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CHRISTMAS EVE HORSE RESCUE

Mesa County SARC Inc. Volunteers rescue abandoned horses

Mesa County, Colorado-- This afternoon members of the Mesa County Snow Skippers and Posse rescued three horses that had been abandoned in the Grand Mesa National Forest on Glade Park South of Turkey Flats.

Members of the Snow Skippers have been riding snowmobiles through snow as deep as four feet to feed the animals. The daily snowmobile tracks have packed down the snow enough to create a trail so the horses can be safely rescued, after four days the trail was packed enough to lead them out.

The rescue took two days of leading the horses tied to snowmobiles and another horse to lead them to the main roadway. The horses were hungry, but otherwise appeared to be healthy.

The rescued animals were turned over to the State Brand Inspector to determine an owner. If an owner is found they could be charged with three counts of Cruelty to Animals a class one Misdemeanor. This case remains open and under investigation by the Mesa County Sheriff's Office.

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