



U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management

Rules for Providing Public Comment National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board

Public meetings of the National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board are working meetings with specific time set aside for public comments. The Board, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the U.S. Forest Service (FS) recognize the value of public input during Advisory Board meetings and appreciate the public's interest in expressing themselves on matters of common concern. The public will have the opportunity to provide public comment either virtually or in-person. [Advanced registration to provide virtual comments is required](#). The public is invited to observe the full meeting live at [BLM.gov/live](#).

To ensure a smooth meeting for all engaged, the following rules have been established for the public comment periods:

1. Virtual commenters must register by required deadlines at [BLM.gov/WHB/AdvisoryBoard](#).
2. Commenters may sign up to provide verbal comment at one comment period only and may not reassign their slot to another speaker.
3. Virtual commenters must address their comments to the Board via audio only. Be sure to not watch on [BLM.gov/live](#) while speaking on Zoom.
4. Commenters will have 2 minutes each and must finish in the designated time to allow for the maximum number of individuals to express their viewpoints.
5. Commenters must show mutual respect for everyone participating in the Board meetings. Do not use unprofessional conduct or inappropriate language (yelling, profanity, etc.).
6. Anyone disrupting the meeting may be muted and/or asked to leave.
7. Written comments to the Board must be sent up at least 3 days in advance of the meeting via email: blm_wo_advisory_board_comments@blm.gov

Violating or disregarding any of the rules may result in being muted or removal from the meeting. The BLM and the FS appreciate the public's cooperation to maintaining these rules for the benefit of all involved.

The Board, the BLM or the FS will not respond to comments made during the public comment period. This should not be interpreted to mean the BLM or FS agrees or disagrees with anything said. However, the Chair reserves the right to comment on any factual inaccuracies that may be shared during the public comment periods.

The meetings are recorded. If you do not wish to be recorded, please submit your comments in writing via email.

Tips for virtual commenters:

- Download the Zoom meetings app on your phone or laptop and test the audio before the day of the meeting. Follow the instructions for download in your registration confirmation email.
- Those unfamiliar with the Zoom virtual meeting platform can learn more by viewing the Zoom tutorials at <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/206618765-Zoom-video-tutorials>
- Choose a quiet location from which to deliver your comment.
- Use a headset or headphones to minimize background noise.