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Fire Restrictions Lifted in Central Nevada

Fire restrictions have been lifted on public lands in Central and North Central Nevada, which includes Lander, Nye, Esmeralda, Humboldt and Pershing Counties.

Restrictions remain in effect for most of Western Nevada, including Southern Washoe County, and all of Carson City, Douglas, Lyon, Storey, Churchill and Mineral Counties, as well as Clark County in Southern Nevada.

Even though Nevada is experiencing cooler autumn weather conditions, below-normal September precipitation has caused the vegetation to dry out in western and southern Nevada, making it very flammable.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Nevada joins its interagency partners in urging the public to continue enjoying their federal and state lands responsibly by being fire safe with all outdoor activities.

Specific information for your area is available from local firefighting agencies.

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ADOPT A SADDLE-TRAINED HORSES IN OCTOBER

Available in Carson City and Henderson

This Columbus Day weekend you have an opportunity to adopt a saddle-trained wild horse.

Whether you live near Carson City or Henderson, Nevada, you can adopt a trained horse and have it home by Columbus Day which is celebrated on Oct. 13. Saddle-trained horses will be offered for adoption at the Warm Springs Correctional Center, Carson City, on Sat., Oct. 11 and at the Henderson Saddle Club on Sun., Oct. 12.

Potential adopters in Carson City are asked to enter the Warm Springs Correctional Center off Edmonds Drive. From U.S. 395 South, take 5th Street, and then turn right at the roundabout onto Edmonds Drive. Gates open at 9:30 a.m. on Sat., Oct. 11. A competitive bid adoption conducted by an auctioneer begins at 10:30 a.m. Ten horses from lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and two horses under the jurisdiction of the State of Nevada will be offered for adoption.

In Henderson, the public may view the horses at the Henderson Saddle Association, 6490 Weisner Way, all day Saturday and starting at 8 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 12. Silent bidding on the BLM horses begins at 9 a.m. Five saddle-ready animals plus 18 "local" horses will be offered for adoption. Many of the local horses are fillies and colts which come from the Nevada Wild Horse Range (Nellis),

or mares and studs from the Red Rock Herd Management Area.

All saddle-trained animals were prepared at the Warm Springs Correctional Center by inmates in the Nevada Department of Corrections program. Animals offered for adoption in northern Nevada can be viewed at www.nv.blm.gov and www.silverstateindustries.com. An adoption application is also available at the BLM Nevada site. Horses looking for homes in Henderson can be seen at www.nv.blm.gov/vegas/WHB/adoption.htm.

To pre-qualify for the Oct. 11 adoption in Carson City, call 775 861-6469 (BLM) or 775 851-4817 (estrays). In southern Nevada, call BLM at 702 515-5106 for adoption information.

The Henderson adoption is held in conjunction with the Wild Horse and Burro Show sponsored by the National Wild Horse Association. The Association, BLM and Intermountain Farmers Association are sponsoring pre-adoption clinics. For information on the Sat. and Sun., Oct. 11 and 12 show, or about Sept. 13 and 27 clinics, call 702 596-2963.

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