

**The various resources found in the Soldier Meadows ACEC are described inside this brochure. Please be aware of the wonderful, rare, and unique resources found in and around these springs, and help ensure their continued existence by following these camping and vehicle regulations and suggestions.**

### Hot Spring Use

Soaking in natural hot springs is a recreational activity that many people enjoy, but public land hot springs can be dangerous. Some of the hot springs in the ACEC reach temperatures over 120 degrees Fahrenheit (hot enough to burn human skin). Other hazards include biting bugs, chemical fumes, bacterial irritations, and disease.

Visitors should use caution when using the areas around the springs. The BLM does not manage hot springs for human uses and recommends people to stay safe and away from natural hot pools on public lands. If you do decide to soak in the springs, please do not contaminate the water with soap or any other foreign substance, and avoid wearing excessive sunscreen.

Construction of new dams or other structures (such as decks, tables, benches) in and around the hot springs is prohibited.

### Camping and Campfires

Camping is only allowed in designated campsites within the ACEC. Look for the designated campsite markers. There are eight campsites designed for use within the ACEC, including two large group campsites (one at the cabin and one at the hot springs camping area). Please restrict campfires to existing established fire rings.

### Vehicle Use

All mechanized vehicle traffic is limited to designated roads and trails. This includes motor vehicles such as trucks, all terrain vehicles, and motorcycles, and also includes bicycles. In the adjacent wilderness areas, mechanized vehicles may not be used. Some roads that remain designated for continued public use are parallel to wilderness boundaries, such as the road through High Rock Canyon. Other roads may be used to approach, but not enter designated wilderness areas at many locations. Careless off-highway vehicle (OHV) use is the major cause of negative publicity towards OHV users and can cause damage to resources and jeopardize safety. Inconsiderate OHV use can cause thousands of acres to be closed to the enjoyment of all visitors.

- **Leave no trace. Pack out all your trash—AND any trash you find.**
- **Respect road closures. Decommissioned roads take years to recover and are usually redundant.**
- **Respect private property.**
- **Leave gates the way you find them or as posted.**
- **Carry one gallon of water per person per day.**
- **Stay with your vehicle if lost or stranded.**

Please visit <http://blackrockdesert.org> to check current conditions or to report conditions or damage within the NCA.

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BLACK ROCK DESERT  
HIGH ROCK CANYON  
EMIGRANT TRAILS

NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA

### Soldier Meadows Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC)

In 1982, 307 acres were designated as the Soldier Meadows Area of Critical Environmental Concern to protect special natural heritage resources. The ACEC now contains 2,077 acres to protect these rare natural and cultural resources. Special rules apply to recreation and commercial uses in the ACEC.

### National Landscape Conservation System

The Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trail National Conservation Area is a part of the BLM's National Landscape Conservation System, a diverse program that incorporates National Scenic and Historic Trails, Wild and Scenic Rivers, Wilderness Areas, National Monuments, and Conservation Areas. The mission of the NLCS is to conserve, protect, and restore nationally significant landscapes that have outstanding cultural, ecological, and scientific values for present and future generations of Americans. Instead of protecting "islands" of special land, it conserves whole landscapes.

### Friends of Black Rock / High Rock

<http://blackrockdesert.org> (775) 557-2900

### Surprise Field Office

<http://www.blm.gov/ca/surprise> (530) 279-6101

### Winnemucca District Office

<http://www.blm.gov/nv> (775) 623-1500

**Report wildfires** (775) 623-3444 or (800) 535-6076

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