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Bureau of Land Management
Assistant Director, Resources and Planning

Re: Purchase of +/- 150 Sale Burros

Dear Sirs:

My name is Mark Meyers and I am the Executive Director of the Peaceful Valley Donkey Rescue (PVDR) and I am submitting to you my proposal to purchase approximately 150 sale burros from your facility in Axtell, UT.

Once purchased, these burros will be delivered to our newly constructed 13-acre training facility in Scenic, AZ. Once the burros arrive, each one of them will be given an RFID chip with a 15-digit number for identification purposes. They will have an online identification file created to track their origin, physical traits and location as they move through our system. Once cleared, they will be safely transported to one of PVDR's training facilities and made ready for adoption throughout the United States. Any burros with medical conditions that would make adoption difficult will be placed on PVDR's main facility in San Angelo, Texas to receive medical care for life. Any burros deemed too wild or aggressive for adoption will be placed on one of Peaceful Valley's sanctuaries, where they will have the sense of freedom while still receiving the same medical care as those on our main facility. PVDR's sanctuary program has an annual cost of less than \$200 per donkey.

Peaceful Valley has a nationwide network of adoption centers that facilitate our adoptions all across the country. As PVDR retains title to all adopted donkeys, this allows us to keep track of each donkey even once they are placed. Any adoption deemed unsuccessful requires that the donkey be brought back into our program.

Peaceful Valley raises several million dollars each year from individuals that care about donkeys. Last year we raised over \$4,000,000. Our audited financial statements are available on our website at donkeyrescue.org

PVDR maintains a paid staff of +/- 20 employees at our three main facilities including San Angelo, Texas, Scenic, Arizona and Brookneal, Virginia. This work force is supplemented by many hundreds of volunteers working throughout the country. Peaceful Valley is accredited by both the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries and the American Sanctuary Association.

We work closely with many veterinarians nationwide including those from Texas A&M University Veterinary School, Cornell University Veterinary School, UC Davis Veterinary School as well as our staff veterinarian and a non-paid veterinarian on our Board of Trustees. All donkeys are given annually vaccines, twice yearly deworming, regular hoof trimming as well as dental exams and medical evaluations.

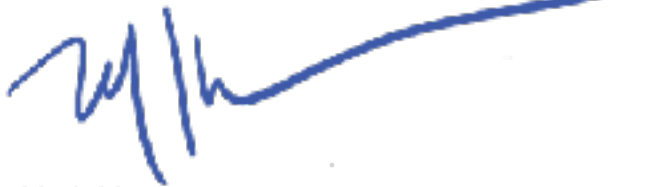
Because of the size and breadth of PVDR, our shelter standards vary by region. All donkeys are required to have “adequate” shelter during extreme temperatures and in-climate conditions. Typically, all of our donkeys are on automatic watering systems that are cleaned regularly. We have an organizational wide manure management plan that ensures all of our pens are cleaned regularly, regardless of size.

PVDR has rescued over 9,000 donkeys in its 18-year career and that includes 500+ sale burros from the BLM, most of which are now in adoptive homes that have gone through our extensive screening process. PVDR’s Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) Manual outlines our processes for care of the donkeys/burros including feeding, water sources, veterinary and hoof care, fencing, shelters, roaming areas, intended uses and various other detailed information. Our SOP Manual can be found via our forms website at www.PVDRForms.org.

Thank you for your time in reviewing our credentials. Feel free to contact me should you have any questions or require any additional information regarding our request to purchase these burros.

Very Truly Yours:

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