



White Mountains National Recreation Area
This area includes congressionally designated conservation lands established by the Alaska National Interest Lands Act in 1980. BLM manages these lands to protect and maintain their special values for the benefit and enjoyment of current and future generations. BLM's National Landscape Conservation System further defined management purposes to include scientific, protective, and restoring landscapes significant for outstanding cultural, ecological, and scientific values.

Steese National Conservation Area
Visiting the Steese NCA is a backcountry adventure. There are no established campgrounds and only a handful of unimproved roads provide access for high-clearance, four-wheel-drive vehicles. The area's off-highway vehicle route network was designated from the same made routes that developed when the area was open to summer cross-country travel. Many of these newly designated BLM routes may be in poor condition and can be challenging to locate. We appreciate your patience as we work on route improvements and signage.

Hiking
At 27 miles long, the Pinnell Mountain National Recreation Trail is a great multi-day backpacking trip. Soak in the oldest exposed rock in Alaska.
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Boating
Take a week or two to enjoy a remote clear-water float trip on either of the two Nome Creek valleys, the Quartz Creek Trail, and the trails leading to Let's Cabin from the Elliott Highway.
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Nome Creek Valley
Turn off the Steese Highway at U.S. Creek Road, milepost 57, to get to Nome Creek Valley. Nome Creek Road provides access to two campgrounds, motorized and non-motorized trails, a gold panning area and a separate point for float trips on Steese Creek National Wild River. In July and August, berry-picking is a popular activity.

BLM Routes - Summer Allowed Designation
Use is limited to OHVs weighing 1,500 pounds or less curb weight and a maximum width of 64 inches.
Off-route game retrieval allowed using up to 3 OHVs up to 1,000 lbs. curb weight, or 1 OHV up to 1,500 lbs. curb weight.
Non-BLM Trail

Summer OHV Use Area Designations
Cross-country travel allowed for OHVs 1,000 pounds or less curb weight and a maximum width of 50 inches.
No Summer Use of OHVs.
OHVs limited to designated routes, no cross-country travel allowed.

BLM-managed lands outside Steese & White Mountains Units - Cross-country travel
allowed for OHVs 1,500 pounds or less curb weight and a maximum width of 64 inches.
Nome Creek Tailings near the bridge and landing - Open to cross-country travel.
Nome Creek Tailings - Cross-country travel allowed for street-legal OHVs 10,000 lbs or less or non-street-legal OHVs 1,500 lbs curb weight or less. All other OHVs are limited to designated routes.

Recreation Sites
Cabin/Reservable, Fee
Trail Shelter, No Fee
Campground
Interpretive Site
Parking Area
Scenic Overlook
Rapid/Portage
Bridge

Administered Lands (Outside Steese & White Mountains Units)
State of Alaska
Native Lands
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
National Park Service
Local Government
Native Allotment
Private

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https://www.blm.gov/alaska
Learn more about BLM's Travel and Transportation Management website: https://www.blm.gov/travel
For official road status information, refer to Caltrans Survey posts, Notice To Post, and local cases.

Map not to be used to determine federal subsistence hunting areas.