot program called the Trainer Ambassador Pilot Program (TAPP). The goal of the TAPP is for the BLM to contract with experienced trainers, using minimal resistance or natural horsemanship techniques, to train wild horses and help the BLM place them into good homes. The deadline for submitting a proposal is April 22, 2016.

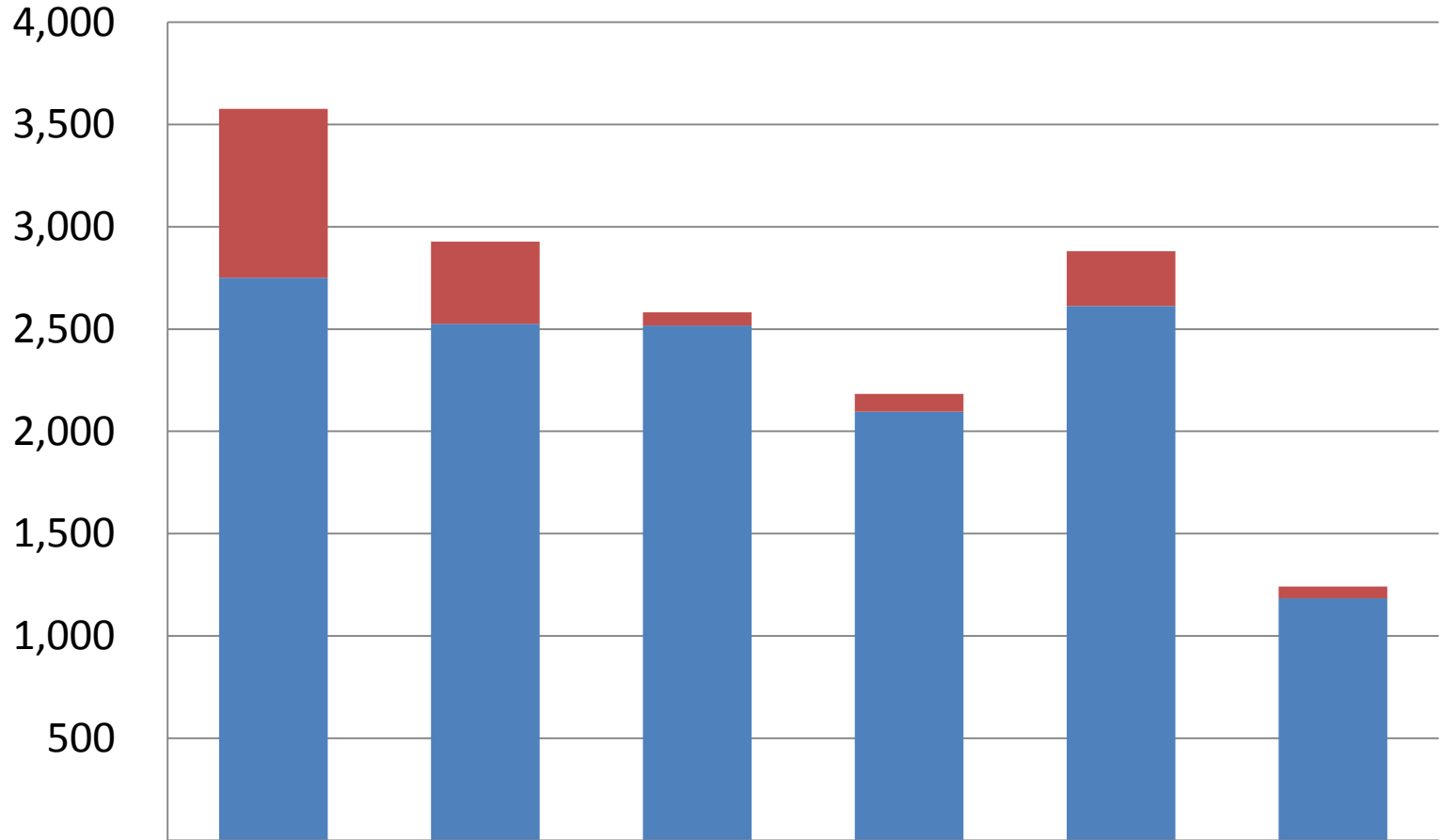
Applicant's proposal must indicate they reside in one of the following states: Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

To review the proposal and obtain further assistance, [click here](#) or call **866-468-7826**.



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Placement of Animals into Private Care



	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
■ Sales	826	402	65	87	267	58
■ Adoptions	2,751	2,526	2,517	2,096	2,613	1,184

Questions?

