

Stock Use

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Welcome

Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument is the first monument set aside solely for the protection of its biological diversity and objects of scientific interest. As a result, stock use is managed to maintain the natural resources and unique ecosystems that are present in the monument.

Recreational animal stock use and other forms of recreation such as hiking, fishing, and hunting are part of the American outdoor experience. Recreation in Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument is balanced with protecting the monument's unique resources. The following guidelines will help preserve the monument for enjoyment by current users as well as future generations.

Knowing The Essentials:

- Stock use is allowed on the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) inside and outside the monument boundary. Travel on the Pacific Crest Trail is limited to foot or stock use; mechanized travel is prohibited.
- Cross-country recreational animal stock use is generally allowed in the monument and the Soda Mountain Wilderness. Group size limits apply.
- The total number of stock on day trips is restricted to six animals per group.
- The total number of stock on overnight trips is limited to four animals per group.
- Animals are not allowed to overnight within 200 feet of any water's edge, or in any wet areas. Camp on durable surfaces or existing campsites.
- Parties are required to pack out all trash.
- Whenever possible tether animals over bare ground, not over live vegetation. For overnight camping, use a highline stretched between two carefully selected trees.
- To prevent damage to roots and bark, animals should not be tied to live trees under 8" in diameter.
- Special Recreation Use Permits involving commercial stock use such as horses, llamas, or goats are not permitted.

Feed Restrictions

- Stock users are required to use weed free feed when on all BLM lands in Oregon. Stock users are encouraged to feed certified weed-free feed or hay 24 hours prior to entering the monument.
- Possession, use, or storage of any hay, straw, or mulch that has not been certified as free of prohibited noxious weed vegetative parts and or seeds at any time of the year is a prohibited act. This rule does not apply to possession or storage of commercially processed feed pellets.
- Users of hay, straw or mulch products on BLM lands will be required to show proof of certification or can be subject to a fine.
- Grazing is allowed by recreation saddle stock visiting the monument. Grazing conditions vary; carry pelletized feed where possible.

Wilderness and Research Natural Areas

- Equestrian activities inside Research Natural Areas (RNAs) are not allowed except by disabled persons.
- Camping is prohibited in RNAs.
- Possessing or using mechanized or motorized equipment such as generators, chain saws, wagons, carts, wheelbarrows, and bicycles is prohibited in the Soda Mountain Wilderness.



Camping

Developed camping facilities are available at the Hyatt Lake Recreation Area. The Hyatt Lake Recreation Area features the Horse Camp area with five sites on the east side of Hyatt Lake.

Dispersed backcountry camping is available in the monument with a maximum stay of 14 days during any 90 day period. Please use existing dispersed camp sites or camp in already disturbed areas. Traveling with motorized or mechanized vehicles cross-country to reach a campsite is prohibited.



Take care of yourself and your horse

- Anticipate unexpected weather conditions in the fall and spring.
- Always notify someone outside of your party where you are going and when you expect to return.
- Carry a map and a compass.
- Avoid riding during the wet season. The soils on many parts of the Pacific Crest Trail and in the monument are prone to post holing when the ground is soggy. This condition poses a potential risk of injuring your horse as well as damaging monument resources.
- Talk to your local Equestrian Association or BLM office about availability of water.
- Boundaries with private lands are not always clearly marked; please respect and avoid private property when exploring in the Monument.
- Fire restrictions prohibiting the use of campfires or other activities may be in place due to extreme fire danger. Contact the Oregon Department of Forestry for current fire regulations at 541-664-3328.



leave no trace

1. Plan ahead and prepare
2. Travel and camp on durable surfaces
3. Minimize campfire impacts
4. Respect wildlife
5. Be considerate of other visitors
6. Dispose of waste properly
7. Leave what you find

The Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics has partnerships with the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service, the U.S. Forest Service, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Together, the Center and these federal land management agencies work to educate all who visit and enjoy public lands about Leave No Trace, in order to minimize recreational impacts.

Soda Mountain Wilderness

In 2009 Congress set aside 24,100 of the monument's 61,408 acres as wilderness. The Soda Mountain Wilderness is located south of State Highway 66 and contains some of the monument's most rugged features. What does a wilderness designation mean? Essential to wilderness is limiting the impacts of our modern mechanized society while allowing for the most natural setting possible. Mechanized and motorized travel is prohibited in wilderness areas. Generators, chainsaws, and other mechanized equipment are prohibited in wilderness areas. As a result, wilderness areas are some of the quietest places you will visit.

Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument

Thank you for visiting Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument, a unit of BLM's National Conservation Lands (NCL). The monument was set aside on June 9, 2000 in recognition of its remarkable setting and biologic diversity. The monument is situated where the Klamath, Siskiyou, and Cascade Mountain ranges converge, setting the stage for a diverse range of plant and animal habitat. The NCL conserves some of the West's most spectacular landscapes. They feature exceptional opportunities for recreation, solitude, wildlife viewing and exploration, while also offering a wide range of traditional uses such as horseback riding, hunting and fishing.



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