



Mexican Creek Wildlife Habitat Management Area

This area, eight miles west of Lander, was established in 1989 through a conservation easement. The land provides winter range for elk and mule deer. Mexican Creek provides visitors with a unique opportunity to view nature. Even a rare glimpse of a peregrine falcon is possible.

You will find sagebrush grasslands, grassy mountain meadows and conifer patches dotting the landscape. Besides elk using this area for winter range, some cow elk give birth to their calves here. Mule deer, moose, black bears and a few bighorn sheep also share this habitat. Ruffed grouse, cottontail rabbits, coyotes and many songbirds may also be observed.

Public access for recreation and hunting is provided from September 1 to December 31 each year. The area is closed January 1 to May 31 to prevent interference with wintering wildlife. Public access from June 1 to August 31 requires permission from the landowner.

Access is restricted to foot or horseback. Designated parking areas have been established in key locations. Look for directional signs in each parking area that will provide you with access information.

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