



U.S. Department of the Interior
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Sand to Snow National Monument

Your Recreation Destination - Barstow Field Office - Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office





Overview

On February 12, 2016, the Sand to Snow National Monument was created by Presidential Proclamation by former President Barak Obama. The Monument encompasses 154,000 acres, and is co-managed by the U.S. Forest Service (71,000 acres), and BLM's Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office (73,461 acres) and BLM's Barstow Field Office (9,539 acres).

The Monument is an ecological and cultural treasure, and is one of the most biodiverse areas in southern California, supporting more than 240 species of birds and 12 threatened and endangered wildlife species. Its designation protects hundreds of sacred American Indian petroglyphs, archaeological, and cultural sites.

Sacred Heritage

The Serrano and Cahuilla Indian people lived at the base of San Geronio Mountain and considered it a sacred place. The Mountain provided food, medicinal plants, basket making material, deer and other animals to hunt. San Geronio Pass served as a major trade route from Arizona to the California coast.



Recreation

The 11,500-foot San Geronio Mountain rises sharply from the Sonoran Desert floor and is the highest peak in California south of the Sierra Nevada Mountain Range. The Monument includes 30 miles of the 2,600-mile Pacific Crest Trail, and visitors can enjoy, hiking, camping, backpacking, climbing, horseback riding, hunting, fishing, stargazing, mountain biking, photography, wildlife viewing, cross country skiing, and solitude. A series of preserves owned by the Wildlands Conservancy are managed for public access and serve as entry points from the north, south, and east of the Monument.

Camping

Campfire permits are required and may be restricted during fire season. Fire danger is extreme for most of the year. Campfire permits can be obtained online at www.preventwildfireca.org. To learn more about the do's and don'ts for dispersed camping please visit: www.blm.gov/camping.

Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Use

The Sand to Snow National Monument encompasses more than 100,000 acres of Congressionally designated wilderness and is closed to all motorized vehicles including off-highway vehicles, all-terrain vehicles, motorboats, motorized equipment, bicycles, motorcycles, hang gliders, wagons, carts, and portage

For More Information:

Contact the BLM Barstow Field Office at (760) 252-6000 or via the web at <https://www.blm.gov/office/barstow-field-office>; the BLM Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office at (760) 833-7100 or via the web at <https://www.blm.gov/office/palm-springs-south-coast-field-office>; or the U.S. Forest Service San Bernardino National Forest at (909) 382-2600 or via the web at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/visit/sand-to-snow-national-monument>.

