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Know Before You Go

Attending the Twin Peaks Wild Horse and Burro Gather *October 2024*

Thank you for taking the opportunity to observe BLM wild horse gather operations in the Twin Peaks Herd Management Area. We hope you find the day informative and educational.

Before you head out to the observation site, there are several things you must know.

Observation Day

- Observation days are planned for every day of the gather. The BLM will continue to provide these daily opportunities so long as participants do not disrupt operations or create conditions that jeopardize the safety of the animals, observers, contractors, or BLM staff.
- Observers will assemble at the BLM Litchfield Wild Horse and Burro Corrals about 21 miles east of Susanville on U. S. Highway 395. Assembly times will vary. Visitors should be ready for meeting times between 4 and 6 a.m. After a briefing, BLM staff will escort the observers to the capture site.
- To be sure you have a spot please call the observation information line at 530-252-5332 and leave your name and contact information so we can contact you if unforeseen circumstances lead to operational shutdown on any given day. We will update the line nightly with the meeting time and location for the next morning.
- Observation areas will be established to provide observation opportunities that will not disrupt round up activities. Observers must stay in areas designated. Terrain and topography will dictate the location of trap sites, and some may provide better viewing than others.
- Bad weather or other circumstances (trap moving, equipment maintenance or problems, etc.) could shut down gather operations on a given day and we will cancel the observation outing for that day.
- Visitors may be allowed at the temporary holding corrals at the completion of daily gathering operations. BLM staff will be on hand to answer questions. Observation areas will be established.
- Animals will be taken to the BLM Litchfield Corrals near Susanville, CA where they will be prepared for placement in private ownership. The corrals are open to the public Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Conditions

- There are no facilities, including restrooms, at the observation sites. There will be restroom opportunities before we head out and when we return. You will be at the observation site most of the day, so plan accordingly.
- Cell service is limited or nonexistent in much of the area. Plan to be out of range for most of the day.
- You must bring your own lunch, water and snacks. Please let a BLM representative know if you have a medical condition or allergies that could require immediate medical attention. Bring your needed medications with you.
- You must provide your own transportation. Government vehicles cannot be used to transport you or your gear to the trap sites, holding corrals or the Litchfield Wild Horse and Burro Corrals.
- Roads are rugged and rocky. A high clearance four-wheel-drive or all-wheel-drive vehicle is required. Your tires must be in good condition. You must have a fully inflated spare tire in good condition and tire changing equipment. A shovel is a good tool to have along. We strongly recommend heavy-duty off-road tires, especially if you plan multiple trips. As an example, our field-going staff equip their vehicles with Load Range E (10 ply) tires.
- Be prepared for weather extremes. You will need a jacket for the cool mornings, as we will usually depart before sunrise. Afternoon temperatures could climb into the 70s on many days. There may be no shade. Bring a hat, sunscreen, sunglasses and other appropriate protective clothing. You are welcome to bring a lightweight camp-style chair to the observation site. We do not allow pop up shade structures.
- Parking will be limited at many observation locations. Be prepared to hike into some locations. Some hikes could be arduous involving steep and rocky terrain. Please do not park on top of tall vegetation due to wildfire risk.
- Binoculars are strongly recommended. You are welcome to bring cameras and video gear, but you must follow BLM staff instructions regarding placement at the capture site. Drones are not allowed.
- Please do not wear brightly colored clothing or hats.

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