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Your Recreation Destination - Photo: Kingston Range Wilderness
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Located in the heart of the Bureau of Land Management’s California Desert District, the Barstow Field Office (BAFO) encompasses about 1.8 million acres of public land. The field office is home to diverse recreation opportunities, rare wildlife, beautiful landscapes, and historic routes.

The BAFO has outstanding recreation opportunities with five off-highway vehicle recreation areas, portions of Mojave Trails and Sand to Snow National Monuments, segments of the Old Spanish Trail and Pacific Crest Trail, 17 wilderness areas, and three developed campgrounds.

The BAFO manages habitat for special status species such as the desert tortoise, Amargosa vole, and desert bighorn sheep and has 45 Areas of Critical Environmental Concern—areas where special management is needed to protect important historical, cultural and scenic values, or fish and wildlife or other natural resources.

Rivers and highways run through the field office with about 30 miles of the Amargosa Wild and Scenic River that provides riparian habitat for 150 migrant and resident bird and mammal species, the Mojave River, which provided food and habitat for humans and wildlife since prehistoric times and water for railroad expansion and the California Historic Route 66 National Scenic Byway, which runs through the heart of the field office.