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Local Horseman Selected to Compete in Extreme Mustang Makeover

Rebecca Bowman vies for \$12,500 purse in June event

Georgetown, Texas – ***Rebecca Bowman*** has been selected by the Texas-based Mustang Heritage Foundation to compete in the Extreme Mustang Makeover. June 11-13, 2010 in Fort Collins, Colorado. Trainers will have approximately 90 days to gentle a wild horse they picked up in Pauls Valley, OK. in March to compete for an estimated \$12,500 in prize money.

The three - six year old Mustangs, gathered in Nevada, will be judged June 11th and 13th on conditioning, groundwork, and a "Horse Course" that requires maneuvers and includes obstacles found in trail and recreational riding situations. The competing mustangs will be available for adoption through an oral bidding adoption on Sunday, June 13th.

Rebecca Bowman is a horse riding instructor from Acworth, GA. She has been training children and horses in the Atlanta area for the past 8 years. Rebecca was born in Australia and rode horses there starting at age 2. Over the years she has competed in polo, polocrosse, race riding, dressage, pony club, jumpers and eventing. She has her own team of special athletes she takes to the State Special Olympics Horse Show every year. Rebecca currently teaches riding lessons at Rose Equestrian in Woodstock.

The purpose of the competition is to showcase the beauty, versatility, and trainability of these rugged horses that roam freely on public lands throughout the West, where they are protected by the BLM under Federal law. The BLM periodically removes excess animals from the range to ensure herd health and protect rangeland resources. Thousands of removed animals are then made available each year to the public for adoption. All of the animals involved in the "Makeover" competition will be available for adoption at the Fort Worth event in September.

Adoption fees will be set by competitive bid with initial fees being determined by the level and quality of training each horse has received. To qualify to adopt, one must be at least 18, with no record of animal abuse. In addition, adopters must have suitable facilities and can adopt no more than four animals. Adoption applications may be obtained and approved on the spot.

About the Mustang Heritage Foundation

The mission of the Mustang Heritage Foundation and the goal of the Extreme Mustang Makeover is to increase the adoption of mustangs across the country. The Mustang Heritage Foundation created the Extreme Mustang Makeover



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event to showcase the recognized value of mustangs through a national training competition and has placed more than 1,000 mustangs for adoption since September 2007. Go to www.mustangheritagefoundation.org for more information.

About the Bureau of Land Management

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is responsible for managing 258 million acres of public lands, located mostly in the West. Wild horses and burros roaming public rangelands are managed in a manner consistent with BLM's overall multiple-use mission, as set forth in the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976. Since 1973, the BLM has placed more than 219,000 horses and burros into private care through adoption. For more information, visit wildhorseandburro.blm.gov or call 866-4MUSTANGS.



Donations would be much appreciated to help fund the trip to Colorado. For more information please contact Rebecca. She would also be very happy to bring her mustang and come and talk to your group at no charge or will host groups at her farm.