

WHAT TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Instructions for visitors to the Silver King Herd Management Area Wild Horse Gather

Where to meet:

Visitors to the gather will meet at McCrosky's "Y" Service Garage and Body Shop at the junction of U.S. Highway 93 and State Route 319 at 6 a.m., Pacific Standard Time (PST). The junction is located 15 miles north of Caliente, Nevada.

Transportation:

All visitors are required to have their own transportation. Vehicles must be 4-wheel drive, preferably high-clearance. Please make sure that the gas tank is topped off before departing McCrosky's "Y" Service Garage and Body Shop, which is the last place to purchase fuel. Also check to ensure that the vehicle's tires, including spares, are properly inflated. Drive time from McCrosky's "Y" Service Garage and Body Shop to the gather site is 1 ½ to 2 hours.

Attire:

Attire should be muted in color to blend with the surrounding environment. Brown or beige colored clothing is suggested. Please do NOT wear bright colors, or black or white, as those colors draw the attention of the horses being gathered. The BLM also suggests dressing in layers as temperatures rapidly warm as the day progresses.

Lodging:

Lodging is available in Caliente, and nearby communities of Panaca and Pioche, Nevada.

Amenities:

Caliente, Panaca and Pioche are full-service communities.

Weather conditions:

Temperatures can be expected to reach the upper 80s to lower 90s at the gather site(s). In Caliente, highs can be expected to reach to the upper 80s and low 90s. Expect low temperatures to drop to the mid to high 50s.

What to bring:

- Layered, muted colored clothes (see Attire)
- Sturdy, closed-toed shoes
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Insect spray
- Food and water
- Toilet paper*
- First aid kit
- Binoculars

Camera with zoom lens

** The last public restroom is located at McCrosky's "Y" Service Garage and Body Shop*

GROUND RULES

These rules were created to ensure the safety of both the humans and the animals at the gather.

- Visitors to the gather must be escorted into and out of the gather site by a BLM representative.
- Visitors will be assigned to a specific BLM representative and must stay with that person at all times.
- Visitors are NOT permitted to walk around the gather site unaccompanied by their BLM representative.
- Visitors must direct their questions/comments to either their designated BLM representative or the BLM spokesperson on site, and not engage other BLM/contractor staff and disrupt their gather duties/responsibilities.
- BLM may make the BLM/contractor staff available during down times for a Q&A session.
- When given the signal that the helicopter is close to the gather site bringing horses in, visitors must stand in areas specified by BLM representatives and must not move or talk as the horses are guided into the corral.
- Visitors who do not cooperate and follow the rules may be escorted off the trap site by BLM law enforcement personnel.