



Know Before You Go!

Thank you for your interest in observing BLM wild horse gather operations in the White Mountain Complex. We hope you find your visit informative and educational.

The BLM is committed to providing as much public access to the gather as possible. The Complex lies in rugged and remote areas, and safety is our first priority. BLM staff will escort you to designated areas where you can safely view gather operations.

The following information is subject to change at any time during gather operations.

Observation Days/What to Expect

- The BLM plans to conduct observation days as often as possible and as long as participants do not disrupt operations or create conditions jeopardizing the safety of the animals, observers, contractors or BLM staff.
- After a briefing at the meeting location, the group will be escorted to the observation site. Observers will drive their own vehicles to the gather location.
- Designated observation areas on public land will provide safe observation opportunities which will not disrupt gather activities. Observers must stay in the designated areas until gather operations are complete.
- Inclement weather, a gather location being inaccessible to the public, or lack of gather operations on a given day (trap moving, equipment problems, etc.) will cancel the observation outing for that day. ***Cancellations may not be known before the meeting time.***
- Because of the fluidity of gather operations, be prepared for the possibility of waiting at observation locations for hours without seeing any actual wild horses.
- There are no facilities, including restrooms, in the Complex.
- Cell service may be limited in the Complex.
- Be prepared to hike into some observation locations. Some hikes could be arduous involving steep and rocky terrain. Hiking requirements will be explained at each morning briefing.

Transportation

- You must provide your own transportation. Government vehicles cannot be used to transport you to the gather locations or temporary holding corrals.

- Roads are rugged and rocky. *A **high-clearance, four-wheel drive vehicle is strongly recommended.***
- Your tires should be in good condition, and you should have a fully inflated spare and tire changing equipment.
- Arrive at the meeting place with a full tank of gas.

What to Bring and Wear

- Food and plenty of water.
- Appropriate clothing for conditions. Check the forecast the night before and be prepared for weather extremes. **There is no shade.**
- Clothing in earth tones. Brightly colored and loud-patterned clothing can distract the horses.
- Sturdy shoes or boots for hiking in rugged terrain.
- Binoculars and a camera with a telephoto lens are strongly recommended.
- A small collapsible camp chair or cushion for the ground (neutral in color and light enough to carry for a distance).