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Bureau of Land Management

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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

DOI-BLM-MT-0000-2025-0004-CX

A. BACKGROUND

Proposed Action Title/Type: Hamilton Wild Horse and Burro Facility

Location of Proposed Action: Hamilton, MT. A portion of: S10, T06 N, R21 W, IN NWNW INDEX 25 CS #515412-F TRACT 1-A (see maps in Attachment A)

Lease/Serial/Case File No (if any): NA

Applicant: NA

B. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION:

A proposed wild horse and burro (WH&B) facility would be built using temporary, portable materials on private land in Hamilton, Montana. Under a Blanket Purchase Agreement, BLM will award money for services provided to process WH&B to include: maintaining, feeding, sorting, marketing (e.g., conducting educational clinics and WH&B adoption events), training, trimming of hooves. Veterinary services for WH&B (e.g., vaccinating, testing for communicable diseases, gelding, veterinary care) may also be performed on site on an as-needed basis. Corrals to contain and process WH&B would comprise government-furnished property (GFP; livestock panels and a chute). The total area planned for the main corral would encompass less than 1.5 acres in an area that has historically been used to contain and feed horses and consists of unvegetated bare ground. In addition to GFP used to contain WH&B, existing contractor-owned training facilities (e.g., an existing riding arena) might also be used during processing, training or educational clinics. Vehicle access for educational clinics and adoptions would occur on existing driveways, with parking adjacent. Total numbers of WH&B at the facility would vary and be subject to spacing requirements stipulated in the Statement of Work (SOW; attachment B) as well as Comprehensive Animal Welfare Program (CAWP) standards outlined in PIM 2021-002 and PIM 2023-041. The SOW contains provisions regarding animal holding and care, security, safety, sanitation, windbreaks, feed and water, the use of handling tools/equipment, low-stress procedures, and ensuring humane care and treatment. Facility design and care/handling of WH&B would follow requirements stipulated in the SOW and CAWP standards. Placement of animals into private care at adoption events held at the facility would comply with BLM Policy H-4750-2, Adoption of Wild Horses and Burros. Use of the facility would be April 15-September 30 annually, with the total number of events negotiated annually between BLM and the contractor. No surface disturbance would occur as a result of the proposed action.

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C. LAND USE PLAN CONFORMANCE

Land Use Plan Name: Missoula Field Office Resource Management Plan/Record of Decision

Date Approved: January 2021

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because the Missoula Field Office RMP/ROD does not contain any prohibition against contracting for the use of private lands for wild horse and burro facilities or services.

D. COMPLIANCE WITH NEPA

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with: 516 DM 11.9, D. Rangeland Management, 5—Processing (transporting, sorting, providing veterinary care, vaccinating, testing for communicable diseases, training, gelding, marketing, maintaining, feeding, and trimming of hooves of) excess wild horses and burros.

E. EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES REVIEW

The proposed action will not:

(a) Have significant impacts on public health.

Rationale: Rationale: The project would not have significant impacts on public health because there are no known hazardous waste sites or public surface drinking water sources located in the area. The limit set by BLM of 110 or fewer WH&B is below the number at which the facility would be considered a Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO; MCA 75-8-801) or require a MPDES permit under ARM 17.30.1330. The proposed action would result in no measurable impacts to air quality within or surrounding the area.

(b) Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.

Rationale: There are no known historic or cultural resources in the project area. The project area does not contain park, recreation or refuge lands, designated wilderness areas, wilderness study areas, protected lands with wilderness characteristics, wild and scenic rivers, national natural landmarks, sole or principal drinking water aquifers, prime farmlands, wetlands, floodplains, national monuments, ACECs, or other ecologically significant or critical areas. Migratory birds may pass through the area, however the project area consists entirely of land that has previously been disturbed or developed and as such has little to no habitat value for migratory birds.

(c) Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA section 102 (2) (E)].

