Rediscover the splendor of the West’s public lands by traveling the adventurous routes of the Bureau of Land Management’s Back Country Byways. As a unique part of the National Scenic Byways Program, Back Country Byways can lead you on less-traveled roads through alpine meadows and soaring mountains to sagebrush prairie and saguaro cactus desert. Choose a route to explore whether driving an air-conditioned car, four-wheel drive or dirt bike.

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There are four types of Back Country Byways:

**Type 1:**
Roads that can accommodate normal touring cars. These roads are paved or have an all-weather surface and have grades that are negotiable by a normal touring car. These roads are usually narrow, slow speed, secondary roads.

**Type 2:**
Roads which require high-clearance type vehicles. These roads are usually not paved but may have some type of surfacing. Grades, curves and road surfaces are such that they can be negotiated with a two wheel drive high clearance vehicle without undue difficulty.

**Type 3:**
Roads which require 4-wheel drive vehicles or other specialized vehicles such as dirt bikes, all-terrain vehicles (ATV’s), etc. These roads are usually not surfaced. However, the roads are maintained for safety and resource protection purposes. They have grades, tread surfaces and other characteristics that will require specialized vehicles to negotiate.

**Type 4:**
Trails that are managed to accommodate dirt bike, mountain bike, snowmobile or ATV use. They are usually single track trails.

Remember—Safety First.
Be prepared. Check weather and road conditions before departing. Carry appropriate equipment for back country conditions and always be prepared for weather changes and emergencies.

Visit www.byways.org/explore/byways/other/blm or contact local BLM offices to learn about individual Back Country Byways.

- Alaska State Office, Anchorage, AK, (907) 271-5960
- Arizona State Office, Phoenix, AZ, (602) 417-9200
- California State Office, Sacramento, CA, (916) 978-4400
- Colorado State Office, Lakewood, CO, (303) 239-3600
- Eastern States Office, Springfield, VA, (703) 440-1600
- Idaho State Office, Boise, ID, (208) 373-4000
- Montana State Office, Billings, MT, (406) 896-5000
- Nevada State Office, Reno, NV, (775) 861-6400
- New Mexico State Office, Santa Fe, NM, (505) 438-7400
- Oregon State Office, Portland, OR, (503) 808-6002
- Utah State Office, Salt Lake City, UT, (801) 339-4133
- Wyoming State Office, Cheyenne, WY, (307) 775-6256

Please take care of yourself and the environment

- Check weather and road conditions ahead of time
- Bring area-specific maps and route descriptions
- Carry plenty of water
- Bring adequate fuel
- Carry a spare tire, jack, tools, shovel, blanket, etc.
- Remember that signing and fencing are for your safety
- Tread LIGHTLY on the land

For travel tips visit treadlightly.org