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MUSEUM PROVIDES FORUM FOR WILD HORSE MANAGEMENT ISSUES

High Desert Museum announces fall programs focused on wild horses in the High Desert

Bend, OR ~ Wild horses are regarded as an inspiration or curse. This fall, the High Desert Museum is partnering with the Pacific Wild Horse Club to present a series of public education programs and events that address the multi-faceted issues centered around wild horse and burro management on public lands. Through Mustang Awareness Day, a field trip and several panel discussion presentations, these programs are designed to stimulate thoughtful conversations between stakeholders and provide in-depth information for developing solutions to the issues.



“Mustangs are symbols of freedom and the pioneer spirit here in the American West,” said Louise Shirley, Donald M. Kerr Curator of Natural History. “There are many people who are passionate on both sides of the issues surrounding mustang management on public land. The Museum is honored to provide a forum for these diverse interests to seek potential solutions.”

The following programs will be held at the High Desert Museum, unless noted otherwise:

- Saturday, September 17, Mustang Awareness Day. Booths and training demonstrations, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm. Free with admission.
- Wednesday, September 21, Mustang Herds and the Environment. Panel discussion with Rob Sharp (BLM), Stacy Davies (Roaring Springs Ranch) and Dr. Kirk Davies (USDA-Agricultural Research Service/OSU) participating on potential impacts mustangs have on rangelands. 6:00 pm. Members \$3, non-members \$7.
- Tuesday, September 27. Wild Horses on America’s Public Lands: Home on the Range ...or Not? Lecture with Dr. Ed DeSteiguer, professor emeritus at the University of Arizona, at The Museum at Warm Springs, 12:00 pm. Free with museum admission.

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- Wednesday, October 19. Seeking Solutions Part I: Mustang Population Management. Panel discussion and small break-out sessions exploring potential solutions to mustang management issues. 6:00 pm. Members \$3, non-members \$7.
- Wednesday, October 26. Seeking Solutions, Part II: Mustang Adoptions. Panel discussion with equestrians on the process and experience of adopting a wild horse or burro. 6:00 pm. Members \$3, non-members \$7.

For more information or to register for a program, visit the Museum's website:
<http://www.highdesertmuseum.org> or contact Ann Arbow at 541-382-4754 ext. 241 or
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About the High Desert Museum: Through exhibits, wildlife and living history, the High Desert Museum creates learning experiences to help audiences discover their connection to the past, their role in the present and their responsibility to the future. The Museum is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization that was founded in 1982.

About the Pacific Wild Horse Club: Dedicated to the protection and promotion of America's Wild Horses and Burros. The club is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization since 1981.

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