

Eagle, Chokecherry and Mt. Elinore HMAs Wild Horse Gather

Non-Observation Day Protocol and Ground Rules

These rules were created to ensure the safety of both the humans and the animals at the gather site(s).

Non-observation days are days when the public is welcome to attend a gather on public land, or on specified private lands where permission was granted. The public is responsible for their own safety and health in their travels to and from the gather site.

- BLM staff will be limited on these days to answer questions.
- The public will be expected to remain in designated observation areas.
- Visitors are **NOT** permitted to walk around the gather site unaccompanied by a BLM representative.
- The BLM will clearly identify observation areas and visitors **must** stay within these designated areas.
- Observers are prohibited from climbing/trespassing onto or in the trucks, equipment or corrals, which is the private property of the contractor.
- Observers must provide their own 4-wheel drive high clearance vehicle, appropriate shoes, clothing and food.
- When given the signal that the helicopter is close to the gather site bringing horses in, visitors must sit down in areas specified by BLM representatives and must not move or talk as the horses are guided into the corral.

Observers will be polite, professional and respectful to BLM managers and staff and the contractor/employees. Visitors who do not cooperate and follow the rules will be escorted off the gather site by BLM law enforcement personnel, and will be prohibited in participating in any subsequent observation days.