



Modoc National Forest

## Forest Service News Release

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### The 2024 Wild Horse Gather is set to begin on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**Alturas, Calif., September 10, 2024,** - The USDA Forest Service will begin gathering 500 wild horses from the Devil's Garden Plateau Wild Horse Territory on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024, to continue moving toward the 206-402 appropriate management level, as prescribed by the 2013 Devil's Garden Plateau Wild Horse Territory Management Plan.

The 2024 population census resulted in an estimate of 651 and 998 wild horses with an average of 723 wild horses on and around the territory. The Modoc National Forest remains committed to managing wild free-roaming horses in a manner that is designed to achieve and maintain a thriving natural ecological balance and multiple-use relationship on public lands.

The Modoc National Forest has contracted CD Warner Livestock LLC to conduct the gather. Gather contractors are utilizing mechanized equipment and bait traps to gather horses. If you come across a livestock corral in the forest, please avoid the area.

Due to the confined nature of viewing blinds, viewing of gather operations will be offered to 6 viewers a day, 7 days a week. Some trap sites may not allow for viewing and/or multiple viewers. To make viewing reservations please email [sm.fs.modoc\\_info@usda.gov](mailto:sm.fs.modoc_info@usda.gov) and include your name, phone number, requested viewing dates, and the number of viewers in your party. If you are unable to email reservation requests, please call (530) 233-8738.

Viewers with reservations should arrive at 225 West Eighth St. in Alturas by 7 a.m. to follow forest personnel to the parking location. Viewers should be prepared to drive in rugged terrain, walk long distances across uneven and muddy terrain, and be exposed to inclement weather conditions such as rain and snow. Viewers should also be prepared to remain on site until gather operations have concluded for the day. Please bring plenty of food, water, and wear neutral colored clothing. We also recommend bringing a folding chair, sunscreen, a wide-brimmed hat, and sunglasses. There are no restroom facilities at trap sites and often no cell service. Viewers must not interfere with gather operations.

Devil's Garden Plateau wild horse information and gather updates are available on the web at <https://go.usa.gov/xQ3r3>, on the Modoc National Forest Facebook page, and on Double Devil Wild Horse Corral's Facebook page. If you are interested in adopting a Devil's Garden wild horse, check out the Double Devil Corral Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/doubledevilwildhorsecorrals>.

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