

## **United States Department of the Interior**

#### **BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**





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Rick Gore

Sept. 20, 2006

Dear Mr. Gore:

The animal described below was titled in accordance with the Wild Free Roaming Horse and Burro Act of 1971, Public Law 92-195.

Title Date:

October 21, 1997

Freezemark:

92539978

Signalment:

HM1AAAABF

Species:

Horse

Sex: Color: Male Chestnut

Right Fore Leg:

No White

Right Hind Leg:

No White

Left Fore Leg:

No White

Left Hind Leg:

No White

Face Markings:

Star

Other Features:

None

This letter should suffice for the brand inspector and any legal transfer of the animal to another individual. When a horse is titled, it is no longer the property of the Federal Government and becomes private property to the individual who adopted it (43CFR 4750.5(c).

We do not send duplicate copies of the Certificate of Title anymore. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 707-468-4055 or you can write our office at 2550 North State Street, Ukiah, CA. 95482.

Sincerely:

Pardee P. Bardwell

Rangeland Management Specialist

RECORD TYPE: MARKED

CAPTURE AGE: 1

CAPTURE DATE: 19930216 CAPTURE DATE FY: 1993

**CAPTURE LOCATION CD: NV0221** 

CAPTURE LOCATION NAME: GRANITE RANGE

CAPTURE STATE: NV

**CAPTURE OFFICE: NV020** 

CAPTURE MONTH: FEBRUARY CAPTURE METHOD: HELI/TRAP CAPTURE REASON: EMERGNCY

RESPONSIBLE AGENCY: BLM ANIMAL

PREP OFFICE CD: WOF53

PREP DATE: 19930401 PREP DATE FY: 1993

FREEZEMARK: 92539978

SHORT FREEZEMARK: 539978

NECKTAG: 9978 PRESENT AGE: 14

SIGNALMENT KEY: HM1AAAABF

SPECIES: HORSE

SEX: MALE

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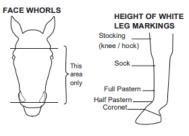
ALPHA ANGLE CODE FOR FREEZE MARK INTERPRETATION





#### SIGNALMENT KEY CODES USED FOR DESCRIBING ANIMALS

SPECIES	SEX	FACE WHORLS	LEG MARKINGS				FACE MARKINGS	COLOR		
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Horse H Burro B Mule M	Gelding G Male M Female F	One 1 Two 2 Three 3 Four 4	WHITE MARKINGS No White Coronet Haif Pastern Full Pastern Sock Stocking Over Knee / Hock OTHER MARKINGS Striped Below Knee Striped Above Knee Not Examined Other	A B C D E F G	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 BCDEFG HIYZ	HORSES AND LIGHT	White Bay Black Brown Sorrel Chestnut Gray Grulla Roan-Strawberry Roan-Red Roan-Blue Buckskin Dun Plinto Palomino Appaloosa Pink Burro Red Burro Red Burro Red Burro Red Burro Other	A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S Z





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.



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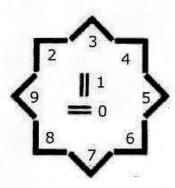
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# **Mustang Brands**

How to identify & read Government brands.

The BLM uses a series of angles and bars to denote numbers, which are freeze-branded on the left side of the neck of captured horses to indicate that animal's year of birth and registration number. The brand symbols used are as follows:



First, a special symbol that denotes the horse is registered with the US Government is branded onto the neck. Then, two angles are placed to tell the horse's year of birth (these are read top to bottom), and finally an underlined string of angles denote the horse's registration number.

Here is an example of a US Government brand:

This made-up brand reads, "US Govt. Registered horse, born in '89, registration # 037512.

#### How to Read a Freezemark

The BLM uses freeze marking to identify captured wild horses and burros. Freeze marking is a permanent, unalterable and painless way to identify each horse as an individual. It is applied on the left side of the neck. It utilizes the International Alpha Angle System which uses a series of angles and alpha-symbols that cannot be altered. The mark contains the Registering Organization (U.S. Government), year of birth, and registration number. The technique is simple and completely painless to the animal. The left side of the neck is shaved and washed with alcohol, and the mark is applied with an iron that is chilled in liquid nitrogen. The hair at the site of the mark will grow back white and show the identification number.

In addition to the freeze mark on the left side of the neck, sanctuary wild horses are marked on the left croup with 4 inch high Arabic numerals that correspond with the last four digits of the freeze mark on the neck.

Although every effort is made to apply freeze marks which are legible, occasionally freeze marks do get blurred.

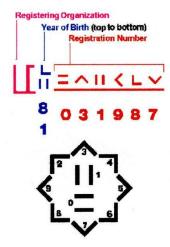
Although every effort is made to apply freeze marks which are legible, occasionally freeze marks do get blurred. This happens when the iron is applied, the animal moves and all or some of the identification number cannot be read

The following graph illustrates how to read a freeze mark. If a mark is difficult to read, we recommend shaving the left side of the neck. You must know the freeze mark of your horse or burro before you make an inquiry to a BLM office.

Arizona 80001-160000 Colorado 240001-320000 Montana 400001-480000 New Mexico 640001-720000 Utah 720001-800000 Eastern States 880001-880100 California 160001-240000 Idaho 320001-400000 Nevada 480001-640000 Oregon 0-80000 Wyoming 800001-880000

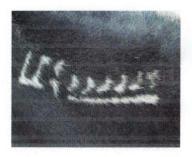
Key to the Alpha Angle Symbol

#### Read each angle to determine the freeze mark number



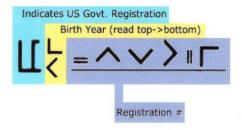


The above is a 1998 gathered horse with a Wyoming registration number.



The above is a1994 black mustang mare

This made-up brand reads, "US Govt. Registered horse, born in '89, registration # 037512.



# Mr. T's BLM Brand #

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