



Policies for Collecting and Protection of IMRS Resources

- Collection and preservation of biological materials are permitted for approved research and educational activities.
- Most species are protected by state and federal laws, requiring proper permits for collection.
- Collecting specimens could jeopardize ongoing studies on local flora and fauna.
- Submit a proposal to the IMRS director before any collection is permitted.
- Report unusual records to the director.

Protection of IMRS Resources

- The IMRS director must approve all research and educational projects to minimize environmental impact and avoid conflicts with ongoing programs.
- Indiscriminate collection of plant, animal, mineral, fossil, and cultural material is prohibited unless part of an approved project.
- Return all turned rocks, downed wood, and other natural objects to their original positions.
- Remove all temporary pit-fall traps and flagging upon project completion.
- Personnel involved in long-term pit-fall trapping must close traps when leaving IMRS for more than one day.
- Prohibited actions include using enduring markers (e.g., spray paint), digging large holes for plant/animal material, and prying apart boulders.
- Open campfires are only allowed in specified firepits, and firewood must be brought in; native fuels are not permitted.
- Remove all trash off-site; community dumpsters are available in Van Horn.
- State or federal permits are required for working with most organisms, and all applicable laws must be followed.
- Camping within 500 feet of wildlife watering holes (e.g., Echo Spring) is prohibited.
- Remove all traces of activity, including flags, tags, and surplus equipment, upon study completion.
- Commercial use or activities are not allowed.