

SOUTH STEPTOE TRAVEL MANAGEMENT AREA MOTOR VEHICLE USE MAP

Welcome to the South Steptoe Travel Management Area (South Steptoe TMA)! The South Steptoe TMA is managed by the Ely Bureau of Land Management (BLM) District Office under the South Steptoe Travel Management Plan. The area includes a large amount of Forest Service Lands and interspersed private land.

The South Steptoe TMA encompasses approximately 250,500 acres and many miles of roads and trails between Ely and Lund, Nevada, down the spine of the Egan Range.

Off-highway vehicle recreation is one of the many uses allowed on public land within this area. Other popular uses of this area include hunting, hiking, horse back riding, sight-seeing and bike riding.

Please be considerate of all others you may encounter throughout this area.

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The South Steptoe Travel Management Plan is designed for:

Multiple Use to

- Minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- Minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention is given to protect special status species and their habitats.
- Minimize conflict between OHV use and other existing or proposed recreation uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in the area, taking into account noise and other factors.

Although the Motor Vehicle Use map is a designed for off-highway vehicle use, it is also used for many other activities. Some of these include hunting, access routes for ranching, hiking, and firewood gathering.

Wildlife Habitat

Many animals of all shapes and sizes call these steep slopes and low-lying valleys home. Animals of the Great Basin have adapted unique traits that enable them to live in this environment of extremes. One way to respect their habitat is by staying on existing roads and trails.

Protection of Wilderness

The South Steptoe TMA is bordered by a few designated wilderness areas. Wilderness areas are free from motorized or mechanized equipment, except on designated routes, and provide a place of solitude for inhabitants and visitors. If you plan to visit, please know the rules and regulations for wilderness.

Preservation of Cultural Resources

Along the way, you may find yourself in the exact spot where someone stood long ago, possibly they left something behind. These pieces of history play an important role in fitting the puzzle of our past together. Please take pictures but leave the rest for others to enjoy.

Historic Uses

Ranching and mining has occurred here for over a hundred years and is still very present today. The trail crosses many gates and mine shafts. Please do your part by closing gates behind you and staying clear of shafts.

EXPLANATION OF MAP LEGEND ITEMS

Open

Motorized vehicle travel is permitted along designated routes. Access by means other than motorized vehicles, such as mechanized or non-motorized use, is also permitted.

Closed

Motorized vehicle travel is prohibited in a closed area. Access by means other than motorized vehicles, such as mechanized or non-motorized use, is permitted. Areas are designated closed if closure to all vehicular use is necessary to protect resources, promote visitor safety, or reduce use conflicts.

Special Designation/Limitations:

Limited Motorcycle

Single track trail, limited to 2-wheeled vehicles.

Limited Non-Motorized

Closed to motorized vehicles.

Limited ATV

Only vehicles 62 inches or less in width are permitted

Limited Future Plan

Currently open for all use until additional planning efforts can be conducted in the future



RIDE RESPONSIBLY on PUBLIC LANDS

Stay on designated roads.

Cross-country motorized travel is prohibited in the management area, with few exceptions. Contact local BLM office for rules. Cross-country travel can increase soil erosion, ignite wildfire and damage animal habitat.

Respect closed areas and private property.

If crossing private property, be sure to ask landowner permission.

Avoid wet areas.

They are a vital resource for plants and animals.

Share roads.

Stop or slow down and lower the noise and dust levels when approaching equestrians, hikers and other land users. Yield the right of way to those passing or traveling uphill.

View animals from a distance.

When they flee, animals use valuable energy reserves, This is their home; please respect it.

Know federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations.

Check before operating an off-highway-vehicle (OHV) on public lands.

Prevent the spread of invasive weeds by:

Staying on roads and trails...washing off your vehicle to prevent seed spread
...learning to identify weeds...
reporting infestations to local BLM offices.



PURPOSE AND CONTENTS OF THIS MAP

The designations shown on this Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) are effective as of the date on the front cover and will remain in effect until superseded by a new Motor Vehicle Use Map. It is the responsibility of the user to acquire the current MVUM. This map shows the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) areas on BLM lands in the Ely District that are designated for motor vehicle use pursuant to 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 8340. This map also contains a list of those designated roads, trails, and areas; the types of vehicles that are allowed on each route and in each area; and any other restrictions that apply on those routes. Designation of a road, trail, or area for motor vehicle use by a particular class of vehicle should not be interpreted as encouraging or inviting use or implying that the road, trail or area is passable, actively maintained, or safe for travel. Staying on designated routes reduces damage to BLM resources. Seasonal weather conditions and natural events may render designated routes and trails impassable for extended periods. Designated areas may contain dangerous or impassable terrain. Maintenance of designated roads and trails will depend on available resources, and many may receive little maintenance. The other public roads are shown for information and navigation purposes only and are not subject to designation under the BLM travel management regulation.

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STAY IN DESIGNATED AREAS AND ON DESIGNATED ROUTES

AND REMEMBER RESPECTED ACCESS IS OPEN ACCESS.

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IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS.