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ENTIRE KIGER MUSTAND GALLERY OF FEATURED PHOTOGRAPHS

"WILD KIGER MUSTANGS - A LIVING LEGEND"

Featured Photograph No. 1

Wild Kiger Mustangs, Steens Mountain Area, Oregon

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"WILD KIGER MUSTANGS - A LIVING LEGEND"

This past spring, I had what I can only express as an “experience of a lifetime”. I had heard of and read about this small herd of wild horses in South East Oregon called The Kiger Mustangs. I knew they were located near the Steens Mountain area, where I also had never been. I searched for, observed and photographed this remarkable wild mustang for 3 days. Of course, I also made a few landscape shots of this distinctively beautiful area, but my thrust, and most of my time, was spent looking for and photographing The Kiger Mustang.

Featured Photograph No. 2

Wild Kiger Mustang, Steens Mountain Area, Oregon

In 1971 the “Wild and Free-Roaming Horse and Burro Act” was passed giving the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) authority to manage the wild horse populations remaining in the U.S. In fulfilling their responsibility, an unprecedented

discovery of a band of 27 previously unknown wild horses were discovered in a remote area of the Steen Mountains. Through DNA testing, it was proved that they were direct descendants of the Spanish Conquistador horses brought to The Americas in the 1500s. It was long thought that this bloodline had become extinct. These are the only wild mustangs remaining in the World from this bloodline.

The Kiger Mustang is now managed by the BLM on BLM land. They are wild and free roaming to live and die naturally as they have for hundreds of years. There is, however, a management plan to keep the herd within numeric parameters. The plan allows for adoption to take place approx. every 4 years. In 2007 one horse's adoption fee was $7,800 and another was $7,400, much higher than the normal fee for wild horses in other herds (often $125).

Just the thought of mustangs roaming free, conjures up a feeling of mystique and awe. These particular mustangs, The Kiger, are a true treasure of our Country, sequestered far in the beautiful and rugged wilderness of southeast Oregon. They've been so isolated that they've had no inner breeding with other bloodlines. These are the only wild mustangs remaining in the World from this bloodline.

It's difficult to get great views of The Kiger Mustang. It's even more difficult to capture their beauty in photography. I searched for The Kiger Mustangs, and then when I spotted them, I would sometimes hike or wait for hours to get close enough to photograph. They were often among scrub trees trying to get into the shade, which made photographing difficult. On one occasion I was about a mile from my vehicle and a thunderstorm broke; I had to quickly retreat. However, I was successful a few times and was even able to photograph them in various settings and light.

A little point of interest, the artist's model for the title horse of the animated film, Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron, by DreamWorks Pictures, was a Kiger Mustang named Donner, also known as Spirit.

If you're further interested, just google "Kiger Mustang". Although a little dated, the following links are to a couple videos you might enjoy:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TeJTRM2h-Zc

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YCq-qHobxXg

In honor of these marvelous Kiger Mustangs and wonderful memories of my time spent among them, I'm doing something a little different. I've devoted an entire Gallery on my website just to the Kiger Mustang . For the month of October, any image in the Kiger Gallery will be considered a "Featured Photograph", and thus,

receive the 30% discount discussed below.

I must admit that observing and photographing the wild Kiger Mustang was a physical and emotional rush, and a privilege, that I'll never forget. I can only hope that this unique, and time-honored Spanish bloodline, will endure in the wild forever.

October's Featured Photographs

In addition to the two (2) larger images shown above, I'm offering my entire *Kiger Gallery* as Featured Photographs this month. When you purchase ANY SIZE FINE ART PRINT OR CANVAS WRAP of any image in the *Kiger Gallery*, in the month of October, you'll receive a Featured Discount of 30%. CLICK ON THUMBNAIL BELOW FOR LINK TO GALLERY.Choose the size Fine Art Print or Canvas Wrap you'd like, proceed to add the image to your shopping cart and use the Coupon Code, OCT17, during checkout.

Wild Kiger Mustang Gallery

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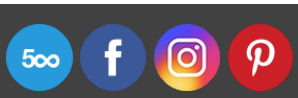

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