Rationale: The proposed project would not have highly controversial environmental or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources because the WH&B

facility is entirely on private land and the proposed action does not represent a change in land use relative to its history of use for containment of horses. BLM has extensive expertise planning, analyzing impacts, and implementing management actions such as the proposed action, and there are no substantial disputes within the scientific community regarding the magnitude or nature of effects of WH&B facilities on previously-disturbed sites.

(d) Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.

Rationale: The WH&B facility is entirely on private land, and the proposed action does not represent a change in land use relative to its history of use for containment of horses. BLM has extensive expertise planning, analyzing impacts, and implementing management actions such as the proposed action. The potential impacts of the proposed action are minimal and insignificant. For these reasons, there are no highly uncertain or potentially significant environmental effects or unique or unknown environmental risks likely to result from the proposed action.

(e) Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.

Rationale: The action would not establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects because it is a routine management action that would involve the placing of portable equipment (e.g. corral panels, chute) for the purpose of containing and processing WH&B on private property in Hamilton, Montana. Any future actions would be subject to the requirements and protections of the NEPA, National Historic Preservation Act, Endangered Species Act, and all applicable regulations.

(f) Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.

Rationale: The proposed WH&B facility would not have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects because the spatial extent of the project is limited to private land as shown in the map in Attachment A, and the action does not represent a change in land use relative to the history of use for containment of horses.

(g) Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by the bureau.

Rationale: The proposed action is within the footprint of preexisting ground disturbance and will have no new ground disturbance; therefore, the proposed project has no potential to have adverse impacts to Historic Properties. Furthermore, a file records search of the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO database indicates the project area does not contain properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places.

(h) Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species.

Rationale: The Proposed Action will not have significant effects on species listed or proposed to be listed under the Endangered Species Act. Species considered were identified using the Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) website. The review of the action area identified the proposed endangered, suckley's cuckoo bumble bee and proposed threatened monarch butterfly, and listed as threatened Canada lynx and North American wolverine. There is no designated or proposed critical habitat within the action area. Additional review also indicated that species presence is not expected based on poor habitat conditions that are not conducive to supporting biological requirements, and existing private land use with high disturbance. The WH&B facility is proposed to be constructed on private land in an area that currently comprises primarily bare ground (areas used for processing WH&B), a gravel driveway, or lawn grass (parking areas). The area provides little to no functional habitat for wildlife, and the proposed action would not degrade the quality or quantity of wildlife habitat in surrounding areas. In summary, consequences caused by the proposed action are not reasonably certain to occur, 50 CFR 402.17 (b).

(i) Violate a Federal law, or a State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.

Rationale: This document provides the rationale as to why the proposed action is categorically excluded from the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. Compliance with the Clean Air Act is addressed in E.(a) above. Compliance with the Endangered Species Act is addressed in E.(h) above. There would be no discharge to surface waters and the proposed action is in compliance with the Clean Water Act. The limit set by BLM of 110 or fewer WH&B is below the number at which the facility would be considered a Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO; MCA 75-8-801) or require a MPDES permit under ARM 17.30.1330. The proposed action does not represent a change in land use relative to its history of use for containment of horses and as such no Federal, State, local or tribal laws or environmental statutes would be violated as a result of the proposed action.

(j) Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).¹

Rationale: The President has revoked Executive Order 12898. The proposed action would not have a disproportionately high or adverse effect on low income or minority populations as such populations do not live within or adjacent to the project area.

¹ Executive Order 14154, *Unleashing American Energy* (Jan. 20, 2025), and a Presidential Memorandum, *Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity* (Jan. 21, 2025), require the Department to strictly adhere to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. §§ 4321 *et seq.* Further, such Order and Memorandum repeal Executive Orders 12898 (Feb. 11, 1994) and 14096 (Apr. 21, 2023). Because Executive Orders 12898 and 14096 have been repealed, complying with such Orders is a legal impossibility. The BLM verifies that it has complied with the requirements of NEPA, including the Department's regulations and procedures implementing NEPA at 43 C.F.R. Part 46 and Part 516 of the Departmental Manual, consistent with the President's January 2025 Order and Memorandum.

(k) Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (Executive Order 13007).

