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San Rafael Swell Recreation Area Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2024

Castle Dale, Utah

Meeting Attendees:

- **San Rafael Swell Recreation Area Advisory Council (Council) members:** Rod Player, Kent Wilson, Keven Jensen, Sue Bellagamba, Leon McElprang
- **BLM employees:** Clara Kimber, Bayley Wilmoth, Bridget Murray, Stephanie Howard, J.D. Mallory, Jaydon Mead, Dana Truman, Kyle Beagley, Elijah Waters, Molly Hocanson, Jeremy Dyer, Daniel Kauffman (Zoom)
- **Members of the public:** Judy Brawer (SUWA), Ray Bloxham (SUWA), Joel Brown (Senator Lee), Larry Ellertson (Congressman Curtis), Clay Crozier (PLPCO), Michael Fredricks, Jim Jennings, Derrick Allred, J.D. Ponser, Patrick McKay

Welcome and Introductions

Designated Federal Officer, Green River District Manager Elijah Waters (Acting) and Chairman Kent Wilson

- Technical Assistance Announcement (Jeremy Dyer)
- Overview of Agenda (Kent Wilson)

Overview of Field Trip

Designated Federal Officer, Green River District Manager Elijah Waters (Acting)

- Purpose of revisiting: Give the Council members time to provide comments or feedback post overnight reflection.

- Field trip stops and discussions:
 - Buckhorn Draw- Special Recreation Permit (SRP)s being supported at a general level.
 - Calf Canyon- wilderness and access, camping/ climbing
 - I-70 Interpretive Signs- Good public feed back on signage was received.
 - Temple Mountain- Camping and success of parking improvements
- Questions
 - Is there not blanket BLM management for special recreation rules?
 - There are certain management activities that are blanket and some that are site specific.
 - Can the BLM work with other agencies at peak times to improve law enforcement efforts?
 - There was discussion around this question with general agreement that it may be a good idea.
 - Can BLM work with Emery County for enforcement?
 - BLM has a contract with the Sheriff's office for this purpose.
- General Notes
 - Council support of signage and history conveyed and Temple Mountain improvements.
 - Respect conveyed for understanding the gravity of the BLM's task.
 - Council wants- more signage, information on wildlife and plant habitats.
 - Council concerns with Travel Management Plan (TMP) because the Dingell Act says no new roads can be built in the Recreation Area and population growth is expected in the future.
 - BLM requested feedback from the council about where dispersed camping will be allowed and how new dispersed camping will be defined
 - SRSRAAC general concerns- social and resource carrying capacities, parking/ camping at corrals.

San Rafael Swell Recreation Area Program updates

BLM, Jaydon Mead and Dana Truman

Please see attached presentation.

- Visitor use
 - Trends
 - SRPs
- Campgrounds
 - Current Facility Use
- Plans for 2024
 - Deferred Maintenance and Grants
 - Interpretation
- Wilderness Boundary Clarifications and effects to Recreation Area boundaries
- Equipment Changes
- Campgrounds
 - Revenues and Expenses
 - Stay Lengths
 - Improvements since August 2023

- Planned Improvements
 - Priority to Maintain and Manage Existing Facilities
- Dispersed Camping
- Accomplishments
- Questions
 - Where do folks come through to go to Cleveland-Lloyd Dinosaur Quarry?
 - Huntington
 - Council concerns with added visitation.
 - Can you define dispersed?
 - All camping beyond fee sites. The Price Field Office Resource Management Plan (RMP) leaves this very open.
 - Is there enforcement messaging on kiosks?
 - BLM has positive messaging of best practices on kiosks.
 - Are there plans to get policy in place to allow law enforcement to cite people for not following the use areas?
 - Yes, but there is no timeline at the moment.
 - Are we maintaining the health of the desert?
 - The big picture answer is yes, but it varies based on location.

Price Field Office Resource Management Plan Amendment- San Rafael Swell Recreation Area

BLM, Molly Hocanson

Please see attached presentation.

- Current Status
- Alternatives Development
- Potential Alternatives
 - San Rafael Swell Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA)
 - Recreation Management Zones (RMZ)
 - Comparison of RMP and Dingell Act
- Questions about alternatives for discussion and other possible alternatives
- Questions
 - How does fuel wood guidance within the RMZs work?
 - You have to bring your own fuel wood in.
 - What's the intent behind making people bring in wood?
 - The intent could have been a couple of things 1) to protect the site from cutting or 2) there may not be wood in some areas.

- Can you clarify timeframes?
 - BLM wants to be in alternative development by the end of the calendar year.
 - Request from Council for the BLM to narrow alternatives to 2-4 and then come back for discussion.
- Council wants: Communication on supplementary rules.

San Rafael Swell Travel Management Plan Update

BLM, Jaydon Mead and Dan Kauffman

Please see presentation attached.

- Purpose and Need and Definitions
- Why is BLM doing a Travel Management Plan?
 - RMP
 - 2017 Settlement
- Background
- Past Schedule Highlights
- 2024 Schedule Highlights
- Preliminary Alternatives
 - Closing a lot of County D roads but the closures often have alternative routes and have been abandoned.
- Summary before jumping into Swell Specifics
- Recreation Area Specifics
- Dingell Act Land Exchange and TMP Complications
- Interactive Maps
- Questions:
 - What is an e-bike in TMP?
 - Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV)s include e-bikes because they have motors. Mountain bike trail restrictions would match Goodwater Rim Trail.

Public Comment Process

Designated Federal Officer, Green River District Manager Elijah Waters (Acting)

- The public is addressing the Council not the BLM. During this time, the council is looking for specific, constructive comments that are backed by data.

Public Comment Period

- Patrick McKay: TMP concerns
 - Maps do not show inventory closed routes though they would like to see all routes.
 - Maps do not distinguish County B and D roads.
 - Paved roads, specifically 100 miles of Interstate-70, are included in the analysis creating an artificial inflation of inventories.
- Michael Fredricks wants the Council to make a recommendation for climbing to be a historical use and implement rules for replacement of old climbing anchors.
- Jim Jennings clarified that the Victor Johnson (VJ) Trail was discussed earlier in the interactive map portion of the day.
- Larry Ellertson read Congressional letter records from Senator Romney and Congressman Curtis.
 - Never take away any use from existing use.
 - Clerical errors should be resolved.
 - Preservation of cherry stemmed roads.
 - Prevention of designation of National Monument status.
- Judy Brawer would like for the discussions of wildlife mentioned in the Overview of the Field Trip section to come to fruition. They also notified the Council that they would be lodging a complaint with the Department of the Interior for interactions with the Council that occurred on March 6, 2024.
- Clay Crozier hopes that the Council will follow the intention of Congress. The State will be supporting Travel Management Plan Alternative D. They encourage the Council to evaluate rationale for removal of duplicative routes.

Council Discussion

Advisory Council

- **TMP Road Closures**
 - Questions
 - Does BLM work with groups that are not Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance?
 - Yes, many.
 - Council wants: Explanation of any policy the BLM is required to consider.
 - A unanimous **resolution** was reached for the recommending three things to the BLM:
 - Honor the intent of the Dingell Act and the two Congressional letters from Senator Romney and Congressman Curtis.
 - Honor the future court decisions regarding RS-2477 routes.
 - Develop a well balanced TMP that opens more miles of routes but closes routes with resource issues.
- **Cow and Calf Canyon**
 - Questions
 - Can a BLM solicitor further research the intent within the Dingell Act?

- Next meeting discussion topic post additional details.
- **Council wants for next meeting**
 - Presentation on supplemental BLM rules
 - Dingell Act Intent
 - Definition of dispersed camping and zones for what it may look like
 - What is the recommendation for multi-use management and TMP?
 - Overlaying of different uses in different presentations
 - What are the cumulative effects?
 - Gathering of fuel wood
 - Field Trip with a focus on dispersed camping, grazing corral/ stock pond uses.
 - How many dispersed campsites?

Rod Player



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San Rafael Swell Recreation Area Advisory Council Meeting Agenda

March 06, 2024

Castle Valley Special Service District Building

20 South 100 East

Castle Dale, Utah

March 6 – Field Visit

Time	Topic	Presenter
9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Welcome and overview of San Rafael Swell Recreation Area Purpose: Discussion of BLM management of public lands including Areas of Critical Environmental Concern, Special Recreation Management Area, recreation facilities, grazing, etc. Focusing on options for management of camping at tour locations.	San Rafael Swell Recreation Area Advisory Council Chair, <i>Kent Wilson</i> Green River District Manager (Acting) BLM, <i>Elijah Waters</i>



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Castle Valley Special Service District Building
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March 7 –Public Meeting

Time	Topic	Presenter
8:30 a.m.	Welcome and introductions Review Agenda	Green River District Manager (Acting), <i>Elijah Waters</i> Council Chair, <i>Kent Wilson</i>
8:45 a.m.	Overview of Field Trip Purpose: A review of the field trip and to answer any questions regarding from the Council	BLM- <i>Elijah Waters</i>
9 a.m.	San Rafael Swell Recreation Area Program updates Purpose: To provide information on visitor use and trends in visitation, SRPS and campgrounds use. Review the accomplishments of 2023 and the plans for 2024 including interpretation sign development and wilderness boundary management.	BLM- <i>Jaydon Mead</i> and <i>Dana Truman</i>
10 a.m.	Price Field Office RMP Plan Amendment -- San Rafael Swell Recreation Area Purpose: Inform the Council of alternative development	BLM- <i>Molly Hocanson</i>
10:20 a.m.	Break	
10:35 a.m.	San Rafael Swell Travel Management Plan Update Purpose: Share the alternatives of the TMP within the SRSRA Understanding the areas of focus for the Council	BLM- <i>Jaydon Mead</i> and <i>Dan Kauffman</i>



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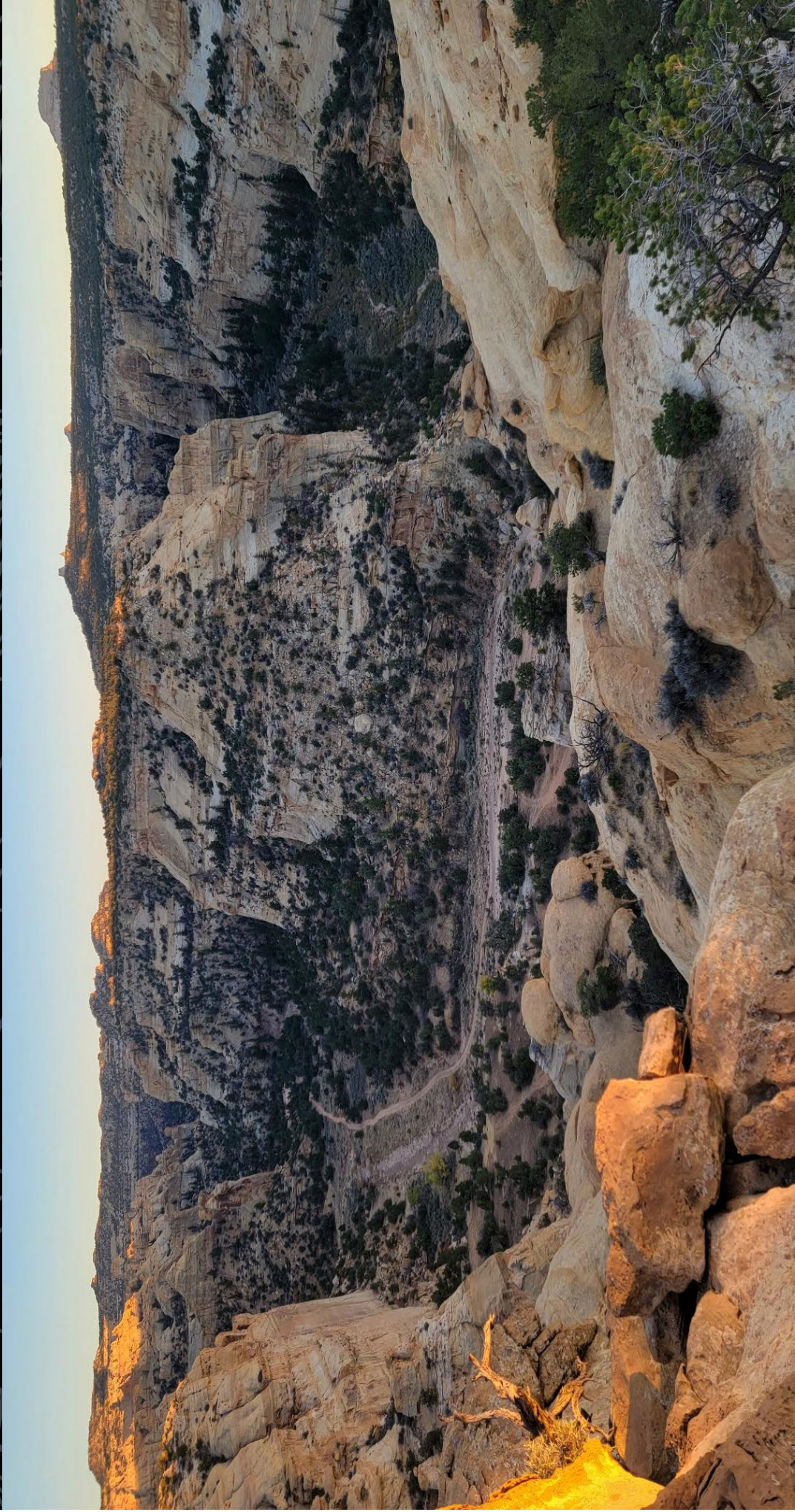
11:20 a.m.	Public Comment Process	Acting Green River District, <i>Elijah Waters</i>
11:30 a.m.	Public Comment	
12 p.m.	Advisory Council review, discuss and consider recommendations, next meeting dates Purpose: Advisory Council to formalize recommendations to the BLM	Advisory Council
12:30 p.m.	Adjourn	



