

# Federal Law Warning

## Notice to all sale barns and customers Selling untitled wild horses (mustangs) and burros is illegal.

Horses and burros that are adopted from or sold by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) have a freeze mark on the left side of the neck. Federal regulation (43 CFR 4770.1(d)) prohibits the sale of such animals unless they are accompanied by paperwork showing that title (ownership) has passed from the BLM to a private individual. **Sale barns and sellers must not sell freeze marked horses or burros unless they are accompanied by a signed Certificate of Title or letter from the BLM certifying that title has been granted by the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management.** The animal must match the freeze mark and other identifying features listed on the Certificate of Title or letter certifying title.

Below is an example of the information shown on the back of a Certificate of Title that is used to decipher the identifying freeze mark and signalment key. The freeze mark number and signalment key are shown on the front of the Certificate of Title or will be noted in the letter that certifies title has been granted. Any questions about this notice should be directed to the Bureau of Land Management at 1-866-4MUSTANGS (1-866-468-7826).

ALPHA ANGLE CODE  
FOR FREEZE MARK  
INTERPRETATION

Indicates U.S. Govt. Registration

Year of Birth (Top to bottom)

Registration Number

SPECIES	SEX	FACE WHORLS	LEG MARKINGS				FACE MARKINGS	COLOR	
(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)		(Col. 4)	(Col. 5)	(Col. 6)	(Col. 7)	(Col. 8)	(Col. 9)
Horse H Burro B Mule M	Gelding G Male M Female F	One 1 Two 2 Three 3 Four 4	<b>WHITE MARKINGS</b> No White Coronet Half Pastern Full Pastern Sock Stocking Over Knee / Hock  <b>OTHER MARKINGS</b> Striped Below Knee Striped Above Knee Not Examined Other	Rt. Fore A B C D E F G  H I Y Z	Rt. Hind A B C D E F G  H I Y Z	L. Fore A B C D E F G  H I Y Z	L. Hind A B C D E F G  H I Y Z	<b>HORSES AND LIGHT MUZZLED BURROS</b> No Marking Star Strip Snip Star-Strip Star-Snip Strip-Snip Star-Strip-Snip Blaze Bald Frosted <b>DARK MUZZLED BURROS</b> No Markings Star Strip Snip Star-Strip Star-Snip Strip-Snip Star-Strip-Snip Blaze Bald Frosted	White Bay Black Brown Sorrel Chestnut Gray Grulla Roan-Strawberry Roan-Red Roan-Blue Buckskin Dun Palomino Appaloosa Pink Burro Blue Burro Red Burro Other

FACE WHORLS

This area only

HEIGHT OF WHITE LEG MARKINGS

Stocking (knee / hock)  
Sock  
Full Pastern  
Half Pastern  
Coronet

WHITE FACE MARKINGS

Star  
Strip  
Snip

STAR, STRIP, and SNIP is a merging of these three marks;  
BLAZE is a broad, white marking covering almost all of the forehead but not including the eyes and nostrils;  
BALD is a white face including the eyes and nostrils.

**Violations of the prohibition on the sale of wild horses and burros may result in criminal penalties and fines up to \$2,000 and imprisonment up to one year, or both. (43 CFR 4770.5)**



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