

## **“What to Know and Do, Before You Go”**

### **Instructions for visitors to the FY2023 Reveille HMA Wild Horse Gather**

**Public Observation:** Visitors to the gather, including all media and members of the public, must CALL 775-861-6700 by 5:30 p.m. the night before the intended observation date to receive instructions to RSVP. Visitors / Media will receive a call back no later than 9:00 p.m. with the observation schedule, meeting time and location. *Gather operations are dependent on the weather and could change with little or no notice.*

**Time and where to meet:** Visitors and/or Media will receive location and meeting time when they call in the night before and RSVP. 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 and approved by the Incident Commander. Visitor vehicles must have 4-wheel drive, off-road vehicle tires (with additional spares) with 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 Tonopah but no other gas stations between Tonopah 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 Tonopah, 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
- Shovel / 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*)