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Recreation Area Highlights

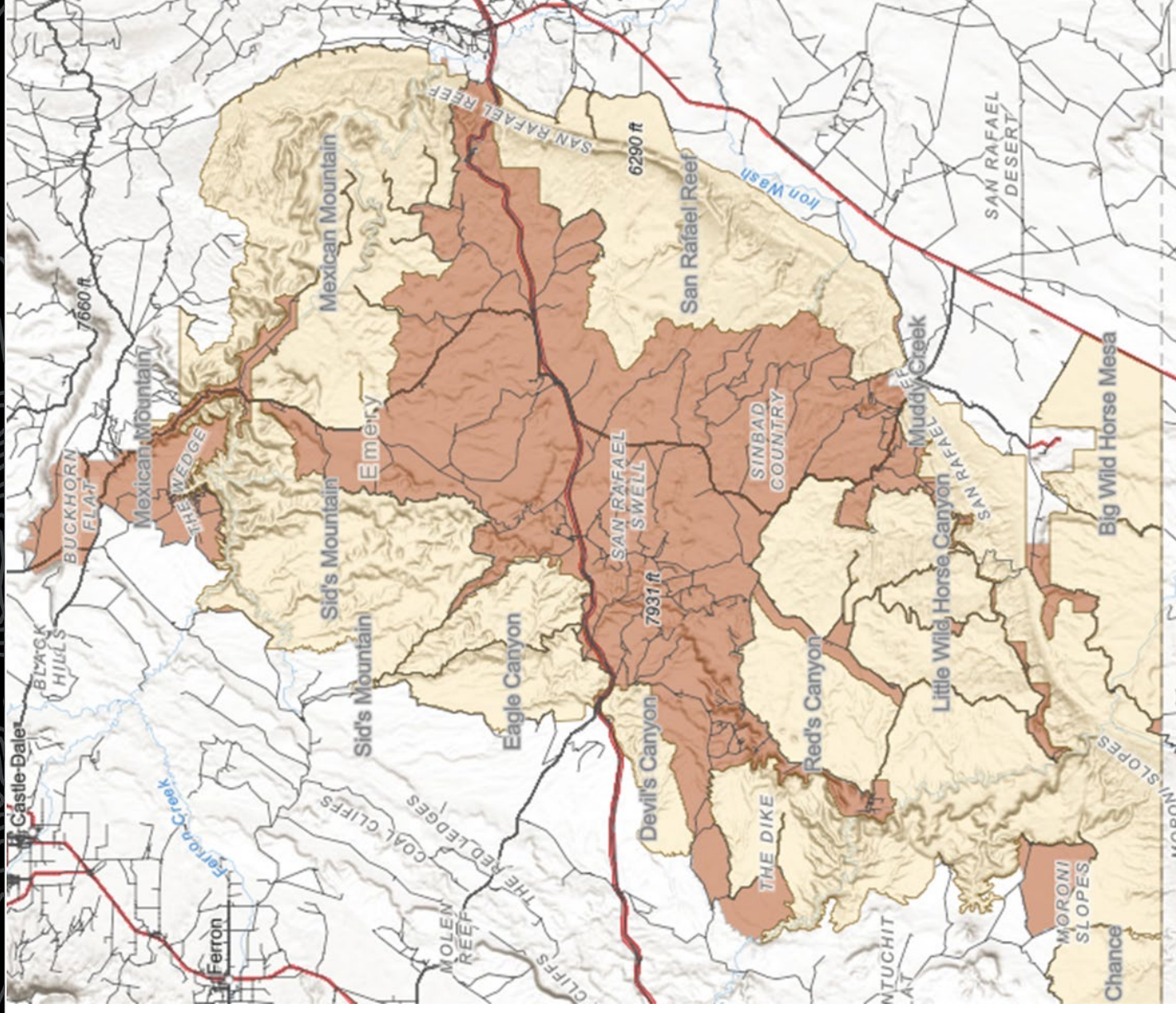
Presented by: Jaydon Mead and Dana Truman





Outline

1. Visitor Use
 - Trends – RMP to NOW
 - SRPS
2. Campgrounds –
 - Current facilities/ Use
3. Accomplishments
4. Plans for 2024
 - Deferred maintenance, and grants
 - Interpretation
5. Wilderness boundary Clarification
6. Field Trip questions





Visitor Use-- 2008-Now

Visitation to the San Rafael Swell is steady and changing

Within the Price Field Office, how do we estimate the use?

Observation

Traffic counters

Visitation logs

Estimates

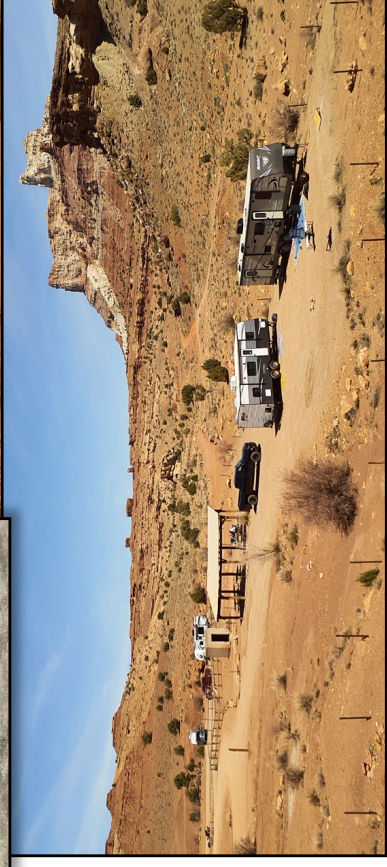
1999 - 1.5 million visitors (old methods)

2001 - 617,000 visitors

2023 - 666,700 visitors (using more data)

Type of use is changing

What do we need for today and the future?



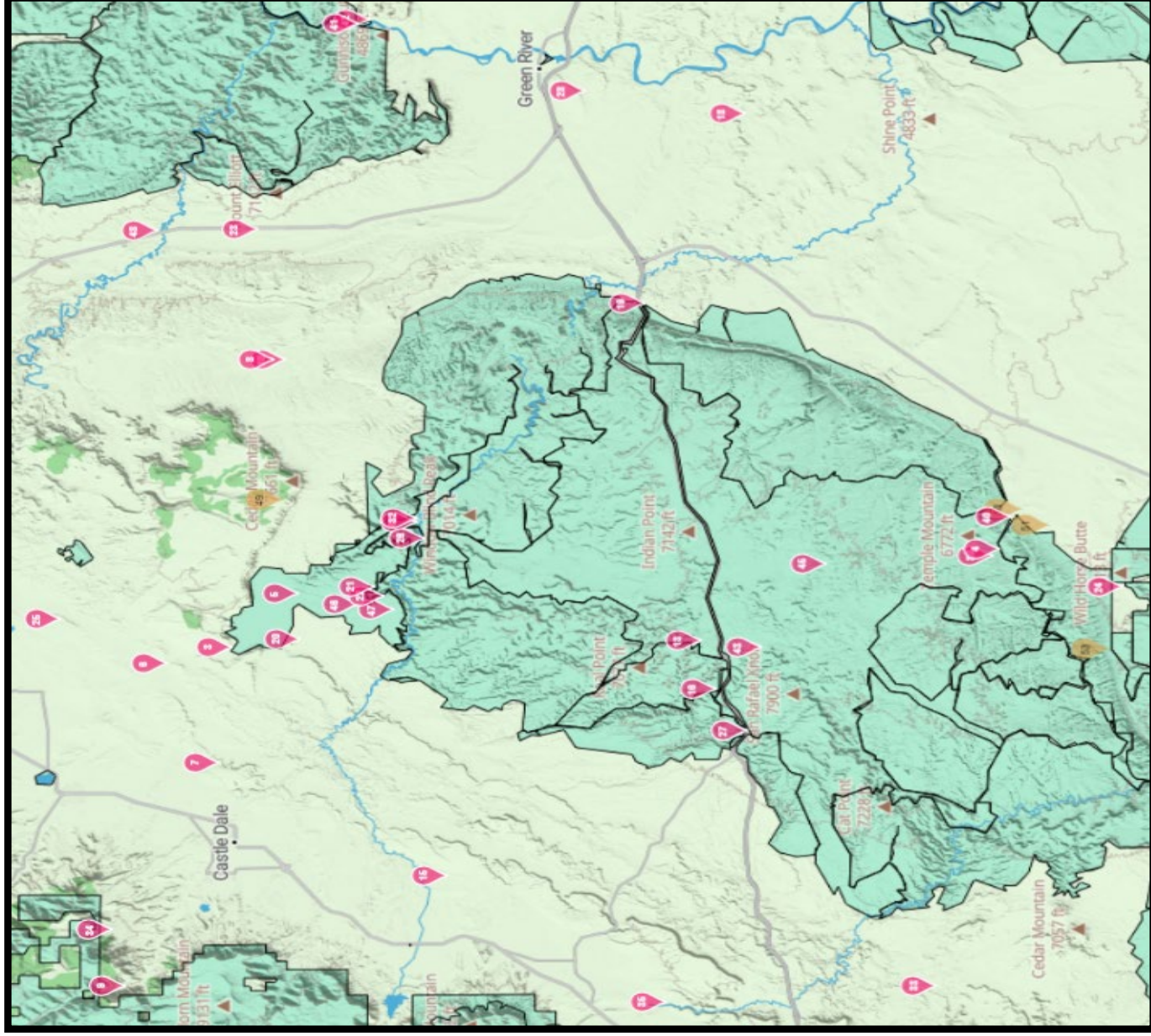


Visitor Use

10 trail counters installed in partnership with Emery County!

- Green River Cut Off Road (Castle Dale)
- Green River Cut Off Road (Hwy 6)
- Dutch Flat Road (Ferron)
- Buckhorn Res. (Huntington/Cleveland)
- Fullers Bottom
- Mussentuchit
- Lower San Rafael Road (SRD)
- Good Water Rim Trail (East)
- Rochester Rock Art Panel
- Cane Wash

These will help us better understand how people are accessing the San Rafael Swell and give us better visitor use trends down the road.



