

What to Know Before You Go Instructions for visitors to 2020 Buffalo Hills and Granite Range HMAs Wild Horse and Burro Gather

When to meet: Visitors to the gather, including all media and members of the public, must call the Nevada 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.

Where to meet: Visitors to the gather, including all media and members of the public, will meet at Bruno's Country Club located at 445 Main Street in Gerlach. 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 group, led 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.

Transportation: All visitors must have their own transportation – BLM staff cannot take people in government vehicles except in an emergency. The temporary holding corrals/sites will move around to several locations and the roads can get very rough in and around the Buffalo Hills and Granite Range HMAs. Visitor vehicles must have 4-wheel drive and it is recommended, the vehicles have high clearance.

Due to the distances involved within the HMA and the lack of facilities, extra gas cans are highly recommended. Visitors must have their own spare tires (we suggest multiple spare tires!). There is a Gas Station in Gerlach but the nearest full service station is located Nixon, Nevada (about 45 miles away).

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: There is minimal lodging opportunities in and near Gerlach, Nevada

Weather conditions: This is Nevada in October; 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 (*Rain gear recommended 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*)