

What to Know Before You Go

Instructions for Visitors to the Owyhee Wild Horse Gather November 2016

When to meet: Call our Wild Horse Gather Info Line at (775) 861-6700 for an update on the next day's gather activities, meeting times and location, or to leave a message if you plan to visit the gather. Note: Gather operations are dependent on the weather and could change with little or no notice.

Where to meet: When gathering the Owyhee and Rock Creek HMAs, public will meet BLM personnel at the Elko District Office located at 3900 Idaho Street, Elko, NV 89801. When gathering the Little Owyhee HMA, public will meet BLM personnel at the Chevron Station located at 3335 Hwy 290, Winnemucca, NV 89455. There will be a short briefing for the day and introductions. We will then caravan out to the gather 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 – we cannot take people in government vehicles except in an emergency. The temporary holding corrals/sites /will move around to several locations and the roads can get very rough in and around the Owyhee Complex 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 Winnemucca, Elko and Battle Mountain Nevada.

Due to the distances involved within the Complex and the lack of facilities, extra gas cans are highly recommended. 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 at all times during travel and if any vehicle has mechanical problems and/or flat tires, the caravan will stop.

Driving Directions to Elko, Nevada: From Reno, NV, follow I 80 West and drive approximately 290 miles to Elko, NV. Take exit 303 – East Jennings Way. Turn right at the bottom of the exit ramp to Idaho Street. Turn left onto Idaho Street at the light. The district office is located 1.1 miles after the turn onto Idaho Street, 3900 East Idaho Street.

Driving Directions to the Winnemucca meeting spot: From Reno take I-80 East for 165 miles. Take Exit 178 in Winnemucca. Take Highway 95 north for 20 miles. The meeting place will be the Chevron Station at the junction of Hwy. 95 and 290.

Weather conditions: This is Nevada in November, so plan for cold temperatures, and possible snowy, muddy, wet, windy conditions at the gather site. Dressing in layers is recommended due to highly fluctuating temperatures throughout the day.

Physical Activity: Observation areas might not be accessible by vehicle. Hiking into and out of the observation areas may be strenuous.

Observation Areas: Observation areas are determined to provide the best vantage point while ensuring a safe and effective gather operation. Once areas are determined by contractor and BLM staff, they cannot be moved during that day's gather operations.

What to bring:

- Closed-toed sturdy shoes
- Bland, earth toned-colored clothing (no bright colors or loud patterns, please)
- Gloves/hats
- Sunscreen
- Food and plenty of water
- Binoculars
- Camera with zoom lens
- Toilet Paper/tissue (There are no restroom facilities available)