



Lobbying for Horses

Washington DC

How to Arrange and Prepare for Your Save America's Wild Horses Lobby Day Meetings with Congress

Step 1: Request a Meeting

Contact your Congressperson and Senators to request a meeting. Meetings may be in person, virtual, or by phone—choose what works best for you.

Find contact information here:

- Senators: www.senate.gov
- House Representatives: www.house.gov

You may also call the Capitol switchboard at (202) 225-3121 to be connected to your Congressperson's or Senator's office.

Key Points When Requesting a Meeting:

- Ask for a mutually convenient time.
- Request an in-person meeting if visiting Washington, D.C.
- Ask to meet with the staff member who handles Natural Resources and public lands issues.
- State that you want to discuss wild horses and burros on public lands.

Sample Call Script:

Hello,

My name is [Your Name], and I am a constituent from [Your City, State].

I am requesting a meeting with [Congressperson's or Senator's Name] or the staff member who handles Natural Resources and public lands issues to discuss wild horses, burros, and public lands.

(Specify whether you are requesting an in-person, virtual, or phone meeting.)

Thank you for your time. I look forward to your response.

[Your Name]

[Your Phone Number]

Step 2: Follow Up with an Email

After calling, submit the same request through the “Contact Me” form on your Congressperson’s and Senators’ websites.

Step 3: Await Confirmation & Follow Up

You should receive a response within a week.

If not, send a follow-up email or make another call.

Be ready to provide the names and phone numbers of others attending with you.

Step 4: Prepare for Your Meeting

Before the Meeting

- Respond promptly to scheduling options.
- Include your contact information in all correspondence.
- Share names and contact details of any additional attendees.
- Attach relevant information packets, if available.

Practice

- Rehearse your key points.
- Keep remarks within a 15–30 minute timeframe.

Day of the Meeting

- Arrive early or log in ahead of time.
- Have a contact number available for last-minute issues.

During the Meeting

- Introduce yourself, where you’re from, and why the issue matters to you.
- Stick to the facts and follow up later if you don’t know an answer.
- Be honest and respectful.

Closing

- End with 2–3 clear requests. Example:
“Do you know if the representative supports the current wild horse bill?”
- Ask if you may follow up.
- Thank them and provide supporting materials if available.

You Did It!

Step 5: Follow Up After the Meeting

Send a Thank-You Email the Next Day

Subject: Thank You for Meeting with Me

Thank you for meeting with me to discuss wild horse issues and related legislation. I've reattached the information we discussed. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Best,
[Your Name]

Follow Up in 7–10 Days

- Ask whether they've taken action or made a decision.
- Remain polite and professional.

Stay in Touch

- Share updates on wild horse issues as appropriate.

 **Congratulations! You're an effective advocate for our wild horses!** 

For questions or assistance, contact:

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