

What to Know Before You Go

Instructions for Visitors to the Pilot Mountain HMA Gather Observation Days November-December 2010

When to meet: Call our *Wild Horse Gather Info 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 8:00 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 NDOT Highway Rest Stop in Luning, Nevada, located on the east side of U.S. 95, and about ½ mile south of its intersection with Nevada State Route 361 (highway to Gabbs). Luning is 24 miles south of Hawthorne.

We will caravan out to the gather site of the day and visit the temporary holding corrals when gather operations are completed. We may not know the exact location of these sites until the day before (all depends on where the horses are), so be flexible.

Transportation: **All visitors must have their own transportation** – we cannot take people in government vehicles except in an emergency. The temporary holding corrals and trap sites will move around to several locations and the roads can get very rough in and around the Pilot Mountain area. **Vehicles MUST HAVE 4-wheel drive with high clearance.** Visitors must have spare tires (we suggest multiple spare tires!). Gas and full services are available in Hawthorne. *Cells phones are also a good idea if you get stranded, though coverage cannot be guaranteed very far away from U.S. Highway 95.*

Amenities: there are several motels in Hawthorne if you are coming here from outside the area.

Driving Directions Hawthorne, Nevada: Drive 24 miles south on U.S. 95 to ½ mile south of its intersection with Nevada State Route 361 (highway turnoff to Gabbs) and meet at the Luning Rest Stop.

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

**We cannot guarantee that there will be a porta-potty at the trap site so plan accordingly.*