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Alberta Equestrian Federation Media Release

For Immediate Release:

February 1, 2007: The Alberta Equestrian Federation (AEF) announced today it has contributed \$500 on behalf of its members to the Wild Horse of Alberta Society Reward Fund. This money will go towards the reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of person(s) responsible for the recent shooting, maiming and killing of wild horses west of Sundre. "We encourage anyone who has any information on these illegal activities to report to the Police and/or contribute to the reward fund", said Bill desBarres, Breeds & Industry Chair of AEF. "This kind of inhumane action must be stopped and AEF's action on behalf of our membership is one way to work toward that end", said desBarres."

The president of the Wild Horses of Alberta Society, Bob Henderson, reports the fund has now grown to \$10,000. He is pleased the public and leading organizations like the AEF have stepped forward to support this cause.

According to Corporal Dave Heaslip, RCMP K Division, Livestock Investigator, those responsible for this tragic act will be charged under Section 444 of the Criminal Code that states that anyone who willfully kills, maims or wounds (horses) is guilty of an indictable offense. "I encourage everyone with any information with regards to this case call their local RCMP immediately", he said. "The reward is an assertive approach to help lead to a successful closing of this irresponsible action.

"All animals must be treated humanely and with respect. The Livestock industry does not tolerate any willful abuse and neglect", said Susan Church, manager of the Alberta Farm Animal Care Association. We commend the AEF, a member of our organization, and all those involved in helping to stop and arrest the person(s) responsible.

The Alberta Equestrian Federation is a member based organization with in excess of sixteen thousand Alberta members representing all aspects of horse activities, interests and industry in Alberta and is affiliated with Equine Canada.

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