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**Equestrian Land Conservation Resource Welcomes New Partner Organizations:
Pacific Quarter Horse Association, HBC – H. Burkert & Co., Inc., Central Carolina
Driving Club and North Ada County Foothills Association**

The Equestrian Land Conservation Resource (ELCR) is very pleased to welcome the Pacific Coast Quarter Horse Association (CA) as a Premier-level Equestrian Partner. Chartered in 1945, the Pacific Coast Quarter Horse Association is the oldest state affiliate of the American Quarter Horse Association. At 1700 members and counting, PCQHA has plenty of reason to want to conserve the land that is necessary to compete, raise foals, grow hay, ride recreationally and more. Says ELCR CEO Deb Balliet, "We thank PCQHA and other horse breed organizations for recognizing the inextricable relationship between land and horses, and for taking active steps toward land conservation. PCQHA's joining the Partner program at the Premier level demonstrates a serious commitment to the cause." For more information about the Pacific Coast Quarter Horse Association, visit www.pcqha.com.

ELCR is also pleased to welcome HBC – H. Burkert & Co., Inc., the Central Carolina Driving Club (NC) and North Ada County Foothills Association (ID) in the Equestrian Partners program. HBC – H. Burkert & Co., Inc.

HBC engages in environmentally responsible community and equestrian land planning using Low Impact Design (LID), Leaders in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) and sustainable design. Visit <http://www.hburkert.com/homereturn.asp>.

The Central Carolina Driving Club is a membership organization formed to support and encourage carriage driving in North Carolina. See <http://carolinadriving.net/ccdc/>.

The North Ada County Foothills Association's mission is to actively work with county officials, involved landowners, and other interested citizens to create a comprehensive, specific, and sustainable vision for the foothills area of North Ada County, Idaho; to minimize the impact of development in this area on lands used for grazing, farming, general recreation, habitat and open spaces. See www.nacfa.net.

The Equestrian Partners program is a growing coalition of organizations from across the country that are committed to helping ELCR fulfill its mission of conserving land and access for all equines. Despite their diverse interests and activities, our Partners recognize that with land in the U.S. being developed at the rate of 250 acres per hour, the future of our lives with horses as we know it know is in dire jeopardy. Equestrian

Partners network through ELCR and promote ELCR's mission to their various members, constituents, donors, etc.

It is necessary for us to *act now* to conserve land so that future generations will be able to enjoy horses as horsemen do today. If your organization would like to join our national efforts to save land for horses, visit www.elcr.org, or call (859) 455-8383 for more information.

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About Equestrian Land Conservation Resource (ELCR):

ELCR, the only national not-for-profit organization assisting in the conservation of land for horses and horse-related activity, serves as a clearinghouse and educational resource for land and horse owners on issues related to good land stewardship, conserving land, and preserving horse access on public and private lands.