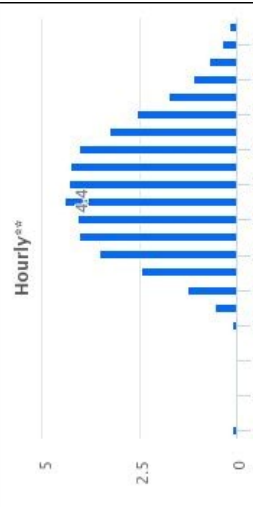
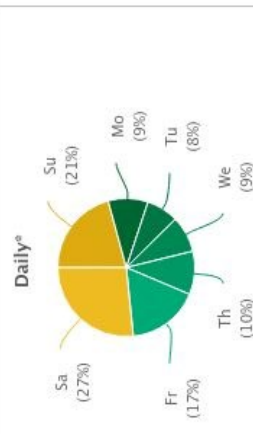
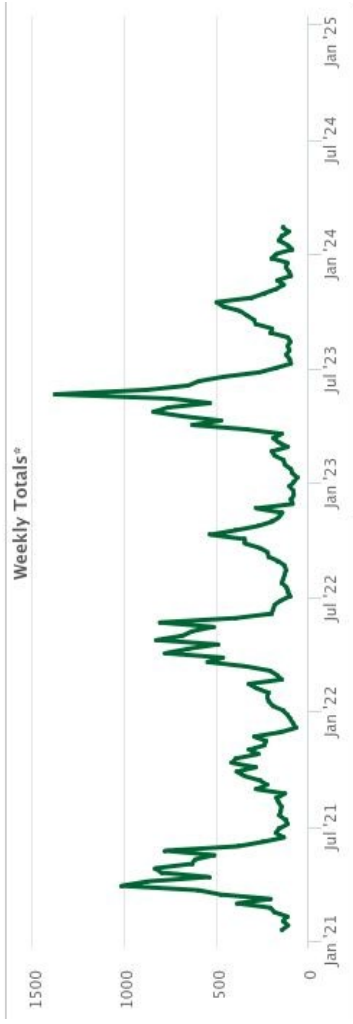


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Visitation Trends - Traffic Counter Data

Buckhorn Draw

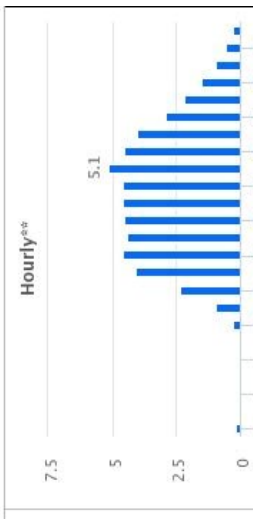
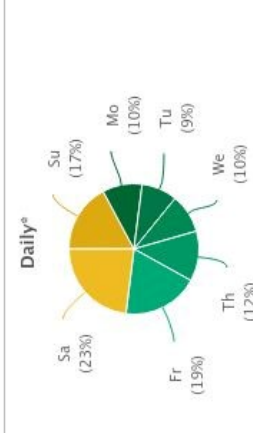
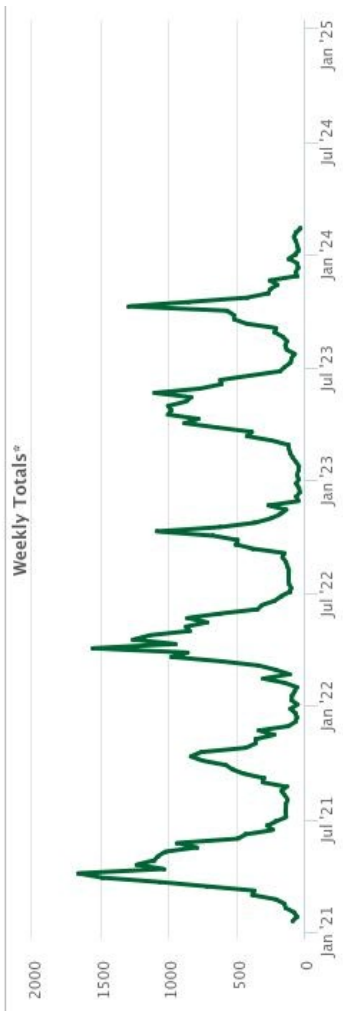
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Divide 2 (Yes)



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South Temple Wash

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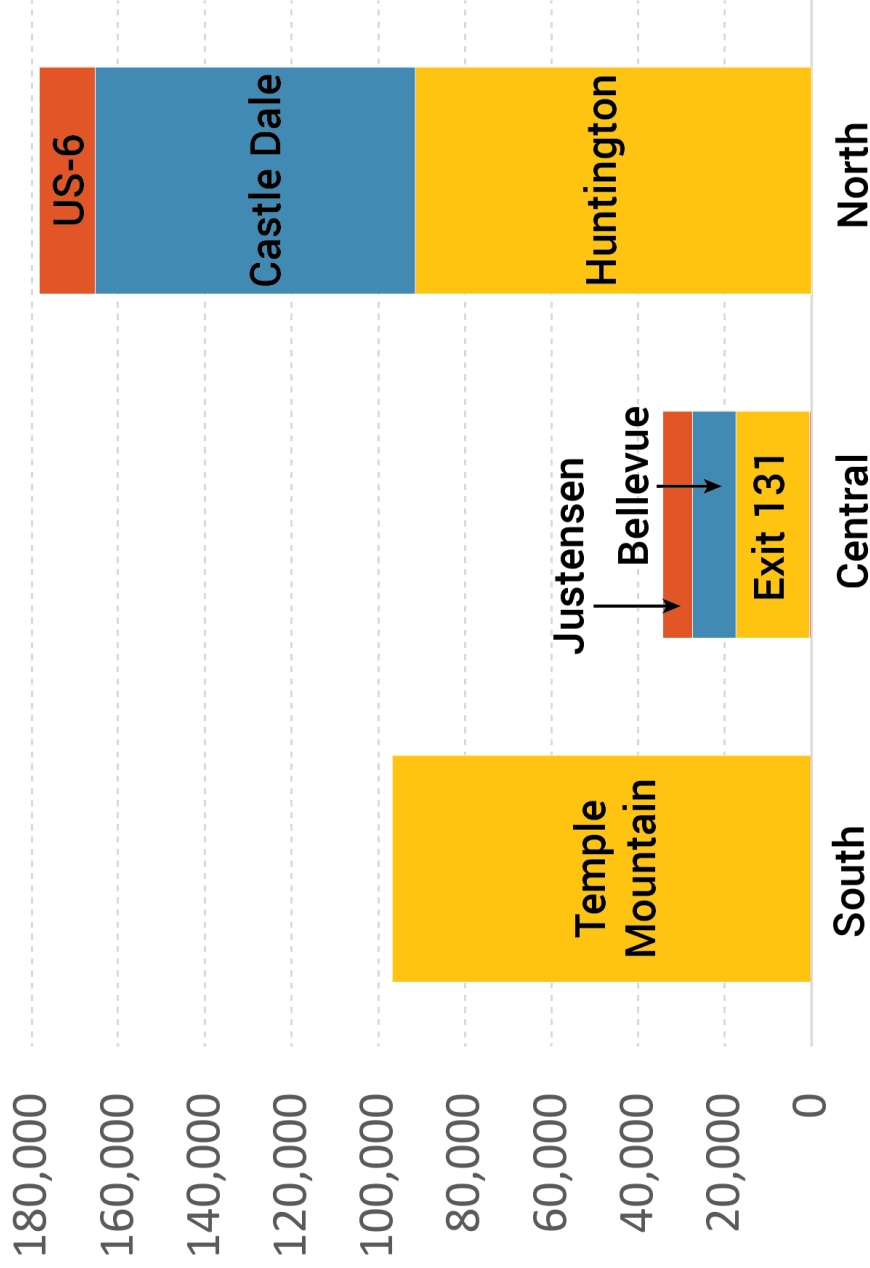
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Equipment Trends



What do we need to plan for in the future???

Visitor Use Summary 2023

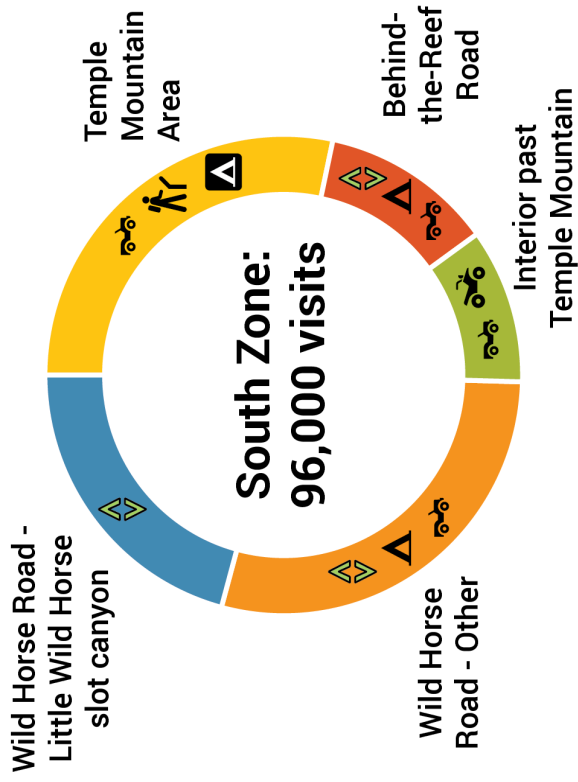
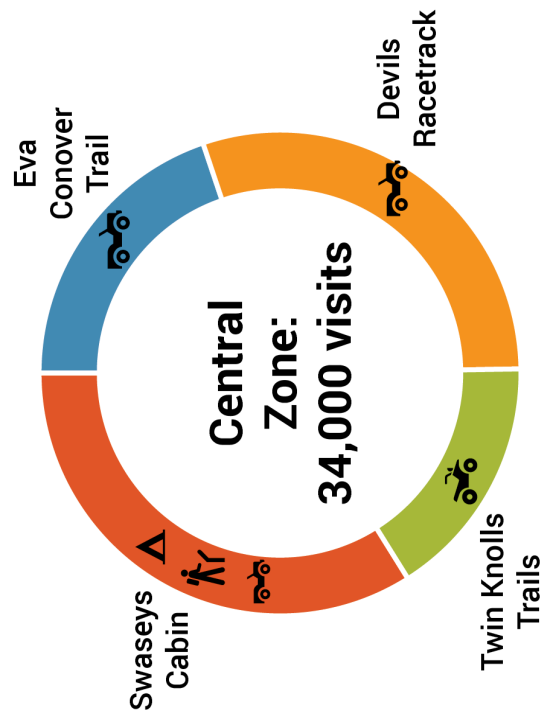
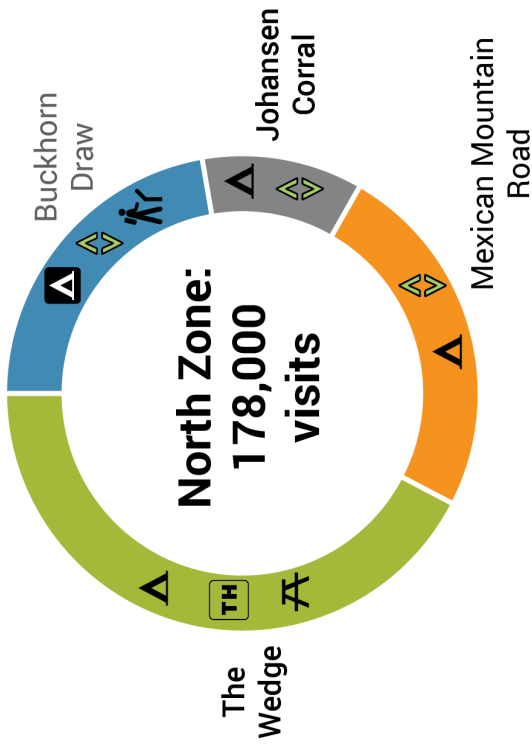


Most visited:

1. The Wedge Canyon and surrounding area
2. Little Wild Horse Canyon
3. Mexican Mountain Road/Buckhorn Draw

Most popular sites and activities by zone

- Off-roading
- Dirt biking
- Dispersed camping
- Developed camping
- Visiting interpretive sites
- Casual day use
- Hiking/mountain biking (non-wilderness)
- Wilderness





Special Recreation Permit trends – office wide

- 2008 RMP
- 66 SRPs
 - 4 Competitive Events
 - Approximately - \$ 70,000

- Today 2023
- 85 SRPs – 11 are just OHV led tours.
 - 1 Competitive Event
 - Approximately - \$ 86,000

