

What to Know Before You Go, Instructions for visitors to the FY23 Antelope Complex-South Wild Horse 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 and meeting times. Note: Gather operations are dependent on the weather and could change with little or no notice.

Where to meet: BLM personnel will meet the public and media at the Schellbourne Rest Area located on U.S. Highway 93, 43 miles north of Ely, 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 group, led by either a 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; 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. Visitor vehicles must have 4-wheel drive, off-road vehicle tires and it is recommended; the vehicles have high clearance.

The temporary holding corrals/sites will move around to several locations and the roads can get very rough in and around the HMAs.

Due to the distances involved within the HMAs and the lack of facilities, extra gas cans are highly recommended. Visitors must have their own spare tires (we suggest multiple spare tires!). There are full-service gas stations in Ely, but no other gas stations between Ely and the gather area.

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 always be on during travel and if any vehicle has mechanical problems and/or flat tires, the caravan will stop.

Amenities / Lodging: There are lodging opportunities in Ely, Nevada.

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

What to bring:

- Food and plenty of water
- Extra Can of Gasoline and Spare Tire (*be sure to have proper equipment*)
- 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
- Toilet Paper / Tissue / Hand Sanitizer (*There are NO bathrooms at the trap site so plan accordingly*)
- 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*)