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## **Long Rider Comes to Santa Fe with Two BLM Wild Horses**

Santa Fe, NM - Charting a path that covers about 20,000 miles, Gene Glasscock, of the Long Riders Guild, is visiting each state capitol in the lower 48 states by horseback to gain support for a scholarship fund for Paraguayans. Glasscock has already traveled about 10,000 miles. Visiting 30 state capitols so far, Glasscock will be at the New Mexico State Capitol in Santa Fe on Monday, June 28, at 10 a.m.

Glasscock is the only person known to have ridden from the Arctic Circle to the Equator in the 1980s. His latest journey, a test of endurance, led to the decision to add gentled wild horses to his pack train. Glasscock sought the qualities – strength, endurance, and healthy feet – of the wild horse to continue his ride. His growing appreciation for these attributes recently brought him to the Bureau of Land Management’s Wild Horse and Burro Adoption Center in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma, to pick up a second wild horse to help complete his trek.

As Glasscock saddled the wild horse gentled and trained by inmates at the Canon City Correctional Facility he said, “This horse could not be more perfect. The color is good and his size is just right. It is a sweet horse.”

At age 67, the Texas-born equestrian traveler set out in September 2002 to recreate the Overland Westerners' amazing equestrian journey. The last time this was attempted was from 1912 to 1915. Today, at age 69, Glasscock is the oldest person known to make a journey of this magnitude.

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To learn more about this trek across the United States, visit Glasscock's web site at [www.geneglasscock.org](http://www.geneglasscock.org) or [www.thelongridersguild.com/nativebreeds](http://www.thelongridersguild.com/nativebreeds) for more information about other Long Riders and their mustangs.

Wild horses – called Living Legends by Congress – roam our public lands and capture the American spirit like no other animal. Because of overpopulation, some of these animals are in search of new homes.

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