User days on BLM - 6,023





Commercial Use Update – 82 active Commercial permits

19 had more than 10 day

Elements - 1,988 User Days (Wilderness Therapy)

Utah Valley University - 105 User Days

Snow College - 101 User Days (adventure/educational)

Breckenridge Outdoor School - 95 User Days (Float Muddy Cr)

Colorado Rocky Mountain School - 77 User Days (Camping & Rock Climbin

Emery County OHV Jamboree - 68 User Days (Guided OHV rides)

Venture Off - 68 User Days (Canyoneering)

Moab Cliffs and Canyons - 66 User Days (canyoneering)

MECCA - 58 user Days (Bike Tours)

Wyoming Catholic College - 45 User Days (Hiking)

TS Mules - 42 User Days (Mule/Horse training)

Blue Sky Adventures - 36 User Days (4wd Tours)

Book Clif Muzzleloaders - 32 User Days (Shooting)

Lizard Head Cycling Guides - 30 User Days (Bike Tour)

Canyonlands Field Institute - 28 User Days (cultural tours)

Moab Canyon Tours - 25 User Days (canyoneering)

Hermosa Tours - 18 User Days (Bike Tour)

Watermelon Crawl

Dirt bike Rally

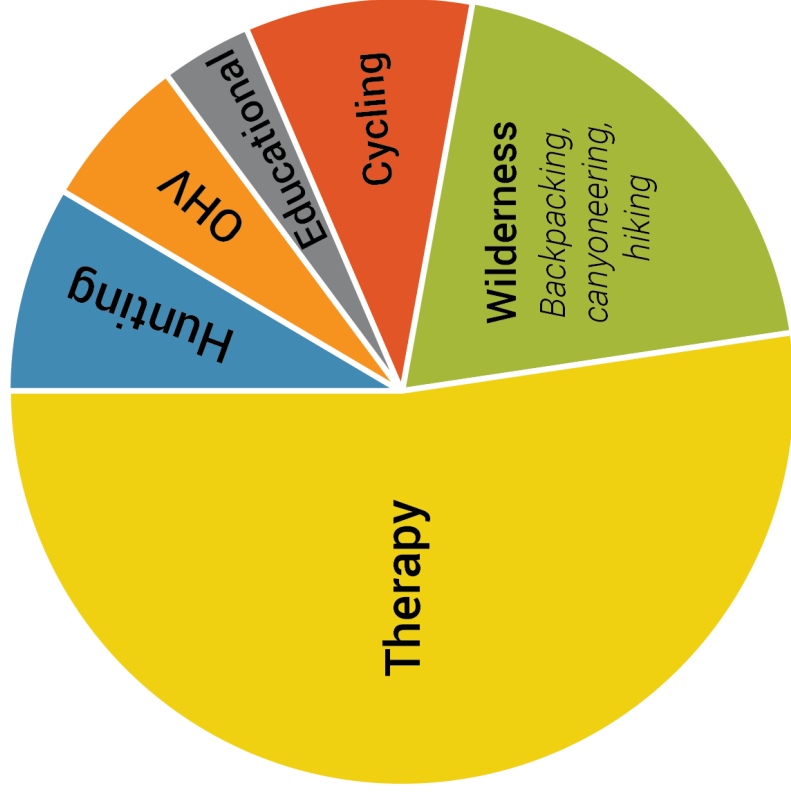


Other Fund Sources

Utah Division of Outdoor Recreation Grant: \$48,245; \$35,000 for Justensen Flat improvements

Special Recreation Permits:

- BLM revenue from SRSRA activities (3%, prorated for time on Price BLM land; \$7/person/day for organized groups): ~\$18,000
- Largest shares: Wilderness activities, OHV tours and events, mountain biking tours



Commercial Operator Gross Earnings: ~\$400,000*

Receipts include many local economic contributions: travel, lodging, rentals, employee compensation, and more

*SRSRA plus wilderness accessed by SRSRA



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Events planned in the Swell Rec Area in 2024:

UTV Watermelon Crawl - March

Green River Dirt Bike Rally - April

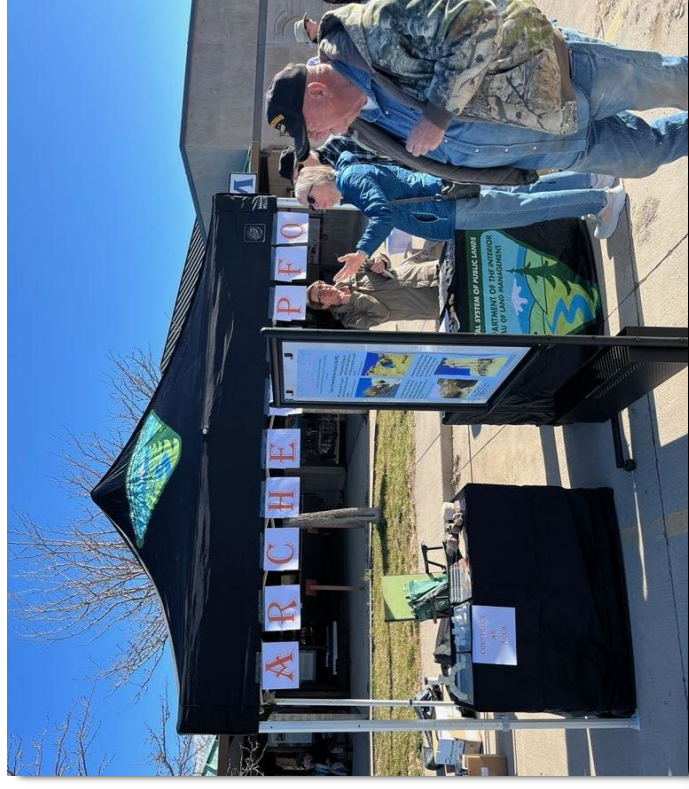
Green River Rock Festival - April

Swell OHV Jamboree - April

Bike the Swell Festival – April

Easter Jeep Safari - April

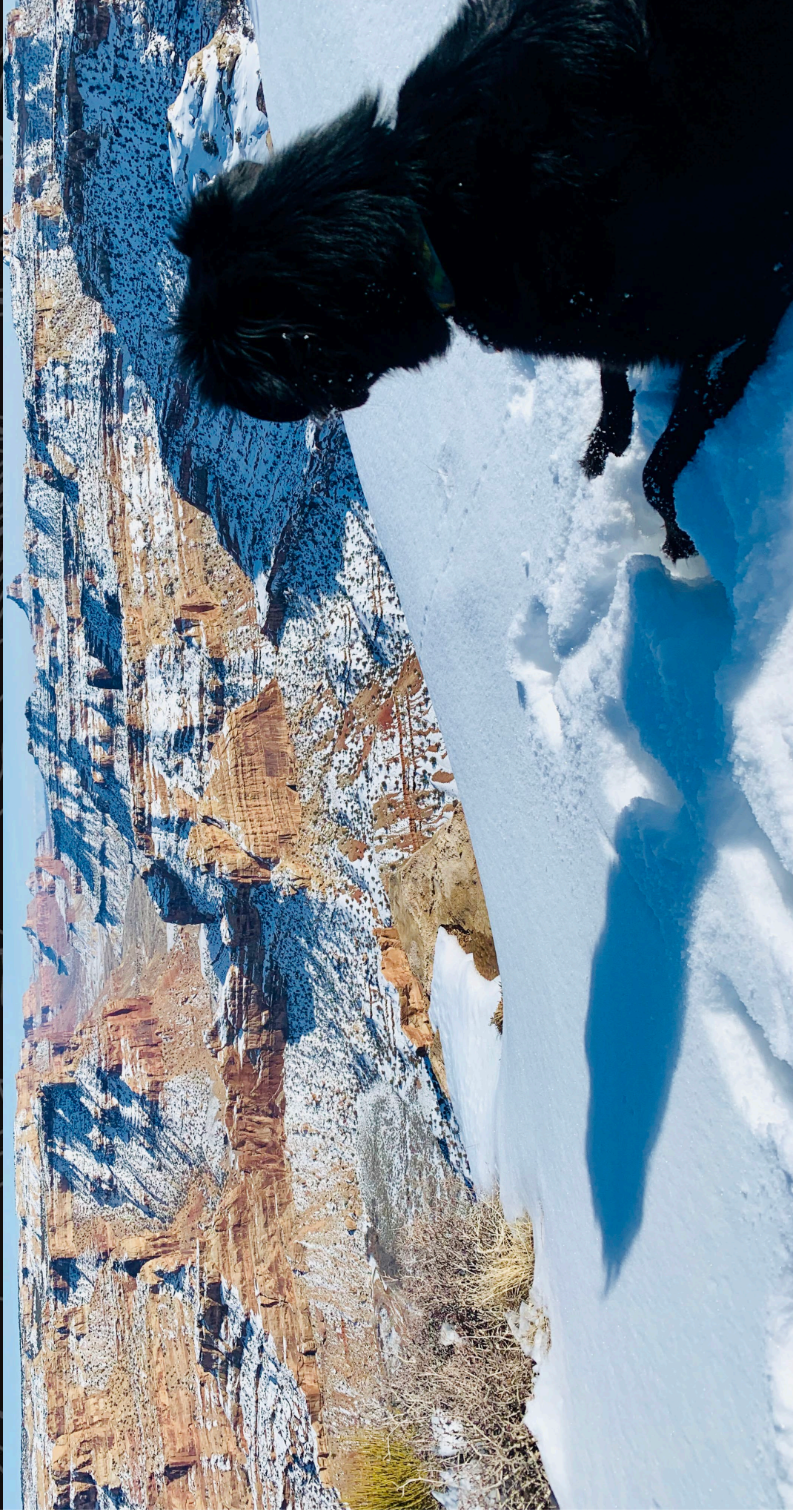
Buckhorn Muzzleloader Rendezvous - May





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San Rafael Swell Recreation Area RMP Amendment Alternatives Development





Where we are in the process

Documents

- RMP Review (Complete)
- Scoping Report (Complete)
- Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) Evaluation (In final edits by BLM)
- Analysis of the Management Situation (In final edits by contractor)
- Recreation Management Areas Evaluation (At BLM for review)
- Draft RMP Amendment
- Proposed RMP Amendment
- Decision Record

Amendment Steps

1. Public Scoping (Complete)
 2. **Formulate Alternatives**
 3. Analyze Effects
 4. Provide a 30-day public comment period on the Draft EA
1. Update EA and respond to comments
 2. Protest Period (30 days)
 3. Governor's consistency review (60 days)



Alternatives Development

Alternatives will be formulated using:

- Scoping comments
- Analysis of the Management Situation
- ACEC evaluation
- Recreation Management Area evaluation
- RAAC input

These will help BLM understand current conditions and trends of the resources and the uses/activities that will relate to potential decisions in the plan amendment.



