

Wild Horse and Burro National Advisory Board Meetings

Making them work for everyone

The BLM recognizes the value of public attendance at its Wild Horse and Burro National Advisory Board meetings and appreciates the public's interest in expressing themselves on matters of common concern. Most of the meeting is designed as a working meeting *of the Board*, and a specific time slot is set aside for public comment. Therefore the seating and presentation arrangements are primarily set for a 'Board meeting'. The public is invited to the full meeting as observers, both in person and via webcam, which is how the majority of the public experiences the Board proceedings. The BLM is designating the following 'rules of the room' both to ensure a smooth meeting for all engaged and to ensure clear sight lines for the webcam. Anyone behaving counter to these rules more than twice will not be allowed to attend future meetings.

Rules of the Room for the Public

1. Seating is available for attendees. Anyone needing or wishing to stand will stand in the designated area behind the seats. All attendees are to stay in the seating or standing area at all times, unless addressing the Board during the public comment period.
2. Speakers and other attendees will not approach the dais at any time without prior consent from the Chair of the meeting.
3. Media will check in at the door and will be guided to the space set aside for cameras.
4. No attendees will be allowed to place microphones, cameras or other equipment in the space set aside for the Board meeting.
5. All attendees will show mutual respect for each other and for speakers and Board members. This includes refraining from using cell phones or talking while the meeting is in session.
6. If anyone disrupts the meeting they will be asked to leave or be escorted out.
7. Those wishing to address the Board will sign in at the door. Speakers will address their comments to the Board, while seated at the designated speaker table. Generally speakers have about 3 minutes each and are asked to finish in the designated time to allow for the maximum number of individuals to express their viewpoints.
8. Attendees wishing to provide handouts to the Board will leave handouts with the BLM representative at the door. Handouts will not be brought to the speaker's table and no one will be allowed to approach the Board with handouts.
9. Within the meeting room, attendees may not display signs, placards, or other items that are likely to obscure the view of participants or disrupt the meeting.
10. The Board will not respond to comments made during the public participation period. This should not be interpreted to mean the members of the board agree or disagree with anything said.
11. The Chair reserves the right to comment on any factual inaccuracies that may be shared during the public comment period.
12. The BLM commits to maintaining these rules for the benefit of all involved and appreciates everyone's cooperation with these rules.