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The ground above him collapsed, and the man succumbed to his injuries.

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Sean Derby is the Abandoned Mine Lands Program chief for the division. Another danger to consider with hot springs is that some may put off chemical fumes that can make you lose consciousness. Techatticup Mine and its corresponding ghost town, just south of Las Vegas, make for a fun Nevada road trip.

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. Desert explorer Adam Sousa stands near the entrance to an abandoned mine, the location of which This Is Reno will not reveal.

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Image: Jeri Chadwell Unfortunately, the most recent death happened on Wednesday near the old mining operation and ghost town of Olinghouse northeast of Reno. More than a hole in the ground The short and long of it is, stay out of abandoned mines if you want to stay alive. For comparison, the average temperature for home hot tubs is 104° F.

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Bring two spare tires, along with tools, and know how to change them. Some will just suffocate you.

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It can also kill people that way. However, abandoned mines in Nevada can expose you to a variety of damp.

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You can view a video further explaining the dangers of abandoned mines. Not all forms of damp are found in all mines.

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Dogs have cannonballed into springs and been scalded to death.

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