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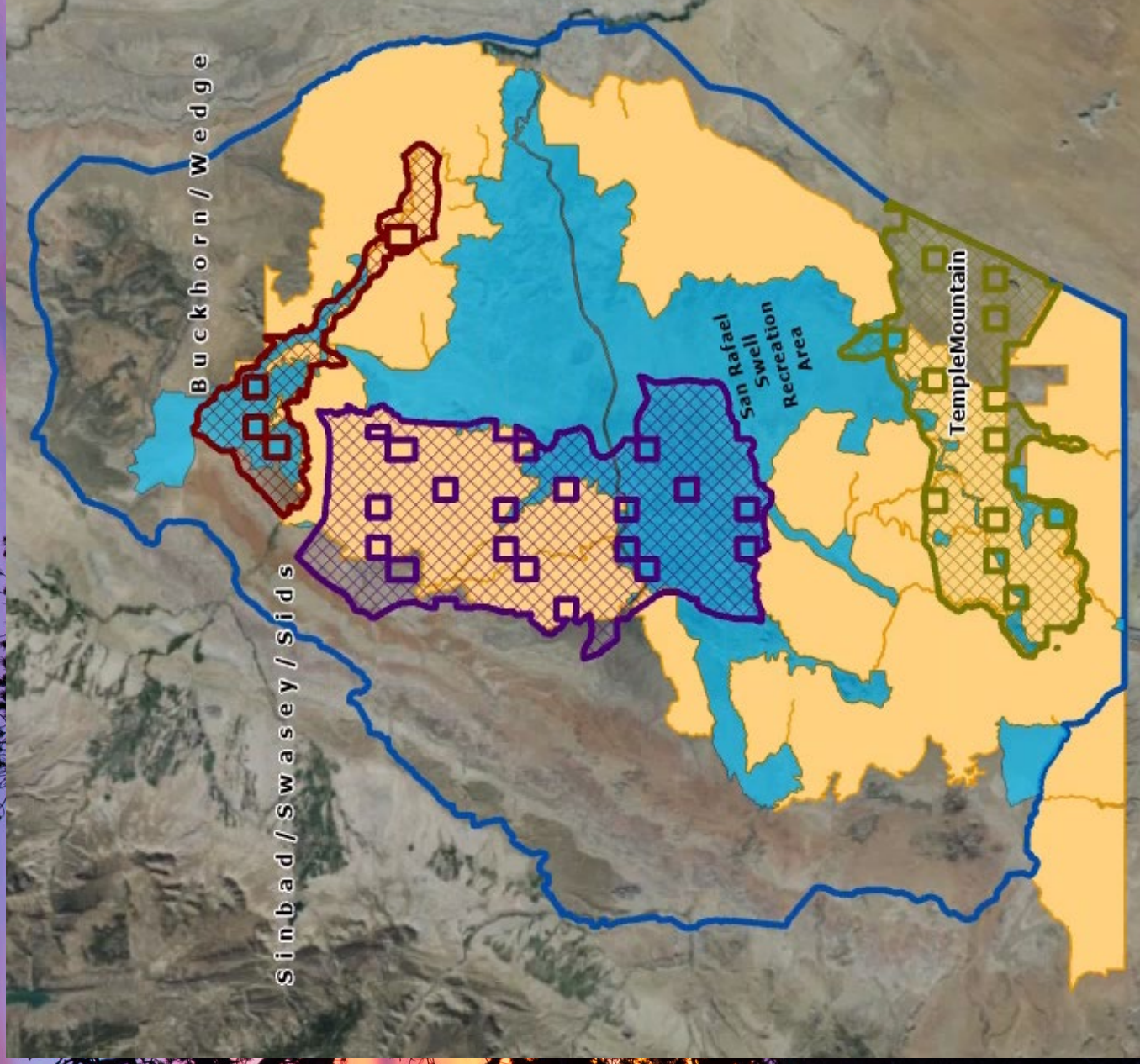
Potential Alternatives in the Recreation Area

Retain, remove or modify
Special Recreation Management Area
(SRMA) and
Recreation Management Zones
(RMZ)s



SRS Recreation Area overlapping SRMA/RMZs

- San Rafael Swell SRMA
 - Buckhorn, The Wedge, Mexican Mountain RMZ
 - Head of Sinbad, Swaseys Cabin, Sids Mountain RMZ
 - Temple Mountain, Little Wild Horse, Behind the Reef RMZ





Dingell Act and SRMA/RMZs from RMP Comparison

Dingell Act – SRS Recreation Area	PFO RMP SRMA/RMZs Management
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Protect, conserve and enhance recreational, cultural, natural, scenic, wildlife, historical, and educational</u> resources. • No new permanent or temporary roads...shall be constructed. • Motorized vehicles...shall be permitted only on [designated] roads . • Grazing of livestock if established before the Act...shall be allowed to continue. • Withdrawn from the public land laws. • Withdrawn from the mining laws and the leasing laws. • Educate the public about Cold War and historic uranium mine sites. 	<p><u>SRMA</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct all recreation management activities and developments in the SRMA in support of the individual SRMA goals and objectives. <p><u>RMZs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At sites accessed by motor vehicles, visitors will be required to provide their own fuel-wood. • Gathering wood from standing trees, live or dead, will be prohibited. • At sites accessed by motor vehicles, campers without a BLM-provided fire grill will be required to use a fire pan. • Portable toilets will be required at designated campsites that do not have toilet facilities. • Vehicle camping will be allowed only in developed and designated sites.



Comparison continued...

Dingell Act – SRS Recreation Area purposes

- ***Protect, conserve and enhance recreational, cultural, natural, scenic, wildlife, historical, and educational*** resources.
- **Educate** the public about **Cold War** and **historic uranium** mine sites.

PFO RMP SRMA/RMZs Provide...

Offers visitors the chance to experience:

- Remote, expansive, intact **landscapes** with little interaction and few restrictions.
- **Scenery** dominated by the **geology** of the Swell and **paleontological** sites.
- **Heritage** tourism of **cultural** sites and rock art.
- Remnants of **settlements, bootlegging, and the outlaw era.**
- **Historic mining** artifacts and **uranium** mining sites related to the development of nuclear weapons and the **Cold War.**

Are any of the Primary Activities of the SRMA or RMZs incompatible with the Recreation Area?

Driving for pleasure, ATV trail riding, dispersed camping, rock art and cultural site viewing/visitation, heritage tourism, Backcountry hiking and backpacking , canyoneering, horseback riding, wilderness therapy/education, scenic overlooks, river-running

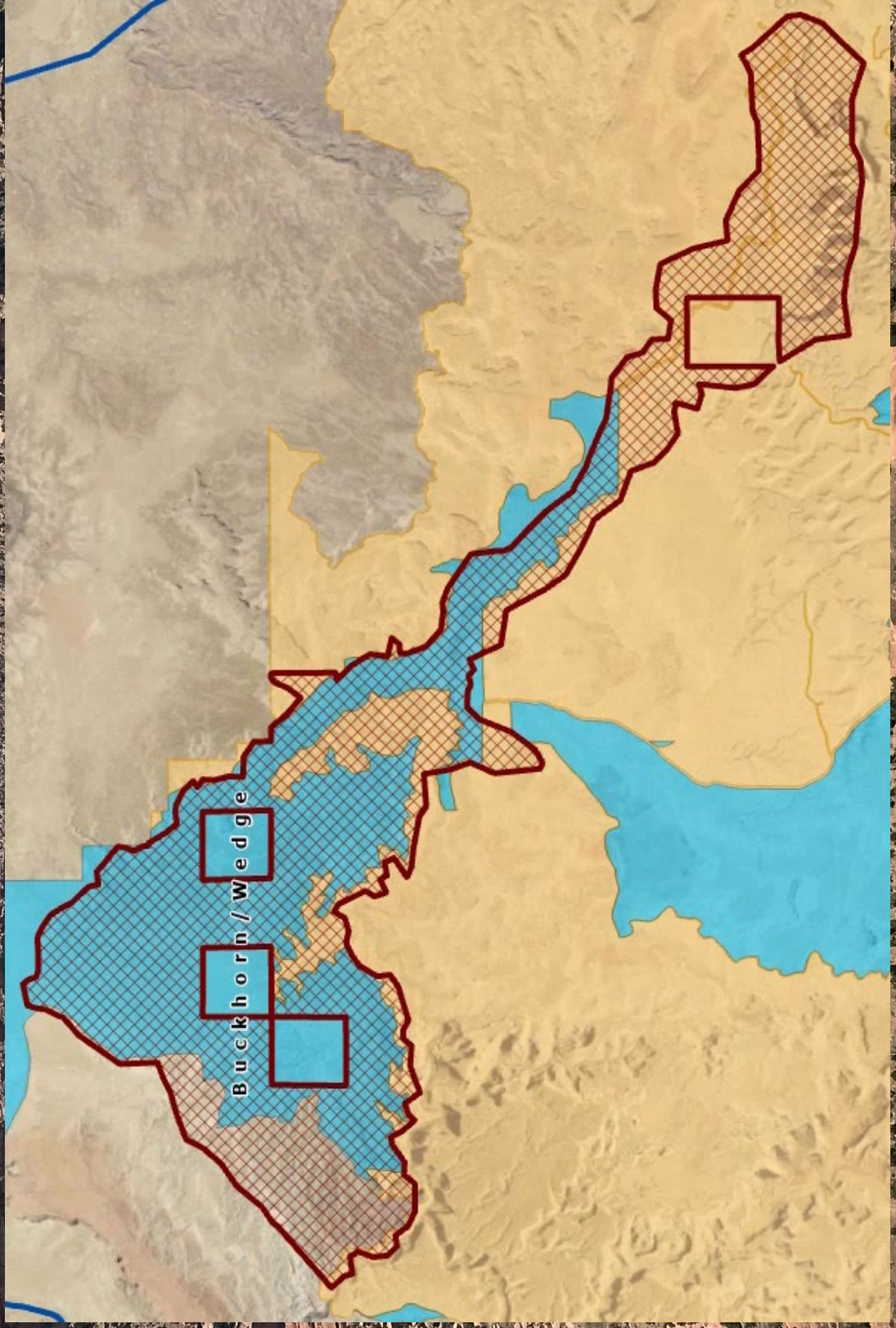
Are experiences unique between the two?

Are the benefits equivalent in both?



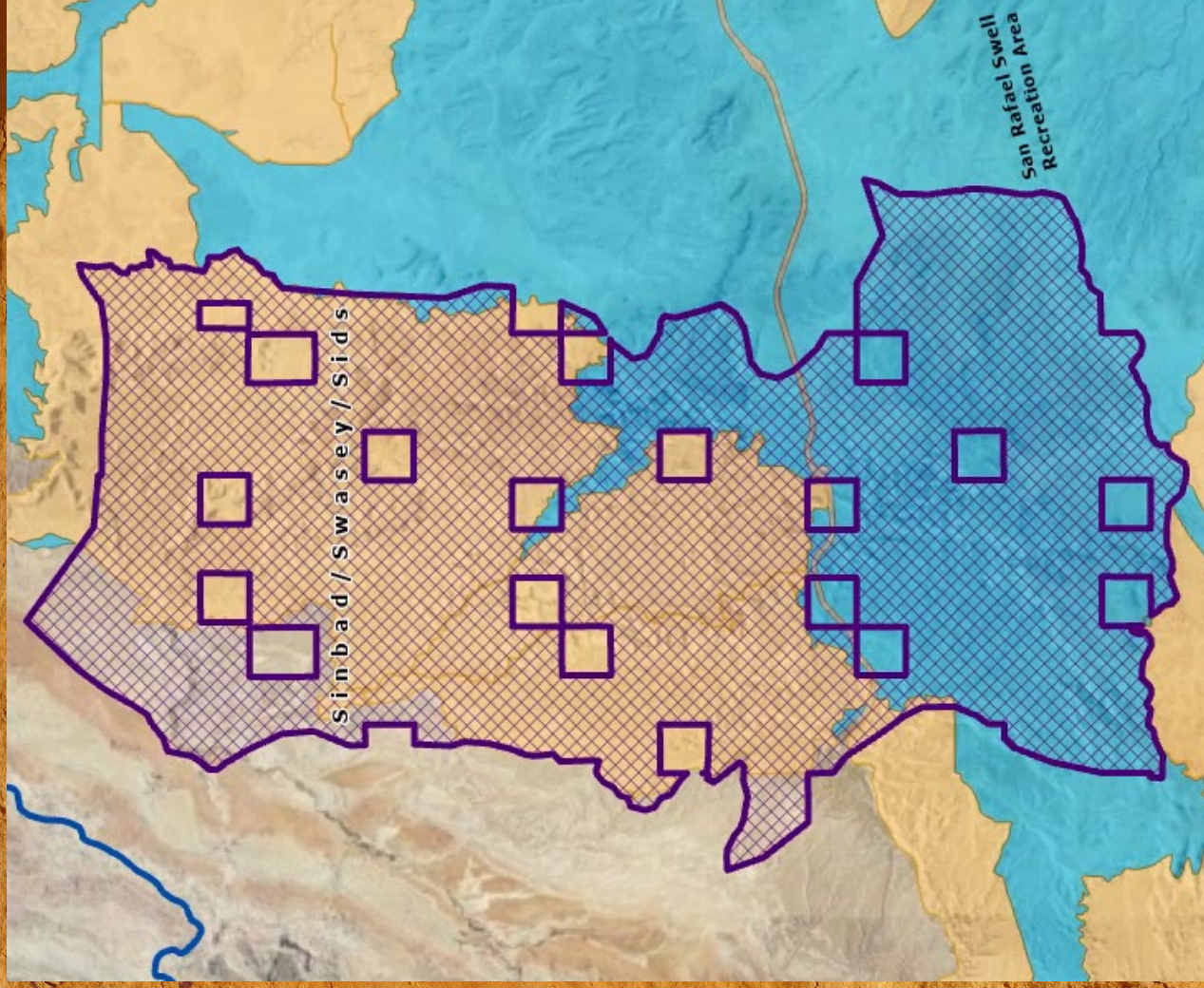
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Buckhorn, The Wedge, Mexican Mountain Recreation Management Zone





