

What is a National Conservation Area?

The West offers some of the most remarkable landscapes found on the public lands. Many of these places have received special recognition and protection through congressional or presidential conservation designations.



Snow Canyon State Park



National conservation areas (NCAs) are located on Bureau of Land Management lands and are designated by Congress to preserve these special places to conserve, protect, enhance, and manage these areas for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations.

The Bureau of Land Management's National Landscape Conservation System includes 16 NCAs in ten states, including the two newest in Washington County, Utah, Red Cliff National Conservation Area and Beaver Dam Wash National Conservation Areas.

Red Cliffs NCA

These lands feature exceptional scientific, cultural, ecological, historical, and recreational values. They differ tremendously in landscape and size, varying from the coastal beauty of California's 18-acre Piedras Blancas Light Station Outstanding Natural Area to the rugged desert vistas of Nevada's 1.2 million acre Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails NCA.



Red Mountain

