



## 2023 Black Mountain, Hardtrigger and Sands Basin Herd Management Areas Wild Horse Gather – What to Know Before You Go

### Instructions and Information for Visitors

**Registration required:** All media and public visitors to the gather must sign up by emailing [BLM\\_ID\\_WHG@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_ID_WHG@blm.gov) before Sept. 5, 2023. Be sure to include your name, email, phone number and the number in your party.

If confirmed to attend the gather, meeting time and location instructions will be e-mailed. All confirmed visitors, including media, should call the Wild Horse Gather Info Line nightly by 5:30 p.m. MT at 208-735-2077 to RSVP. Registrants will receive specific instructions on each day's meeting location and time. Gather operations are dependent on the weather and could change with little or no notice.

All visitors will need to sign in on the visitor's log sheet and attend a short briefing for the day. BLM staff will lead the visitor caravan out to the public viewing location.

**Transportation:** All media and visitors must have their own transportation – BLM staff cannot take members of the public in government vehicles.

- Roads may be very rough to reach different trap sites.
- It is highly recommended vehicles be, *at a minimum*, a 4-wheel drive with high clearance.
- You must have a spare tire and know how to change it.
- Visitors should plan on staying for the full event.
- We will travel together to and from the gather with headlights on. If any vehicle has mechanical problems and/or flat tires, the caravan will stop.

**Safety and Weather conditions:** Weather in September can be warm. Viewing areas likely will have little to no shade. Plan accordingly and bring plenty of water, sunscreen and dress in layers. For aviation safety, drones will not be permitted.

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

- Bland, earth tone-colored clothing (*no bright colors or loud patterns, please*)
- Sturdy, closed-toe shoes (*some sort of hiking shoe or boot is recommended*)
- Food and plenty of water
- Personal hygiene supplies (*There are no bathrooms at the trap site so plan accordingly*)
- Spare tire (*be sure to have proper equipment*)
- Binoculars and/or camera
- A small, collapsible camp chair or cushion for the ground (*neutral in color and light enough to carry for a distance*)