

Dear Wild Horse Admirers;

Sorry for the impersonal nature of this email, but what a great way to communicate with you all so quickly. I hope this finds each and every one of you well and looking forward to spring.



I would like to ask you again for your support of Boomer and Colorado, our two rescued Pryor geldings from Cloud's herd who were bound for slaughter last fall. Colorado needs to go to school in Salida, Colorado to overcome some of his fears. He will be in training for several months and it will be costly. Your donations are 100% tax deductible, by the way. Any help you can give us to underwrite his training would be wonderful. Both boys are healthy and I played with them on Tuesday after returning from a search for Cloud in the Arrowheads.

Finally, I finished with my Animal Planet special, "Trail Mix", and was able to travel to the Arrowheads just a week ago. Not only did I see Cloud, I was able to hike in the Red Desert below the mountain and spend quality time watching and admiring this handsome horse and his family.



They all look great, including Sitka who is no "spring chicken" as you know. Flint was still Cloud's lieutenant and he seems to relish the responsibility while always remaining obedient to his stepfather. I told them how much they are loved by so many of you. You can catch up on my journeys with Cloud and his family in my long article—[Notes from the Field June-November 2005](http://www.thecloudfoundation.org) at [www.thecloudfoundation.org](http://www.thecloudfoundation.org).

And guess what? Bolder, Cloud's golden son, is at long last a Bachelor! I saw him on Sunday after I hiked up Tillet Ridge above the snow line. I glassed for hours and finally spotted him through my scope high up on Sykes Ridge. His mother and Shaman and the rest of the band were down in the Red Desert with Cloud. You can read more about it on the website.

We have also have posted an action alert called Forever Free. . .the fight to preserve Cloud's herd. It outlines the terrible threats to the survival of Cloud's herd. We are gearing up for a battle, as BLM has indicated no change in their plans for a massive round up which could destroy the herd. Please take time to read this alert and contact the people listed. Our voices made a difference last year because I believe BLM had originally intended to round up the herd last fall. I believe we have a chance to stave them off this year too, while we work on getting the range expanded.

In the coming few weeks, we will be posting an article about our struggle to keep BLM from zeroing out the historic West Douglas Creek wild horses right here in my home state of Colorado. These small, resilient horses were first spotted by Padres Escalante and Dominquez over 300 years ago! Please check the website in a few weeks on our fight to stop this insanity.

For those of you coming to Rocky Mountain Horse Expo in Denver March 10-12, I hope you will visit us at The Cloud Foundation booth! Look forward to seeing you. Take care everybody. I am off to ride Trace.

Happy Trails!  
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