

Application for Adoption of Wild Horse(s)

USDA Forest Service/Modoc National Forest

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You may submit your form using e-mail or facsimile. E-mail: sm.fs.modoc_info@usda.gov Facsimile : 530-233-8709

1. Applicant Information:

How did you hear about this program?

Today's Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Last Name

First Name

Middle Initial

Street Address or P.O. Box (P.O. Box requires physical facility address on page 2)

City

State

ZIP

Phone (000) 000-0000

Alternate Phone (000) 000-0000

E-mail address

2. Number of animals requested:

Males Females Total Preferred Height (in Hands) Preferred Color(s)

Age of Horse(s)¹ Trained Animals: Yes No If Yes Number of trained animals

3. Describe your existing corral:

Dimensions: Length Times Width Times Height (in feet)

Gate Dimensions: Width Times Height (in Feet)

Materials used in Corral Construction

Materials used in Gate Construction

4. Describe your existing shelter:

Maximum Height (in Feet) Minimum Height (in feet) Materials used in Shelter Construction

Gate Height (in feet)

Is the shelter attached to the Corral? Yes No If No, how do you access the shelter?

5. Describe Feed

Hay Grass Amount (Per Day)

Supplemental Feed

6. Describe Water:

Tank Capacity(in Gallons) Automatic Water Water Source: Well City Other

7. Describe Transportation (Trailer):

Brand Name/Manufacture Year (if known)

Capacity (Number of Animals)

If trailer is homemade describe:

1. Some ages and species of animals are not normally loaded and/or hauled together and may require divisions within the trailer.
2. Animals are not normally loaded into a trailer with a ramp.

Type of trailer: Stock Horse Describe if Other:

Number of Rear Doors Rear Door Full Height Rear Door Half Height Trailer Ramp ²: Yes No

8. Have you previously adopted animals through the Wild Horse and Burro Program?

Yes No If Yes, are these animals titled? Yes No How many untitled animals do you have?

9. Have you adopted animals under another last name?

Yes No If Yes, what other name did you use?

10. Have you ever been convicted of abuse or inhuman treatment of animals, violation of the Wild Free Roaming Horse and burro Act or the Wild Horse and burro Regulations?

Yes No

Map of Location of Adopted Wild Horses

Facility's Street Address

Facility's City

Facility's State Facility's ZIP

Facility's Property Owner(s) Name

Phone (000) 000-0000

Draw a map to the location or use an aerial image of where the animals will be kept (from the nearest major highway). Place using Northern orientation (north at the top of the image).

Draw a layout of the corral or use an aerial image of where the animals will be kept. Place using Northern orientation (north at the top of the image).

Written Directions to the Facility:

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Carefully read the PROHIBITED ACTS and TERMS OF ADOPTION below.
- 2. Submit your completed Application for Adoption of Wild Horse(s) to the Forest Service (FS) office.

- 3. So that we may notify you when and where the animal(s) you requested are available, notify Forest Service officials within 10 days of any change in your address or telephone number.

1. Some ages and species of animals are not normally loaded and/or hauled together and may require divisions within the trailer.
 2. Animals are not normally loaded into a trailer with a ramp.

PROHIBITED ACTS

1. Maliciously or negligently injuring or harassing a wild horse;
2. Treating a wild horse inhumanely;
3. Removing or attempting to remove a wild horse from the public lands without authorization from the Forest Service;
4. Destroying a wild horse without authorization from the Forest Service, except as an act of mercy;
5. Selling or attempting to sell a wild horse or its remains;
6. Branding a wild horse;
7. Removing or altering a freeze mark on a wild horse;
8. Violating an order, term, or condition established by the Forest Service under this part; and
9. Commercially exploiting a wild horse.
10. Any person who commits a prohibited act is subject to a fine of not more than \$2,000 or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both, for each violation.

TERMS OF ADOPTION

The following terms apply to all wild horses adopted under this Private Maintenance and Care Agreement:

