**“What to Know Before You Go”**

**Instructions and Information for visitors of the Fish Creek Wild Horse Gather**

**Where to meet:** Visitors to the gather, including all media and members of the public, will need to call the Wild Horse Gather Info Line at (775) 861-6700 nightly, for details of where to meet, for the next day’s gather observation activities – we will most likely be meeting in or around Eureka, Nevada. All visitors will need to sign in on the visitor’s log sheet and there will be a short briefing for the day and introductions. The visiting group, lead by either an LEO or BLM Staff, will then caravan out to the gather site of the day and all visitors must stay until gather operations are completed. We may not know the exact location of these sites until the day before, therefore, it is extremely important that visitors be flexible and call the hotline which *should* be updated nightly by 7:00pm.

**When to meet:** Call our Wild Horse Gather Info Line at (775) 861-6700 for an update on the next day’s gather activities, meeting times and location. Note: Gather operations are dependent on the weather and could change with little or no notice.

**Transportation:** All visitors must have their own transportation – BLM staff cannot take people in government vehicles except in an emergency.

* The trap sites and temporary holding corrals will move around to several locations and the roads can get very rough in and around the Fish Creek HMA.
* It is highly recommended that visitors’ vehicles be *at the minimum* 4-wheel drive with high clearance. Visitors must have their own spare tires (we suggest multiple spare tires!).
* Gas and full services are available in Eureka and Ely, Nevada.

**NOTE:** Due to the distances involved within the HMA and the lack of facilities, extra gas cans are highly recommended. Cell phones are also a good idea if you get stranded, though coverage cannot be guaranteed. We will travel together to and from the gather. Headlights must be on at all times during travel and if any vehicle has mechanical problems and/or flat tires, the caravan will stop.

**Amenities / Lodging:** Ely and Eureka have lodging opportunities.

**Weather conditions:** This is Nevada in September; it is advised to plan for everything. Dressing in layers is recommended due to highly fluctuating temperatures throughout the day.

**What to bring:**

* Bland, earth toned-colored clothing ***(NO bright colors or loud patterns, please)***
* Closed-toed sturdy shoes ***(recommended some sort of hiking shoe or boot)***
* Coat / hat ***(dependent on weather conditions at the time of the gather)***
* Sunscreen
* Food and plenty of water
* Toilet Paper / Tissue ***(There are NO bathrooms at the trap site so plan accordingly)***
* Extra Can of Gasoline and Spare Tire ***(be sure to have proper equipment)***
* Binoculars and/or Camera
* A small collapsible camp chair or cushion for the ground ***(neutral in color and light enough to carry for a distance)***