Rationale: Through previous consultation efforts, this area has not been identified by any Native American Community or Tribe as containing any sacred or ceremonial sites.

(l) Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112).

Rationale: Noxious weeds or invasive species are not known to occur in the project area. Implementation of the Proposed Action would not have any effect on the current vegetation because the site has a history of use for livestock containment and currently comprises primarily bare ground (areas used for processing WHB), a gravel driveway, or lawn grass (parking areas). The Proposed Action would not decrease the site potential or current vegetation any further, and therefore would not promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species.

F. CONCLUSION

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances having effects that significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 43 CFR Part 46.215 apply.

I considered the proposed action and have determined that there is no potential for significant impacts because the proposed action is small in spatial extent, would not represent a change in land use, would not result in any significant surface disturbance, and occurs entirely on private land on a previously-disturbed site.

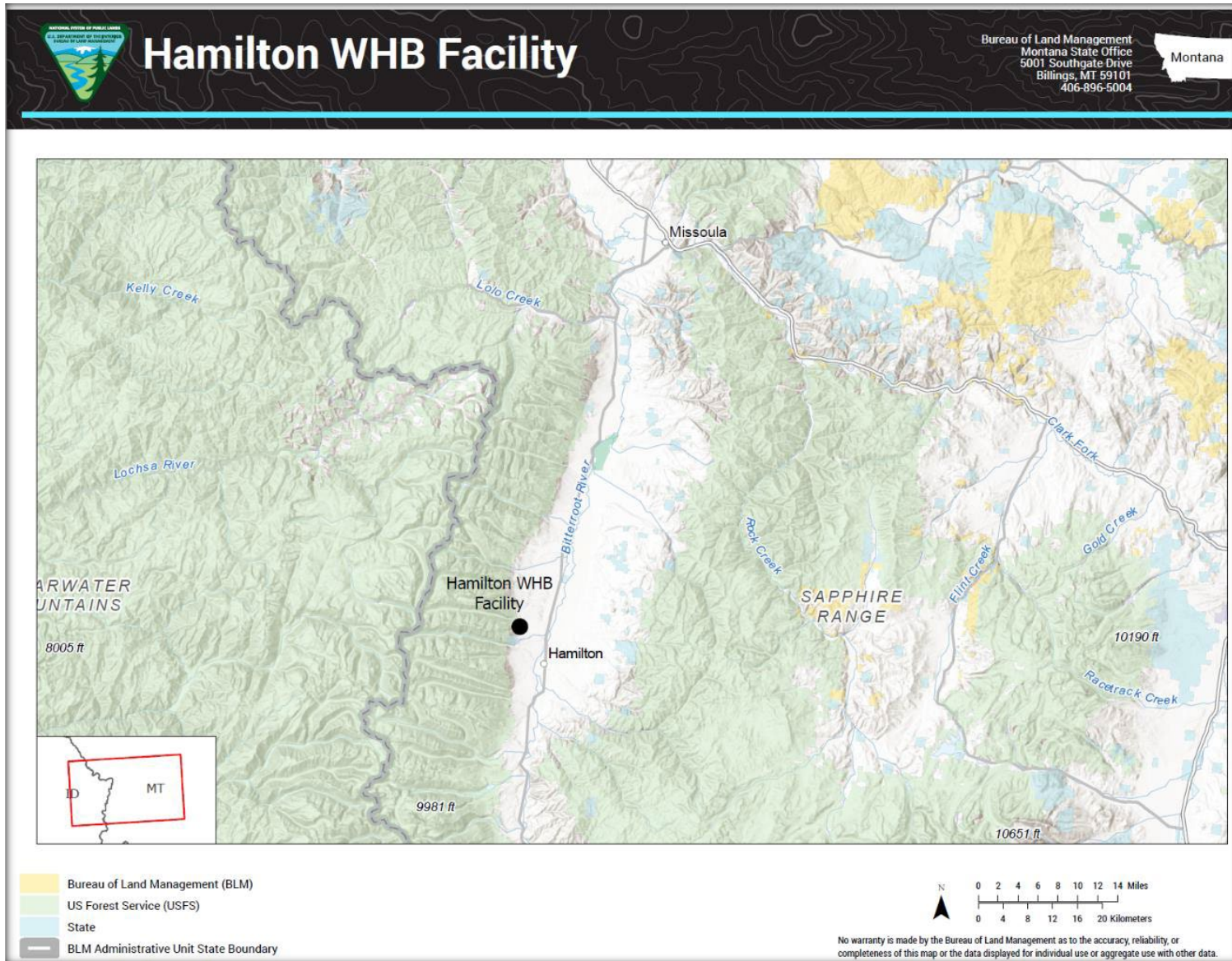
G. SIGNATURE

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ATTACHMENT A: Maps



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ATTACHMENT B: Statement of Work

Montana/Dakotas BLM Wild Horse and Burro Program solicitation for seasonal holding, private placement event host, clinician services and professional wild horse and burro training.

1. Background:

The Montana/Dakotas Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Wild Horse and Burro Program (WH&B) offers wild horses and burros for adoption or sale at Placement Events across Montana, North and South Dakota. The Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act of 1971 as amended, protects and manages wild horses and burros. As part of this act, as resource conditions warrant, excess wild horses and burros are removed from Herd Management Areas (HMAs) across 10 western states each year. Animals are then placed in preparation and holding corrals. Animals are then moved from these corrals and placed in private maintenance through the BLM Private Placement and Care Program or into Off-Range Pastures.

The Montana/Dakotas WH&B Program encompasses Montana, North and South Dakota. In fiscal year 2023, MT/DK successfully held three adoption events and training clinics in western Montana as well as participated in one online corral adoption resulting in the placement of approximately 220 animals. MT/DK desires to expand its adoption program by offering additional in person adoption events and training clinics at various locations across Montana/Dakotas as well as greater participation in online corral events.

