

## *What to Know Before You Go*

### **Instructions for Visitors to the Flanigan, Dogskin Mountain and Granite Peak Wild Horse Gather January 2012**

**When to meet:** Call our *Wild Horse Gather Information Line* at **(755) 885-6101** for an update on the next day's gather activities, previous day's gather results, or to leave a message if you will not be attending an observation day for which you had previously RSVP'd. Unless otherwise noted on the Info Line recording, **plan to meet BLM personnel at 6:30 a.m. each morning.** *Note: gather operations are dependent on the weather and could change with little or no notice.*



**Where to meet:** Meet BLM personnel at the Palomino Valley Wild Horse Adoption Center (PVC), located approximately 20 miles north of Sparks, Nevada. From Interstate 80, take exit 18 (Pyramid Highway/State Road 445), travel north approximately 20 miles to the Ironwood Road junction. Turn east (right) onto Ironwood Road to reach the facility.

There will be a short briefing for the day and introductions. We will then caravan out to the trap site of the day and stay until gather operations are completed. We may not know the exact location of these sites until the day before, so please, be flexible.

**Transportation:** **All visitors must have their own transportation.** The trap sites will move around to several locations and the roads can get very rough in and around the Flanigan, Dogskin Mountain and Granite Peak area. **Vehicles MUST BE 4-wheel drive with high clearance.** Visitors must have spare tires and should top off their gas tank. Gas is available in Sparks and along the southern end of Pyramid Highway. **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. Head lights must be on and if any vehicle has mechanical problems and/or flat tires, we all stop.**

**Amenities:** Palomino Valley Center has restrooms but no other amenities. Visitors should bring their own water, snacks, etc.

**Weather conditions:** This is Nevada in January (*"if you don't like the weather, just wait a minute"*), so plan for freezing temperatures at dawn, and possible muddy, wet, windy conditions at the gather site. Or the sun could be out and it will be beautiful!

#### **What to bring:**

- Closed-toed sturdy shoes
- Bland-colored clothing (*no wild colors, please*)
- Gloves/hats
- Sunscreen
- Food and water
- Binoculars
- Camera with zoom lens
- Small beach chair if you don't like to sit on rocks