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Sinbad/Swaseys Cabin/Sids Mountain Recreation Management Zone



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Temple Mountain, Little Wild Horse, Behind the Reef Recreation Management Zone



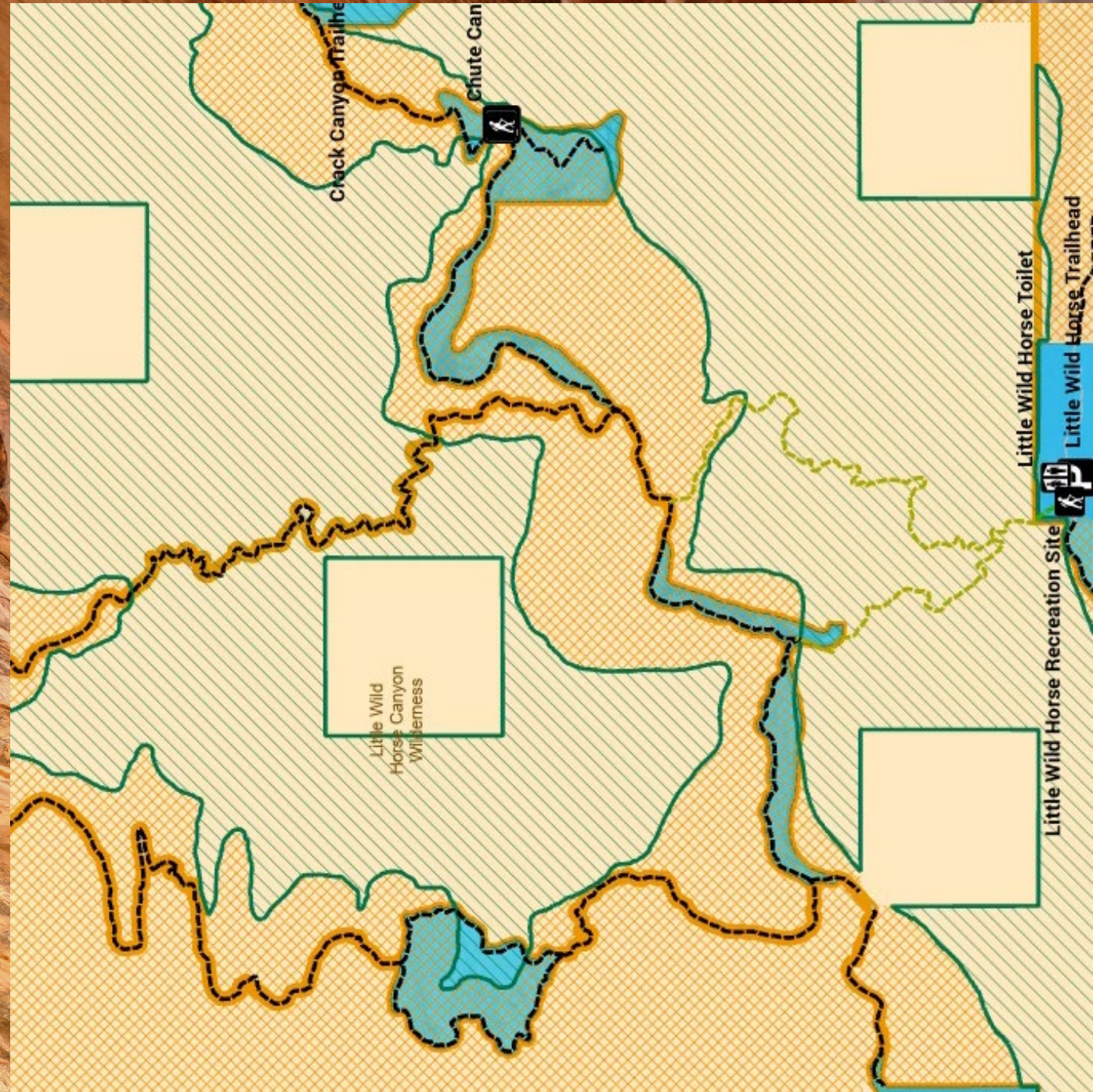


ROS Classes

Green hatch:
Semi-primitive non-motorized.

Orange cross hatch: Semi-primitive motorized:

No Primitive





Potential Alternative

Retain, remove or modify the SRMA and/or RMZs?

- Is the SRMA necessary in the Recreation Area?
- Is there a need for RMZs? Should the RMZ boundaries be re-evaluated?
- Are there other areas that may benefit from an RMZ?
- Are ROS classes necessary? Are they in the appropriate areas? Should they be re-evaluated?
- Should BLM change anything at all?



Other Possible Alternatives

- Determine if dispersed camping should continue, and where it should be allowed. Is a permit necessary?
- Determine proper limitations on fuelwood collection, requirements for campers (fire pans, portable toilets).
- Areas where recreation development is appropriate and where it should be avoided.
- Determine where to issue Special Recreation Permits and what type of permits.
- Evaluate Visual Resource Management classes.
- Remove, retain, or modify ACECs.
- Determine appropriate areas for right-of-ways and what types.



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RAAC Alternatives Recommendations?

Questions?



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San Rafael Swell Travel Management Plan

Background Information and 2024 Schedule

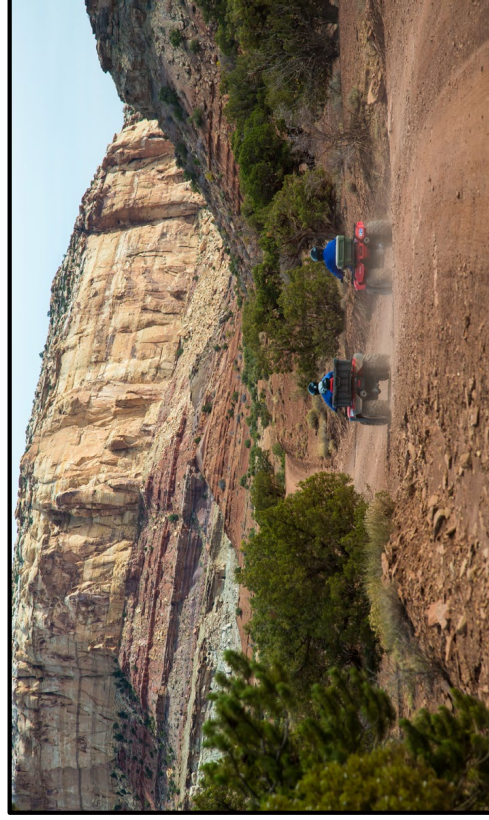




WHAT?

Purpose & Need

The purpose of this travel planning project is to designate inventoried and evaluated routes within the Travel Management Area (TMA) as open, limited, or closed to public Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) use, and to adopt a TMP Implementation Plan, thus creating an OHV travel network that provides clarity for users, reduces user conflicts, protects both natural and cultural resources, meets access needs, increases public safety, and addresses enforceability issues.



ROUTE DESIGNATIONS DEFINED

Open: A route that is recommended open for all modes of travel and uses.

Limited: A route that is recommended for limited use by travel mode, user, or season of use.

Closed: A route that is recommended for closure to OHV use, though authorized uses may continue. An OHV closed route may be reclaimed, barriers may be installed, and signs may be placed.

the term “public OHV” includes passenger vehicles in addition to traditional OHV’s such as 4WD, side by sides, and motorcycles.



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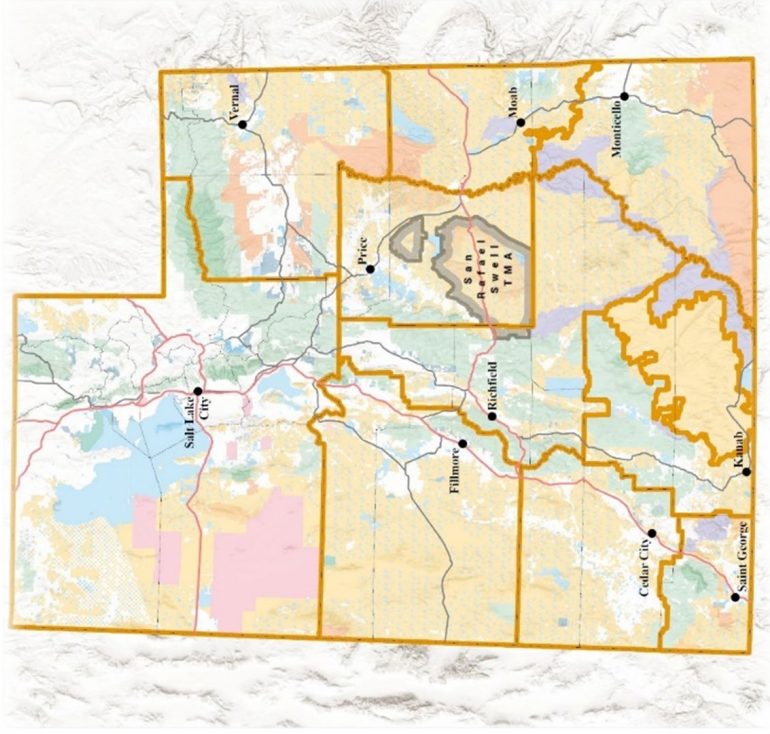


The need for the project is driven by the Bureau of Land Managements (BLM's) obligation to comply with the 2017 Settlement Agreement and the decisions and objectives reflected in the 2008 Resource Management Plans (RMPs).

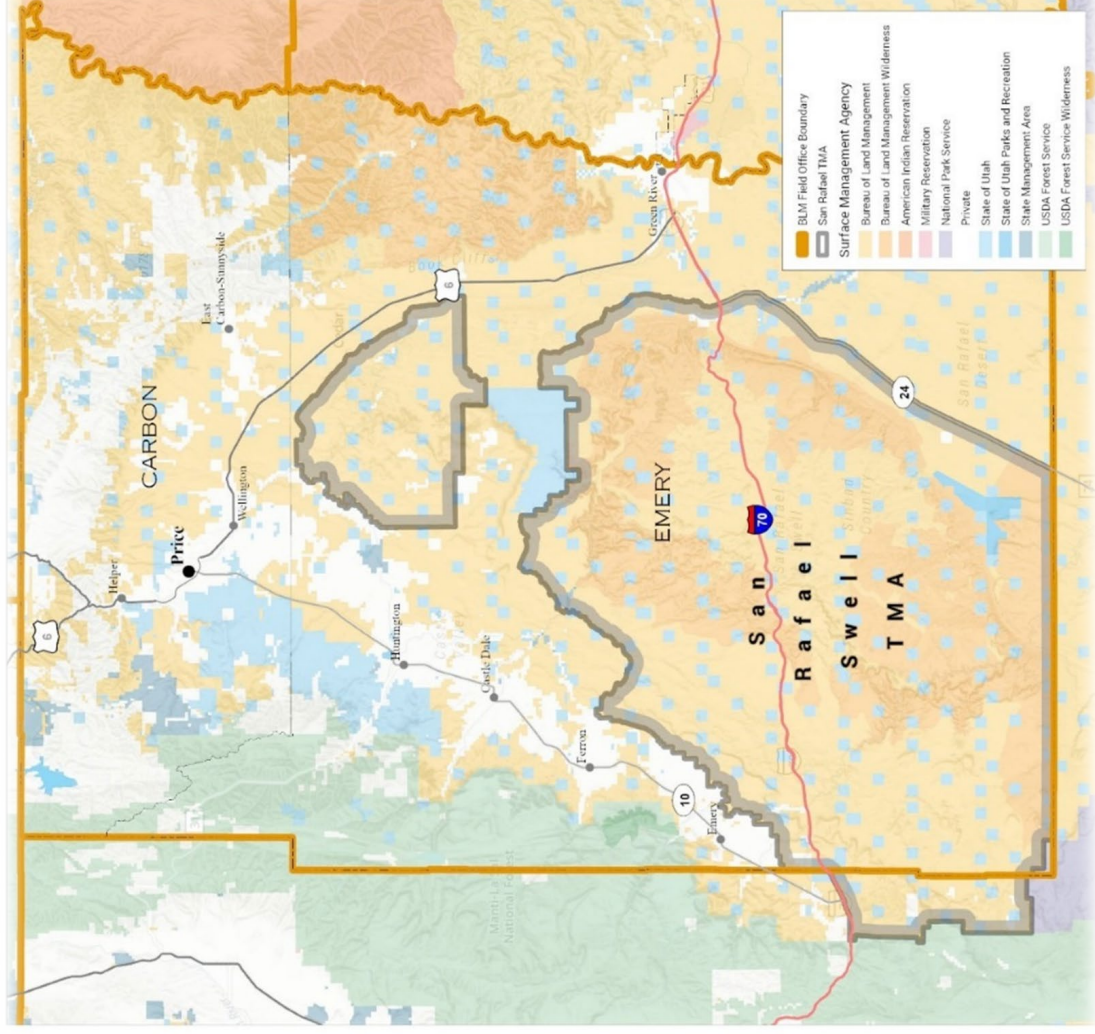


Where?