1. Adopters are financially responsible for providing proper care;
2. Adopters are responsible, as provided by State law, for any personal injury, property damage, or death caused by animals in their care, for pursuing animals that escape or stray, and for costs of recapture;
3. Adopters must not transfer animals for more than 30 days to another location or to the care of another individual without the prior approval of the Forest Service;
4. Adopters must make animals available for physical inspection within 7 days of receipt of a written request by the Forest Service;
5. Adopters must notify the Forest Service within 7 days of discovery of an animal's death, theft or escape;
6. Adopters must notify the Forest Service within 30 days of any change in the adopter's address;
7. Adopters must dispose of remains in accordance with applicable sanitation laws; and
8. Title will remain with the Federal Government for at least 1 year after the Private Maintenance and Care Agreement is executed and until a Certificate of Title is issued by the Forest Service;
9. Adopters are entitled to a replacement, if, within 6 months of the adoption date, the animal dies or is required to be destroyed due to a condition that existed at the time of adoption and if the adopter provides a veterinarian statement that certifies that reasonable care would not have corrected the condition. All replacements will be handled as a refund (completed within 2 weeks of notification) or a voucher for a replacement animal. A voucher is non-refundable; has a shelf-life of six months; can be applied to more than one animal; is non-transferable; has to be redeemed at the same type of event as the original adoption; and does not give the adopter any kind of preferential treatment. Additionally, the amount of the voucher has to be redeemed all at one time; non-used funds are forfeited; and bids above the voucher amount are due in full at the time of the adoption. This policy will only apply to replacement animals, and not repossessions or reassignments.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE TERMS MAY RESULT IN THE CANCELLATION OF THE AGREEMENT, REPOSSESSION OF THE ANIMALS, AND DISAPPROVAL OF REQUESTS FOR ADOPTION OF ADDITIONAL ANIMALS. IN ADDITION, VIOLATION OF ANY TERM OF A PRIVATE MAINTENANCE AND CARE AGREEMENT IS A PROHIBITED ACT.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE TERMS OF THE ADOPTION AND PROHIBITED ACTIONS.

Applicant's Signature

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

UNDER PENALTY OF PROSECUTION FOR VIOLATING 18 U.S.C. 1001, WHICH MAKES IT A FEDERAL CRIME TO MAKE FALSE STATEMENTS TO ANY AGENCY OF THE UNITED STATES, I HEREBY STATE THAT I HAVE NO INTENT TO SELL THIS WILD HORSE FOR SLAUGHTER OR BUCKING STOCK, OR FOR PROCESSING INTO COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS, WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE WILD AND FREE ROAMING HORSE AND BURRO ACT, 16 U.S.C. 1331 ET SEQ., AND REGULATIONS 43 CFR 4700.0-5(C). I HAVE READ THE ABOVE STATEMENT, UNDERSTAND THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT AND AGREE TO COMPLY WITH THEM.

Applicant's Signature

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

FOREST SERVICE OFFICE USE ONLY

Application Approval: Approved Disapproved **Disapproval will include a decision letter to the applicant with appeal rights.**

Horses Younger than 18 months old Number of Horses Trained Animals Number of Trained Animals

Horses Older than 18 months old Number of Horses Total Number of Animals Approved for Adopter's Facility

Forest Service Official's Signature Forest Service Official's Printed Name Office Date

THIS APPLICATION EXPIRES ONE YEAR AFTER THE DATE OF APPROVAL BY THE FOREST SERVICE OFFICIAL'S SIGNATURE

NOTICES

The Privacy Act and the regulation at 36 CFR 222.69 (e) & (f) require that you be furnished the following information in connection with information required by this application.

AUTHORITY: 16 U.S.C. 1333 and 31 U.S.C. 7701

PRINCIPAL PURPOSE: The Forest Service will use this information to process your agreement for private maintenance and care of wild horses. Forest Service will use your driver’s license and social security numbers for debt collection purposes under the authority of the Debt Collection Improvement Act, 31 U.S.C. 7701.

ROUTINE USES: The primary uses of the information are to:

1. Identify individuals who have applied to obtain custody of a wild horse through adoption or sale;
2. Document the rejection, suspension or granting of the request for adoption or sale;
3. Monitor compliance with laws/regulations concerning maintenance of adopted animals;
4. Identify contractors/employees/volunteers/service providers required to perform program functions;

NOTICE TO ADOPTER

ADOPTER SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL UNDER CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE SECTION 598D TO OFFER FOR SALE HORSE MEAT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION.

5. Provide necessary program management information to other agencies involved in management of wild horses and burros on public lands, i.e., the U.S. Forest Service (FS) and the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS);
6. Identify and assign level of system access required by BLM, FS and APHIS wild horse and burros program personnel; and
7. Authorize the disclosure of records to individuals involved in responding to a breach of Federal data.

EFFECT OF NOT PROVIDING INFORMATION:

Submission of the requested information is necessary to obtain or retain a benefit. Failure to submit all of the requested information or to complete this form may result in the rejection and/or denial of your application.

The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.) requires us to inform you that:

The Forest Service collects this information in accordance with the statutes and regulations listed above, and for the purposes listed above.

Submission of the requested information is necessary to obtain or retain a benefit. You do not have to respond to this or any other Federal agency- sponsored information collection unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.