



Know Before You Go!

Thank you for your interest in observing BLM wild horse gather operations in the 2026 Fifteenmile Herd Management Area Wild Horse Gather. We hope you find your visit informative and educational.

The BLM is committed to providing as much public access to the gather as possible. The operation area lies in rugged and remote areas, and safety is our first priority. BLM staff will escort you to designated areas where you can safely view gather operations.

The following information is subject to change at any time during gather operations.

Before the Gather

- RSVP with BLM WY Communications Team: blm_wy_comms@blm.gov
- Check email for meeting location, time and possible changes.

Observation Day Expectations

- The BLM plans to conduct observation days as often as possible and as long as participants do not disrupt operations or create conditions jeopardizing the safety of the animals, observers, contractors or BLM staff.
- After a briefing at the meeting location, the group will be escorted to the observation site. Observers will drive their own vehicles to the gather location.
- Gather operations often begin before sunrise. When traveling in convoy to the observation site, remain alert for wildlife on or near roadways, drive cautiously, and maintain a safe following distance from the vehicle ahead.
- Designated observation areas on public land will provide safe observation opportunities which will not disrupt gather activities. Observers must stay in the designated areas until gather operations are complete.
- Inclement weather, a gather location being inaccessible to the public, or lack of gather operations on a given day (trap moving, equipment problems, etc.) will cancel the observation outing for that day.
Cancellations may not be known before the meeting time.

- Because of the fluidity of gather operations, be prepared for the possibility of waiting at observation locations for hours without seeing any actual wild horses.
- There are no public facilities, including restrooms, at the gather site. Please plan accordingly.
- Cell service may be limited in the area.
- Be prepared to hike into some observation locations. Some hikes could be arduous involving steep and rocky terrain. Hiking requirements will be explained at each morning briefing.

Transportation

- You must provide your own transportation. Government vehicles cannot be used to transport you to the gather locations or temporary holding corrals.
- Roads are rugged and rocky. *A **high-clearance, four-wheel drive vehicle is strongly recommended.***
- Your tires should be in good condition, and you should have a fully inflated spare and tire changing equipment.
- Arrive at the meeting place with a full tank of gas.

What to Bring and Wear

- Food and plenty of water.
- Appropriate clothing for conditions. Check the forecast the night before and be prepared for weather extremes. **There may be no shade.**
- Clothing in earth tones. Brightly colored and loud-patterned clothing can distract the horses.
- Sturdy shoes or boots for hiking in rugged terrain.
- Binoculars and a camera with a telephoto lens are strongly recommended.
- A small collapsible camp chair or cushion for the ground (neutral in color and light enough to carry for a distance).

What Not to Bring

- **Drones are prohibited** on or around the gather site. Anyone operating or possessing a drone in the observation area will be asked to leave.
- Do not bring handheld radios or other communication devices that could interfere with gather operations. Radio interference poses a safety risk to wild horses, staff, contractors and the public.