Where in the State?



Zoomed in on Price Field Office Boundary



- 1.15m acre Travel Management Area
- Very popular area for motorized, non-motorized, and camping activities.
- 14 Wilderness Areas (427k acres) and the San Rafael Swell Recreation Area (217k)



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WHAT?

This Travel Plan will not result in any new roads, only existing roads and trails have been inventoried. This Travel Plan will only make OHV decisions on BLM managed lands within the project planning area. No motorized routes will be considered within Wilderness Areas.



This travel planning effort and resulting TMP are not intended to provide evidence, bearing on, or address the validity of any Revised Statute 2477 (R.S. 2477) assertions.

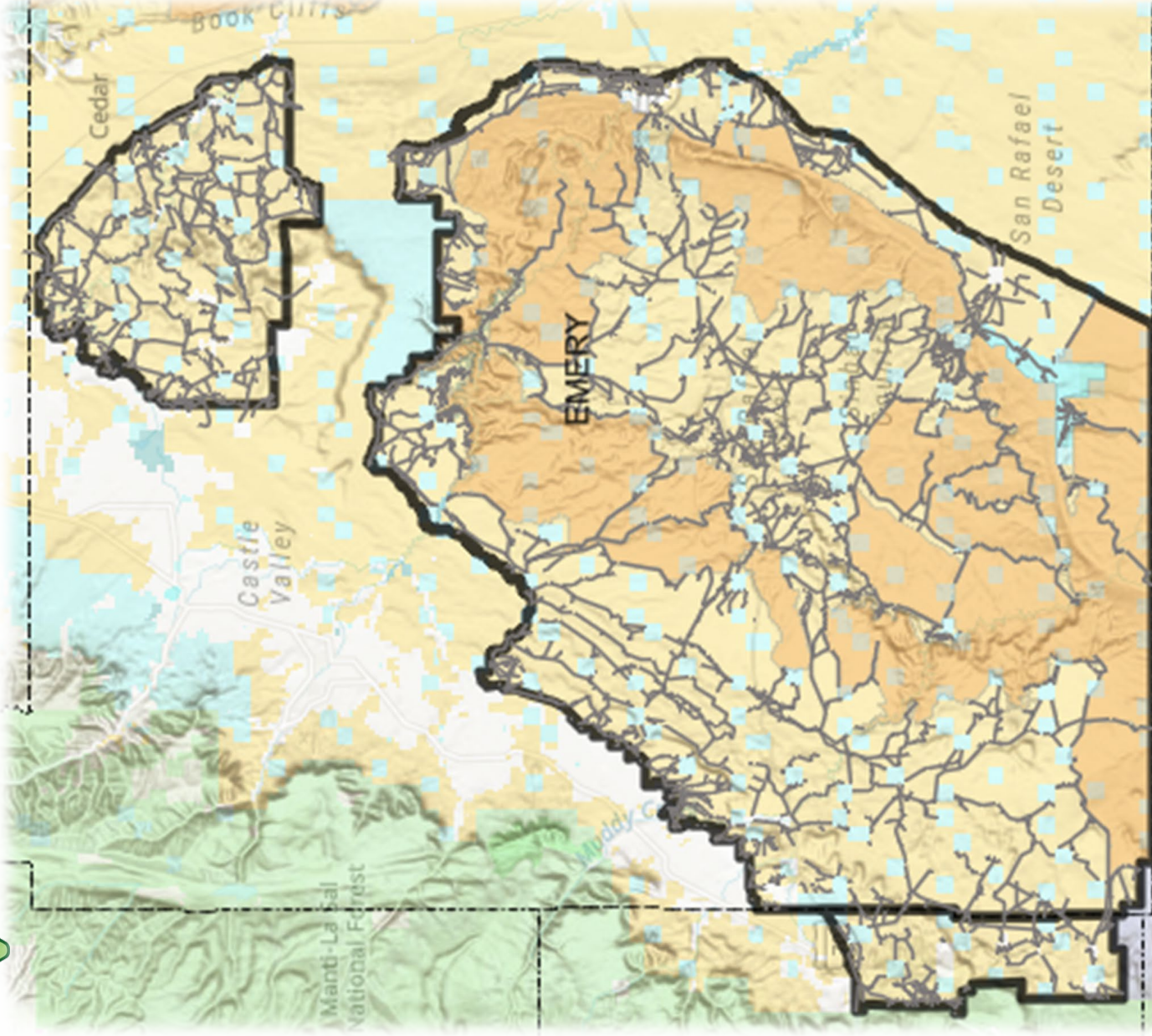


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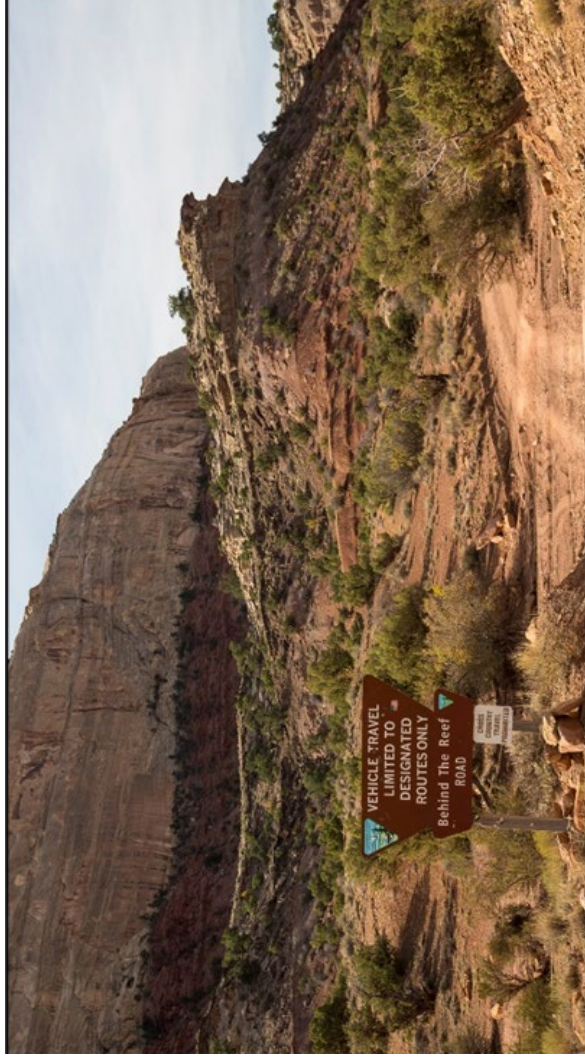
The BLM is reviewing 2,159 miles of existing routes in the San Rafael Swell Travel Management Area. The Travel Management Area encompasses portions within the Price and Richfield Field Offices.

Each route has been reviewed by an interdisciplinary and inter-agency team of specialists, who have identified a purpose and need for the route and resources that are on or near each evaluated route.





Background Info



- 2003 Travel Plan
- 2008 RMP
 - Adopted 2003 Travel Plan
 - Changed area designations
 - Made additional route designations
- 2008 RMP was challenged and lead to a court settlement in 2017.
 - Settlement outlined this TMA boundary
 - Required Cultural Inventories in ACECs and Areas of High Potential.
 - Required BLM to do Baseline Monitoring in LWC units, Natural Areas, and WSA Areas.
- 2019 Dingell Act Designations: 14 Wilderness Areas, 1 Recreation Area, and 1 National Monument was designated. There were also several Land Conveyances and Exchanges.



Past Schedule Highlights

- **Route Inventories: 2014-present,**
- **Initial Route Evaluations: 2019-2020**
- **Public Scoping: February 2021**
- **Endangered Species and Cultural**
- **Resource Inventories: 2021-2022**
- **Completed Wilderness Character**
- **Baseline Monitoring Reports: 2023**
- **Updating Route Evaluations and**
- **Alternatives: October 2023 - February 2024**
 - Scoping comments, network connectivity, purpose/need, minimization criteria, resource conflicts (e.g., cultural, LWC, riparian), reclaiming routes, etc.



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When?

2024 Schedule Highlights



- Release Preliminary Alternatives and Scoping Report to Cooperators on **February 8th**
- Release Preliminary Alternatives and Documents to the Public on **February 22, 2024**
- **Prepare Draft EA, March/April 2024**
- Formal Public Comment Period: **May 2024**
- Development of Preferred Alternative and Initiate Formal Consultation Processes. **June-August 2024**
- Finalize Draft EA. **September-October 2024**
- Decision Record: **November 2024**

BLM NEPA Number

DOI-BLM-UT-G020-2019-0019-EA

- <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/1500146/510>





Preliminary Alternatives

- Alt A: Baseline Alternative, this is our current travel plan.
- Alt B: Resource Protection and Settlement Focused Alternative
- Alt C: Balance between resource protection and motorized access
- Alt D: Public Motorized Access Focused Alternative

