

## What to Know Before You Go

### Instructions and Information for Visitors of the Challis Wild Horse Gather

**Where to meet:** Visitors to the gather, including all media and members of the public, will need to call the Challis Wild Horse Gather Info Line at (208) 879-6271 each night for details on where to meet for the next day's gather observation activities. We will most likely meet at the BLM Challis Field Office, 721 East Main Ave. Those interested in observing on Tuesday, Nov. 5, should call the Challis Wild Horse Gather Info Line and RSVP attendance and number in party by Nov. 2.

Due to the topography of the possible viewing locations on public land, the BLM may need to limit the number of vehicles caravanning to the site(s). All visitors will need to sign in on the visitor's log sheet and attend a short briefing for the day. BLM staff will lead the visitor caravan out to the public viewing location for that day. *It is extremely important that visitors call the hotline nightly after 7 p.m., as site locations/meeting time may shift daily.*

**When to meet:** Call our Wild Horse Gather Info Line at (208) 879-6271 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 members of the public in government vehicles except in an emergency.

- The trap sites will likely move around to several locations and, depending on the weather, the roads may be very rough in and around the Challis Horse Management Area.
- It is highly recommended that visitors' vehicles be, *at a minimum*, a 4-wheel drive with high clearance. Visitors must have their own spare tires.
- The closest fuel and services to the gather are available in Challis.
- Visitors should plan on attending the full day's gather

**NOTE:** 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.

**Weather conditions:** It will likely be quite cold and potentially wet during the Challis gather. All visitors should plan accordingly.

#### **What to bring:**

- Bland, earth tone-colored clothing (*NO bright colors or loud patterns, please*)
- Sturdy, closed-toe shoes (*some sort of hiking shoe or boot is recommended*)
- Coat / hat /gloves
- Food and plenty of water
- Personal hygiene supplies (*There are NO bathrooms at the trap site so plan accordingly*)
- 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*)