What to Know Before You Go Instructions for visitors to the Antelope Complex Wild Horse Gather

Where and when to meet: Public observation opportunities will be offered during gather operations in accordance with the BLM's gather observation/visitation protocol and any gather-specific ground rules. Members of the public are welcome to view gather operations on scheduled observation days, provided that doing so does not jeopardize the safety of the animals, staff and observers, or disrupt gather operations.

The BLM will escort the public to gather observation sites on public lands. Those wanting to view gather operations **must RSVP to 775-753-0299 by 5 p.m. the night before you intend to visit the gather**. You will receive a response regarding meeting location and time by 9 p.m. that evening.

Other than those public observation opportunities, the gather area will be temporarily closed to members of the public in accordance with 43 C.F.R. § 8364.1. To view the BLM's decision and gather documents, go to the BLM National NEPA Registry.

Transportation: All visitors must have their own transportation – agency 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 that 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 Complex.

Due to the distances involved within the Complex 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 gas stations in Ely, West Wendover, and Wells, NV.

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, West Wendover, and Wells, NV.

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

What to bring:

- Hand sanitizer
- 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 ***(recommend 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 ***(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)***