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Recent Rains Damage Roads at Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge

AMARGOSA VALLEY, Nev. – The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) is asking drivers to avoid using the roads on the Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge (Ash Meadows NWR). Recent rains left many of the roads in nearly impassable condition due to washouts and debris.

According to Ash Meadows NWR Manager Sharon McKelvey, there is substantial damage to the main roads traversing the wildlife refuge. "We strongly discourage drivers from taking these routes, especially if they don't have a four-wheel-drive vehicle. Anyone attempting to drive on the refuge does so at their own risk."



The roads leading to the various points of interest on the wildlife refuge are closed. The gates on each of those roads will remain closed and locked until the roads are cleared and deemed safe for travel. With more precipitation in the forecast this week, FWS cannot speculate as to when the roads will be dry enough for staff to repair them.

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Changes in road conditions on the Ash Meadows NWR will be announced and posted on the Internet at www.fws.gov/desertcomplex/ashmeadows/. Inquiries may also be directed to Ash Meadows staff at 775-372-5435.

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