In person placement events would generally last one to three days, often combined with a training clinic. Online corral events generally last about one week and may be combined with a live-streamed or video recorded training demonstration. Animals from a wide variety of herd management areas (HMAs) would be offered for adoption, or as sale authority if eligible. Placement Events consist of the availability to adopt or purchase individual wild horses and burros to the public through a competitive bid process, or first come first serve basis. Training clinics are free for the public to attend; the purpose of these clinics is to educate the public about the wild horse and burro adoption program, provide insight on individual animal behavior, and demonstrate beginning gentling and training techniques, all of which contribute to the success of placement of animals into private care.

Montana Dakotas BLM may hold placement events and training clinics at private facilities under contract with BLM or host satellite events in a public venue such as a county fairground with rough stock facilities. Some of the facilities that are used for Placement Events may need additional structures built beforehand to safely hold animals, including but not limited to animal holding pens, loadout chutes, haltering chutes, round pens, and animal alleyways.

MT/DK BLM would like to add the ability to offer animals to the public that can be handled (halter trained) or ridden (saddle started) or trained for other disciplines (pack saddle, cart, etc).

1. Objectives:

- A. Award one or more contracts for seasonal holding facilities that may be used for Private Placement Events (adoption/sales) across Montana and North and South Dakota.

- B. Award one or more contracts for clinician services and professional wild horse and burro animal training to increase the number of animals successfully placed into private care.
- C. The primary objective of these contract(s) is to 1) provide seasonal holding and care for wild horses and burros at Contractor's facility with the ability to offer placement events and 2) provide professional Natural Horsemanship clinician and training services.
 - a. The Contractor would provide a facility for the purposes of holding, sorting, preparation, training and adoption/sale of excess wild horses and burros from BLM. Contractor shall perform to the standards in this contract, while adhering to the Comprehensive Animal Welfare Program (CAWP) Standards (PIM 2021-002 and PIM 2023-041) as applicable and as they relate to the care of all wild horses and burros located at the facility.
 - b. Training Clinics may be conducted in conjunction with Placement Events at Contractor's facility, placement events held in Montana, North and South Dakota or neighboring states, and/or Online Corral events.
 - c. Professional wild horse and burro training would occur at contractor's facility with the expectation that the animal would be made available for adoption as halter trained, saddle trained, or trained for some other use (such as pack animal or pulling a cart).
- D. The facility and contractor must be physically located in Montana, South Dakota, or North Dakota.
- E. This contract for the professional trainer, clinician and holding services will run from August 12, 2024, through August 11, 2027.

