

For Immediate Release: September 10, 2007
Contact: Mel Lloyd BLM 970-244-3097

Media Advisory: Wild horse gather scheduled for Little Book Cliffs

WHAT: A media day has been scheduled to allow for interview and photo opportunities, as the Bureau of Land Management Grand Junction Field Office begins to remove approximately 75 horses from the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range.

WHEN: 6:15 a.m. – 12 p.m., Saturday, September 15, 2007. Contact Mel Lloyd by COB September 12 to reserve your slot and obtain details. Access to the area will be temporarily closed September 15 – 20.

WHERE: Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range, located north of Grand Junction.

BACKGROUND: The BLM manages the Little Book Cliffs herd to ensure a balance between horse numbers and rangeland health guided by the established Appropriate Management Level, or the number of horses that can thrive on the range while maintaining a healthy plant community. Rangeland health is determined by vegetative monitoring studies. An increase in horse numbers has created the need for this gather to ensure adequate forage for sustaining a healthy herd of up to 150 horses.

-BLM-