



BLACK ROCK DESERT  
HIGH ROCK CANYON  
EMIGRANT TRAILS



NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA

## SOLDIER MEADOWS

### Ranching Timeline: Solider Meadows

- 1869 - The first ranches were started at Soldier Meadows by Crocker, Clark, and Wimer. flexibility
- 1870s - Eliot Crutcher began acquiring lands in the Black Rock Desert region. This was the beginning of large corporate ranching in the area. He was working with his uncle Dr. Hugh Glenn.
- 1876 - Crocker sold his Soldier Meadows property to Crutcher.
- 1878 - Wimer sold his holdings at Soldier Meadows to Crutcher.
- 1883 - Crutcher bought 1,201.68 acres of land from Bartholmew Burke which included some of Soldier Meadows.
- 1883 - Dr. Glenn was murdered and his heirs decided that they wanted to sell off the Nevada ranch lands to the Miller ad Lux ranching empire.
- 1887 - Charles Lux passed away, but Miller continued on with the business and the Miller and Lux firm grew to be one of the largest corporate enterprises on the west coast.
- 1900 - Miller and Lux owned or had direct control of 51,920 acres in Winnemucca, Black Rock, and Quinn River.
- 1905 - Miller's ranches in Winnemucca and northern Nevada were transferred to the Pacific Livestock Company.
- 1926 - The Pacific Livestock Company began selling land to private owners. The Parman family was the first to purchase the Soldier Meadows Ranch, where they continued ranching on the land.
- 1937 - Solider Meadows was sold to George and Hattie Sweeney.
- 1943 - George Sweeney died and Soldier Meadows was sold to Clويد and Bernice Gray.
- 1946 - Soldier Meadows was sold to Ray and Fay Poole.
- 1947 - After Ray's death, Soldier Meadows was sold to Howard Douglas Bowles, who quitclaimed the property the same day to C.W. and Theodosia Fick.
- 1959 - The Ficks sold the ranch and it went through a rapid series of owners, ending with the Van Vlecks of California. Mr. Van Vleck was pilot and made an airfield at Soldier Meadows.
- 1970 - Van Vleck sold the ranch to Baer Ranch.
- 1975 - Baer Ranch sold Soldier Meadows Ranch to H. Roger Lawler.
- 1977 - After Lawler's death, the Earp family, relations of Wyatt Earp, acquired Soldier Meadows.
- 1990 - R.C. Roberts acquired Soldier Meadows and opened a guest ranch.
- 1997 - Ranch was sold to the Estill family who continues to raise cattle (1,200 head) and run the guest ranch.
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All information gathered from: *Historic Context for the Soldier Meadows Basin*, by Dave Valentine.