2. Animal Holding and Care

- A. The contractor shall seasonally hold and care for excess BLM wild horses and burros from April 15 through September 30 annually. This includes access to proper size holding pens, six-foot panels, overall general care of animals including feeding, watering, and maintaining the health of animals. The facility must be in accordance with BLM and state requirements.
- B. The contractor shall assist in the layout, construction, and tear down of holding facilities at their facility, and may assist with these duties at offsite satellite events.
- C. **Corral Materials.** All corrals, cutes and loading facilities shall consist of sturdy fences at least 6 feet high that can hold wild horses and burros. Acceptable materials in order of preference for constructing these facilities include pipe, hardwoods, and mesh wire (openings smaller than 2 by 4 inches). Corrals constructed of mesh wire must be equipped by sight boards (2- by 6-inch pine or fir) located at the upper portion of the fence. Corrals that are constructed of pipe or wood must have proper spacing between members (maximum of 12 inches) to keep animals from escaping.
- D. **Spacing Requirements.** A minimum space of 400 square feet per animal is required when animals are held at a facility for more than seven days. Wild Horses and Burros (WH&B) in pens at a facility or satellite event for seven days or less shall be maintained at a stocking density such that

when at rest all WH&Bs occupy no more than half the pen area (CAWP Standards for Off-Range Corral Facilities, Transportation, Adoption Events - Section 3.II.I) - Each corral shall be adequately sloped to ensure prompt drainage.

- E. **Sick Pens.** At least one or more separate corrals shall be available for confining sick or lame animals requiring special care. Each of these corrals shall meet the 400 square feet per animal. Sick/lame pen area should be located far enough away from other animals so that there is no direct contact with healthy animals. The pens must contain a shelter that provides sufficient protection from sun and prevailing winds.

F. Loading, Sorting, Working, and Unloading Facilities

- a. The facility shall have at least one squeeze chute with built-in observation doors. The fences in pens, alleys, and working chute systems must be not less than 6 feet high and the bottom rail must be not more than 12 inches from ground level. The chute shall have padded ends, sides, and top rails.
- b. The facility shall have a loading and unloading chute at least 10 feet long, a crowding pen, and a runway at least 36 feet long. Suitable construction materials in order of preference are landing mat, pipe, or hardwood. All sides must be a minimum of 6 feet high and fully covered with materials such as plywood or metal without holes that may cause injury. The runway shall be 28 to 36 inches wide and must be equipped with at least two solid sliding or rolling (non-swing) gates to keep animals from backing up. The chute shall be at least 28 inches wide and have a standard dock height of 45 inches to accommodate straight-decked trailers and bobtail trucks.
- c. A sorting corral shall be of sufficient size and located adjacent to an unloading chute so that mixed loads of animals can be separated after unloading.

G. Security, Safety, Sanitation, and Windbreaks

- a. Each facility shall provide for access to and viewing of the animals by potential adopters, representatives of humane organizations, and other interested members of the public subject to hours of operation during BLM sponsored events or by appointment.
- b. A windbreak at least five feet high must be present on the prevailing windward side of the corral facility. The windbreak must consist of sturdy materials (such as plywood, tarp – kept in good condition, or wood slats), landscaping, natural vegetation, or stacked baled hay, and must be sufficient to prevent drifting of snow and soil into the facility.
- c. Each facility must have the capability to control dust in each corral by spraying water as coordinated with the COR/PI.
- d. Each facility must be designed and built to comply with all applicable Federal and State regulations relating to livestock waste control and off-site pollution.
- e. Animal waste must be removed once per month, at a minimum.

