



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, historical, and recreational values.

White Mountains National Recreation Area
Just an hours drive from Fairbanks, the White Mountains National Recreation Area offers stunning scenery, peaceful solitude, and outstanding opportunities for diverse summer recreation. Visitors to the White Mountains can hike, fish, hike and camp under Alaska's midnight sun or enjoy a public use cabin.

Reservations for BLM's public use cabins in the White Mountains are handled through the Recreation.gov website. Many of the off-highway vehicle routes are primarily used for winter travel and may be difficult to travel during the summer. The most popular places to ride are in the Nome Creek valleys, the Quartz Creek Trail, and the trails leading to Let's Cabin from the Elvort Highway.

Steese National Conservation Area
Visiting the Steese NCA is a backcountry adventure. There are no roads or services until you reach the Yukon River bridge on the Dalton Highway. Many routes are for a 4x4 vehicle, and only a handful of maintained roads provide access for high-clearance, four-wheel-drive vehicles. The area's off-highway vehicle route network was designated from the early made routes that developed when the area was open to approved 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 37 miles long, the Pinnell Mountain National Recreation Trail is a great multi-day backpacking trip. Soak in some of the oldest exposed rock in Alaska.

Floating
Take a week or two to enjoy a remote clear-water float trip on either of the two Wild and Scenic Rivers in the area. Rich Creek (Ishikawa River) is notable not only for scenery and remoteness but for convenience. Riders can access both ends of the wild river segment from BLM recreation sites along the Steeze Highway.

Nome Creek Valley
Turn off the Steeze Highway at U.S. Creek Road, milepost 27, 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 Brown Creek National Wild River. In July and August, berry-picking is a popular activity.

Quartz Creek Trail
Nome Creek. There are no roads or services until you reach the Yukon River bridge on the Dalton Highway. Many routes are for a 4x4 vehicle, and only a handful of maintained roads provide access for high-clearance, four-wheel-drive vehicles. The area's off-highway vehicle route network was designated from the early made routes that developed when the area was open to approved 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.

BLM Routes - Summer Allowed Designation

- Non-motorized and mechanized use only.
- Open to class 1, 2 and 3 E-bikes and non-motorized travel.
- Use is limited to OHVs weighing 1,000 pounds or less curb weight and a maximum width of 50 inches.
- Nome Creek Valley - Open to licensed street-legal vehicles.

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- 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, Renewable, Fee
- Trail Shelter, No Fee
- Campground
- Interpretive Site
- 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

Legend

- Rivers and streams
- Road
- Highway (with mileposts)
- USFS 163,360 acres
- Wild and Scenic River Corridor
- Alaska Game Management Unit (GMIU)
- White Mountains NRA and Steese NCA Boundary

Basemap: Contours (500 ft. interval) on National Elevation Dataset Hillshade

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