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Public Meeting to Discuss Issues at Yerington Mine Set for August 25

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP), will co-host a public meeting on Wednesday, August 25, from 7-9 p.m., to discuss recent soil and groundwater investigations and cleanup issues at the abandoned Yerington Mine. The meeting will be held at the Casino West Convention Center, 11 North Main Street, Yerington, Nevada.

Staff specialists from the BLM will explain the results of laboratory analysis of soil samples taken in June 2004 from the site's former material processing area. The BLM had the soil samples tested to determine the level of radiological hazards that workers might face during cleanup operations at the site. Soil testing has revealed levels of radiation in some areas high enough that health and safety protection and monitoring measures to protect site workers have been incorporated into a Worker's Health and Safety Plan (HASP). Copies of the HASP, which includes the final soil testing laboratory results, are available on-line at [http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/carson\\_city\\_field.html](http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/carson_city_field.html)

Specialists from NDEP and EPA will provide an update on water well sampling for Uranium near the abandoned mine, as well as an action plan to address a variety of issues associated with mine cleanup.

The BLM, NDEP and EPA continue to work under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed in 2002, towards the eventual goal of remediating the abandoned mine site. The three agencies are working with the Atlantic Richfield Company (ARCO), which is legally responsible for site cleanup costs as a result of mining activities conducted by Anaconda Copper Company, a company acquired by ARCO in 1977. The current owner, Arimetco, filed for bankruptcy in 1997 and abandoned the mine in 2000.

For more information regarding the public meeting, please contact either Richard Brown or Jo Simpson at BLM, 775-861-6586, or Jim Najima at NDEP, (775) 687-9484; or at EPA, Jim Sickles, 415-972-3265, or Vicki Rosen, 415-972-3244.

NDEP also invites the public to visit their Yerington Mine website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/yerington/minesite.htm>

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Saddle & Halter Trained Horse Adoption August 21  
During Western States Wild Horse & Burro Expo

Fourteen equine students have graduated and are looking for homes. The Bureau of Land

Management (BLM) and the State of Nevada will offer saddle and halter trained horses for adoption this Saturday, August 21 at the Reno Livestock Events Center, 1350 N. Wells Ave. The adoption is in conjunction with the Western States Wild Horse and Burro Expo which begins Friday, August 20 and runs through Sunday, August 22.

The horses will be offered in a live competitive bid adoption conducted by an auctioneer at 2 p.m. on Saturday. An hour preview of the trained horses begins at the Events Center at 1 p.m. Photographs and a description of each horse are available at [www.nv.blm.gov](http://www.nv.blm.gov). (Click on the Expo adoption link at the right of the page.) All animals were trained by Nevada Department of Corrections inmates at the Warm Springs Correctional Facility, Carson City.

BLM or state personnel will be on hand Saturday to pre-approve bidders with proper facilities to care for a trained animal. BLM application forms are available on the web. For information on the BLM adoption, call 775 861-6469. Questions on the state horses (estrays) should be directed to the Nevada State Prison, 775 887-9331. Minimum bids are \$125 for BLM horses and \$150 for state (estrays) horses.

The Expo features competition in numerous events for adopted wild horses, burros and mules and a variety of presentations by trainers and special guests. Among the clinicians are trainer Lesley Neuman; Jerry Tindell of Jerry Tindell Horsemanship Clinics; Warm Springs Correctional Facility trainer Hank Curry; equine veterinarian, lecturer and author Robert Miller; donkey trainer and judge Crystal Ward; drill team clinician Sandi Anderson; television documentary creator Ginger Kathrens; Backcountry horseman Alan Cain; and trainer-teacher Donna Maye West. Wild Horse Mentors, a division of Least Resistance Training Concepts, will be assisting with the event. Detailed information on each clinician, the show, sponsors and other activities is available at [www.wildhorseandburroexpo.com](http://www.wildhorseandburroexpo.com).

Spectators are welcome at all shows as there is no admission charge. Vendors will offer tack, treats, art home décor, western clothing, books, videos, calendars, fencing and shelters, tools and more. There will also be an auction for everything from original paintings to jewelry and toys.

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