H. Feed and Water

- a. The operator shall provide and make available to each animal the quantity of good quality, non-moldy hay necessary to satisfy the animal's nutritional needs. Adult animals' size and body weight vary considerably, and their hay requirement shall range from 20 to 30 pounds daily.
- b. The objective is to attain and/or maintain a good fleshy condition based upon a Henneke Body Condition score of 4 or greater. Animals that have a body score less than 4 would require additional feed and/or veterinary care to improve body condition.

c. Nutritional Requirements

- i. Adult animals: Good quality grass, or grass/alfalfa mix or alfalfa hay with a crude protein content of at least 10 percent.
- ii. Lactating mares: Good quality grass/alfalfa mix or alfalfa hay with a crude protein content of at least 12 percent.
- iii. Weanlings: Good quality grass/alfalfa mix or alfalfa hay. May receive 1 ½ pounds of grain or grain-like supplemental feed (if needed) per 100 pounds of body weight. The total amount of crude protein content must be at least 16 percent.
- iv. Yearlings: Good quality grass/alfalfa mix or alfalfa hay. May receive 1 pound of grain or grain-like supplemental feed (if needed) per 100 pounds of body weight. The total amount of crude protein content must be at least 14 percent.
- d. Adult animals in poor condition and lactating mares shall be provided the supplemental rations as coordinated with the COR/PI. Inclement weather may require the volume of feed to be increased, which shall be coordinated with the COR/PI.
- e. All animals shall have access to salt at all times. Minerals may be provided on an as needed basis.
- f. Each corral shall have clean, fresh water available at all times in troughs equipped to keep the water clean and ice-free in order to minimize contamination, troughs must be cleaned at least weekly or at the direction of the COR/PI.
- g. Feed shall be made available to animals which allows a minimum of 2 linear feet of feeding space per animal.

I. Use of handling tools/equipment and low-stress procedures:

- a. The use of electric cattle prods is rare and used only as a last resort effort after 3 other tools have been attempted. Facility design and good horsemanship skills combined with low-stress handling practices should facilitate proper handling of all animals without the use of excessive yelling and improper equipment.
- b. The use of sharp objects, wood or steel prods, goads are strictly prohibited.
- c. CAWP training is required annually by all people involved with handling animals at contractor's facility or satellite events.

J. Ensuring Humane Care and Treatment:

- a. All animals shall be maintained, treated, handled, and destroyed, if necessary, by experienced personnel in a humane manner and in accordance with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations.
- b. Corrals shall be constructed and maintained adequately to ensure minimum danger to the animals from sharp projections, uneven surfaces, and other hazards.
- c. Animals that need special attention, either medical or nutritional, as identified by the COR/PI or veterinarian, shall be placed in a corral where appropriate treatments can be administered and monitored.
- d. The death of animals in the facility shall be reported to COR/PI as soon as practicable; the contractor shall dispose of the carcass in accordance with applicable sanitation laws and regulations.

K. Veterinary and Farrier Services:

- a. The contractor shall inspect animals daily and utilize best professional judgment to contact a licensed veterinarian to arrange for veterinary care in the event there is a sick or injured animal and notify the BLM COR to authorize follow up treatments, including euthanasia. Upon consultation with a veterinarian, the contractor may authorize euthanasia in an act of mercy. The contractor may administer the euthanasia upon successful completion of all training required by BLM.
- b. The contractor may administer dewormer for treatment of parasites on an as needed basis.
- c. The contractor may provide farrier services on an as needed basis if they have demonstrated they are capable and skilled in performing this task, as documented by education, training, apprenticeship or work experience.
- d. The contractor may sort and handle animals receiving veterinary care.

2. Placement Events

- A. The contractor shall sponsor/host at least one or more private placement event and training clinic (could include On-Line Corral, contractor facility hosted, or satellite event), April through September. The total number of events shall be negotiated annually between BLM and the contractor. Placement Event sites may include locations in Montana, North and South Dakota, Britton Springs or other neighboring states.
- B. The contractor shall advertise and promote placement events on their social media platforms and personal contacts with the horse community in coordination with BLM.
- C. The contractor may assist in sorting and loading of wild horses and burros both on foot as well as on horseback. If on horseback, the contractor will provide personal animal(s) to work from. The

contractor may halter or assist in haltering wild horses and burros prior to loading into adopters' trailers and ensure the neck tag has been removed prior to leaving with adopter or purchaser.

3. Clinician Services

- A. The contractor shall provide gentling clinics (for example: First Touch and/or Next Steps/Problem Solving) during placement events on dates agreed upon in advance with the COR/Placement Event Lead. Placement Events may include in person events at Contractor's facility, off-site Satellite Events or Online Corral). In person Placement Event generally last one to three days. Online Corral events generally last about one week.
- B. Training clinics may be combined with the placement event and may be offered as full day(s) or half day.
- C. The Contractor shall showcase Natural Horsemanship methods that utilize low-stress, pressure and release training techniques.
- D. During First Touch clinics, the contractor shall demonstrate methods to gentle animals with and without a halter using animals available for adoption/sale.
- E. For Next Steps/Problem Solving clinics, the contractor may work with animals available for adoption/sale or may use animals that have been adopted but not yet titled, at the discretion of the COR.
- F. The Contractor may showcase training methods both on foot as well as on horseback utilizing the contractor's personal saddle animal at their discretion.
- G. Prior to each training clinic, Contractor will inform COR/Placement Event Lead of number of round pens needed, number of animals planned to be worked with throughout clinic, and which animals need to be haltered for the demonstration. The COR/Placement Event Lead will work with clinician to determine hours and days of operation.
- H. The contractor shall advertise and promote horsemanship clinics on their social media platforms and personal contacts with the horse community in coordination with BLM.

4. Training Services

- A. The Contractor may train a select number of animals at their facility as agreed upon by the contractor and COR/PI) so that they can be offered for adoption/sale as handled (halter trained), ridden (riding and/or pack saddle started) or taught other disciplines such as pulling a cart or being driven from behind.
- B. The Contractor shall utilize Natural Horsemanship methodologies utilizing low-stress, and the common principles of "pressure and release" training techniques.
- C. The contractor shall advertise and promote animals they have trained that are available for adoption/sale on their social media platforms and personal contacts with the horse community in coordination with BLM.

5. Responsibilities of BLM

- A. BLM shall facilitate a Post Award Site Visit and Kick Off Meeting.
- B. BLM shall issue a Notice to Proceed (once specified Required Submittal Numbers are submitted and accepted.) This signifies the contractor is eligible to compete on a task order (TO) for WHB services for any or all portions of the requested services (holding, clinician and/or training)
- C. The BLM shall provide six-foot tall panels and gates necessary to build and construct the holding facility infrastructure, round pens and alleyways utilized during holding and training clinics. The Contractor may use their own infrastructure if it is available.
- D. The BLM shall be responsible for delivery and receipt of wild horses and burros to the contractor's facility as needed. The number of these animals will not exceed the holding capacity of the contractor's facility.
- E. BLM shall administer all aspects of the WHB adoption and sales program and collect all fees generated from the sale or adoption of WHBs. The contractor is not required to obtain, handle, or approve adoption/sales paperwork.
- F. The BLM shall reimburse the contractor for payment to the State Brand Inspectors for any brand inspection costs incurred for shipments of animals, in the event that BLM is not available to conduct this activity.
- G. The BLM shall be responsible for payment to licensed veterinarians for all routine care and treatment of sick or injured animals.
- H. The BLM shall arrange for routine veterinary care such as vaccinations on an as needed basis for animals arriving/departing the facility.
- I. Either the Contractor or BLM) shall periodically collect hay samples and send them to a qualified lab for analysis. The BLM shall be responsible for payment for nutritional testing of animal feed.
- J. BLM shall provide a web link for annual CAWP trainings, which is required annually.
- K. BLM shall coordinate with the contractor to market placement events on the BLM On-line Corral (OLC), Facebook or other online platforms.