Preliminary Designations by Alternative





Preliminary Alternatives

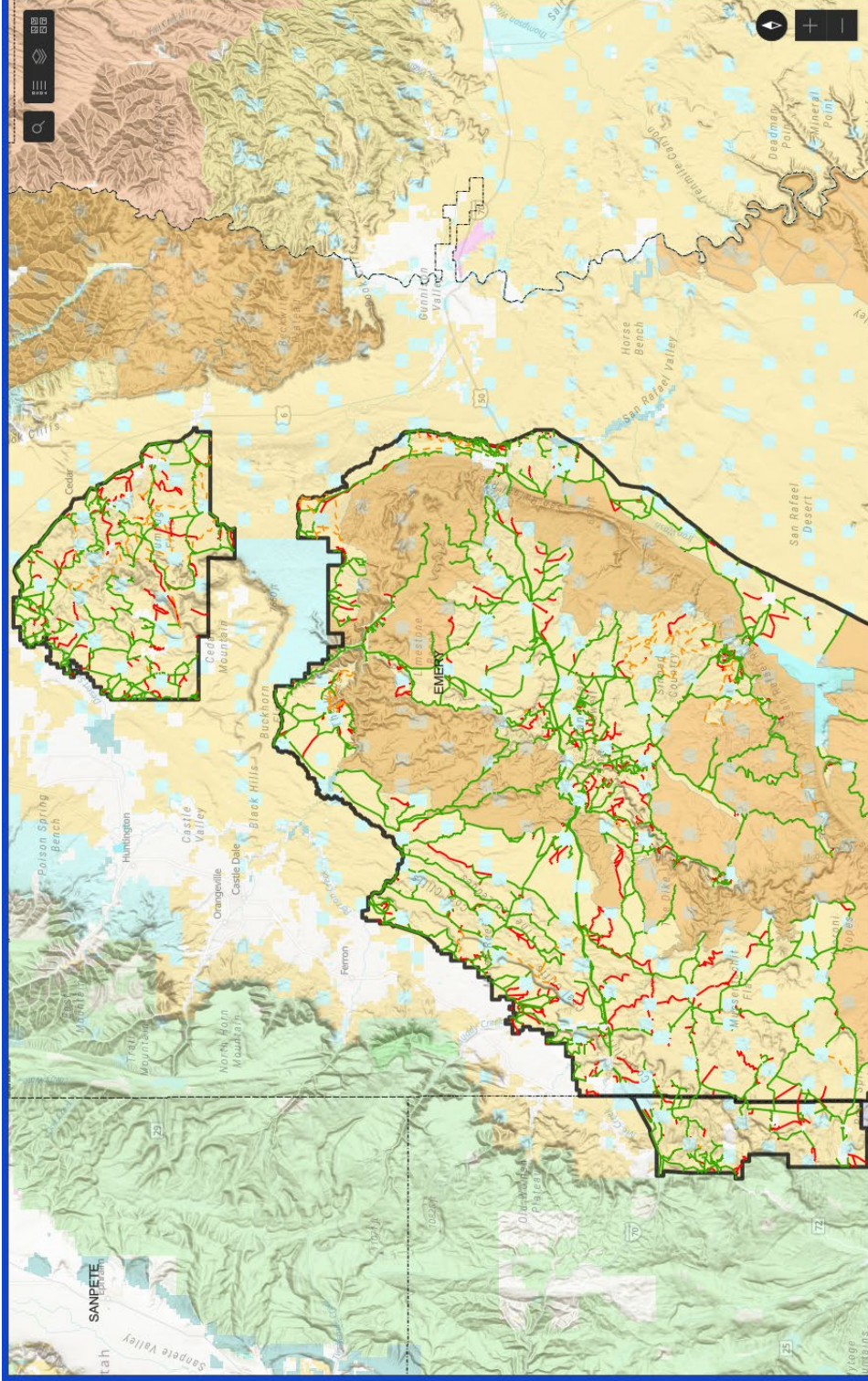
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Rev_AltB	SUM_Miles
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Open	1,123.1

Rev_AltC	SUM_Miles
Closed	454.2

Rev_AltC	SUM_Miles
Limited	181
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Rev_AltD	SUM_Miles
Closed	52

Rev_AltD	SUM_Miles
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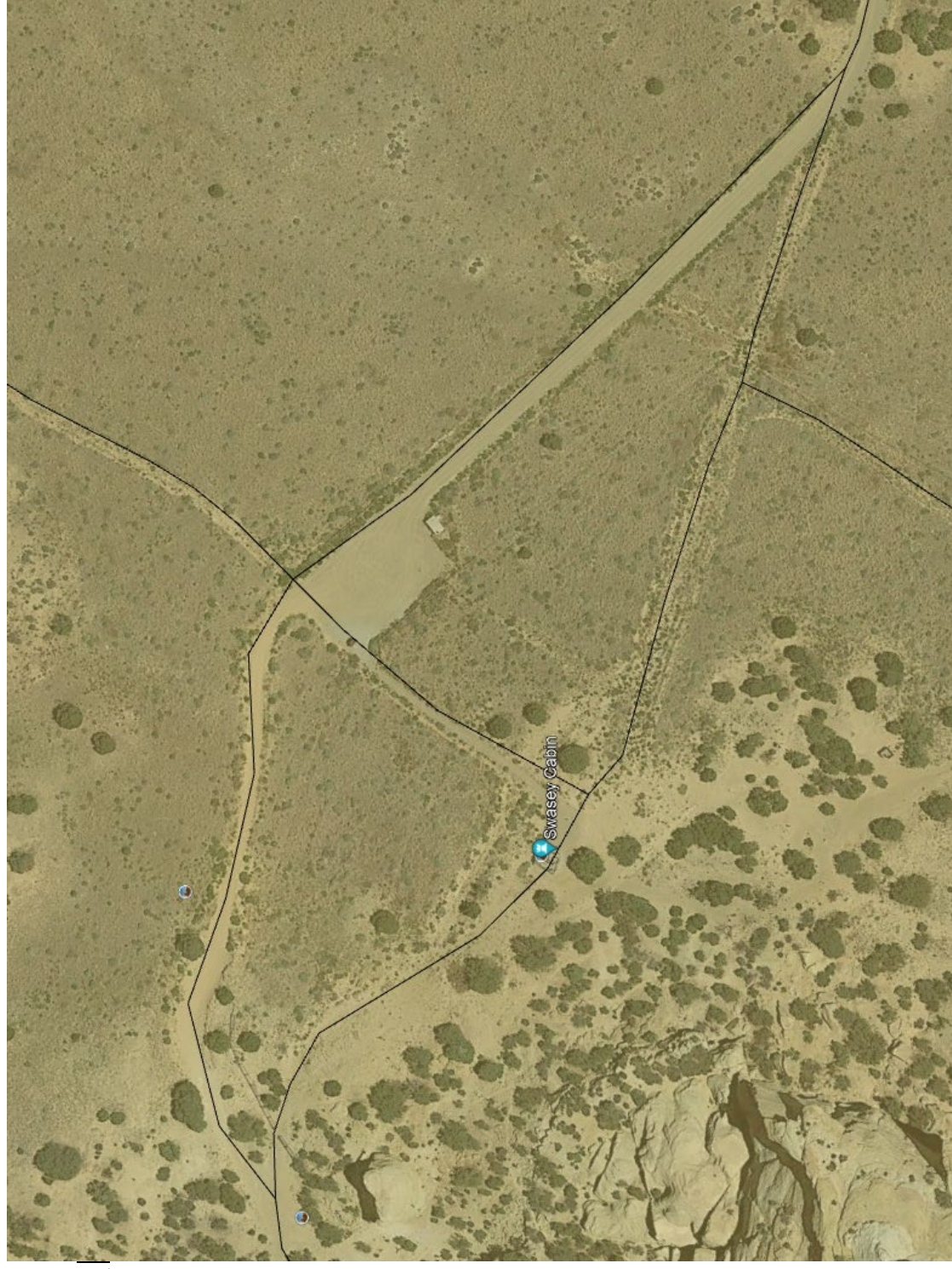


- **Alternative B** has a total reduction of 215 miles
- **Alternative C** has a total increase of 279 miles
- **Alternative D** has a total increase of 678 miles



County Roads

- All County Class B routes are open in all action alternatives.
- Several County Class D routes closed in all alternatives





Before we jump into Recreation Area Specifics

- **Preliminary release of alternatives and documents.**
 - Settlement agreement requirement. It's intended to give the public additional time to review alternatives/documents prior to formal public comment period.
- **How are we working with Cooperating Agencies?**
 - Had group meeting and released data/documents 2 weeks before the public
 - Scheduled and completed several agency to agency follow up meetings
 - Comments from them will be considered as we create draft EA.
- **How did we share information with the public?**
 - News release, social media posts, emails to interested parties.
- **Working on developing an improved interactive map!**
 - We have heard initial concerns and are working on making improvements.



San Rafael Swell Recreation Area

This committee can provide recommendations on routes within the recreation area.
Routes outside of the recreation area will need to be commented on other ways.

<u>DESIGNATION</u>	<u>Rev</u> <u>AltA</u>	<u>Rev</u> <u>AltB</u>	<u>Rev</u> <u>AltC</u>	<u>Rev</u> <u>AltD</u>
Open	384	306	395	531
Closed	206	269	136	7
Limited to Aircraft	0	1	1	1
Limited to e-Bikes	12	12	17	18
Limited to Motorized Single Track	12	22	45	34
Limited to Seasonal	0	0	0	0
Limited to 52 inches	2	2	0	0
Limited to 66 inches	0	4	22	25
TOTAL	616	616	616	616



Dingell Act Land Exchange creates challenges

**80,171 Acres coming to BLM within the TMA
Approximately 96 Miles of Routes on SITLA**

Planning to do cultural surveys on 42 high probability miles

Planning to prepared draft Alts to be incorporated once the TLA lands become BLM. We are still trying to figure out how to address this in the EA somehow, It will possibly be addressed as a reasonably foreseeable action.

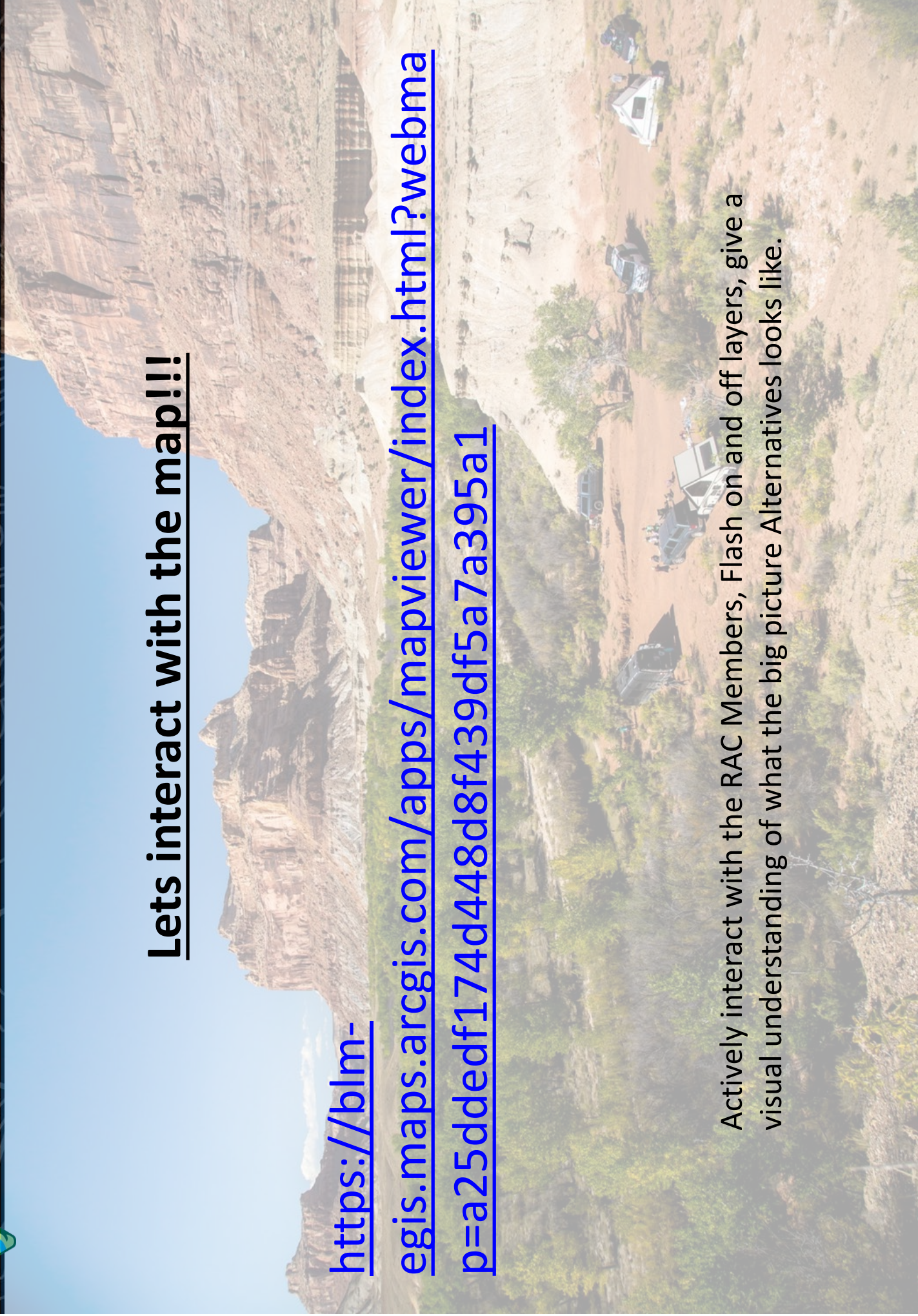


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Lets interact with the map!!!

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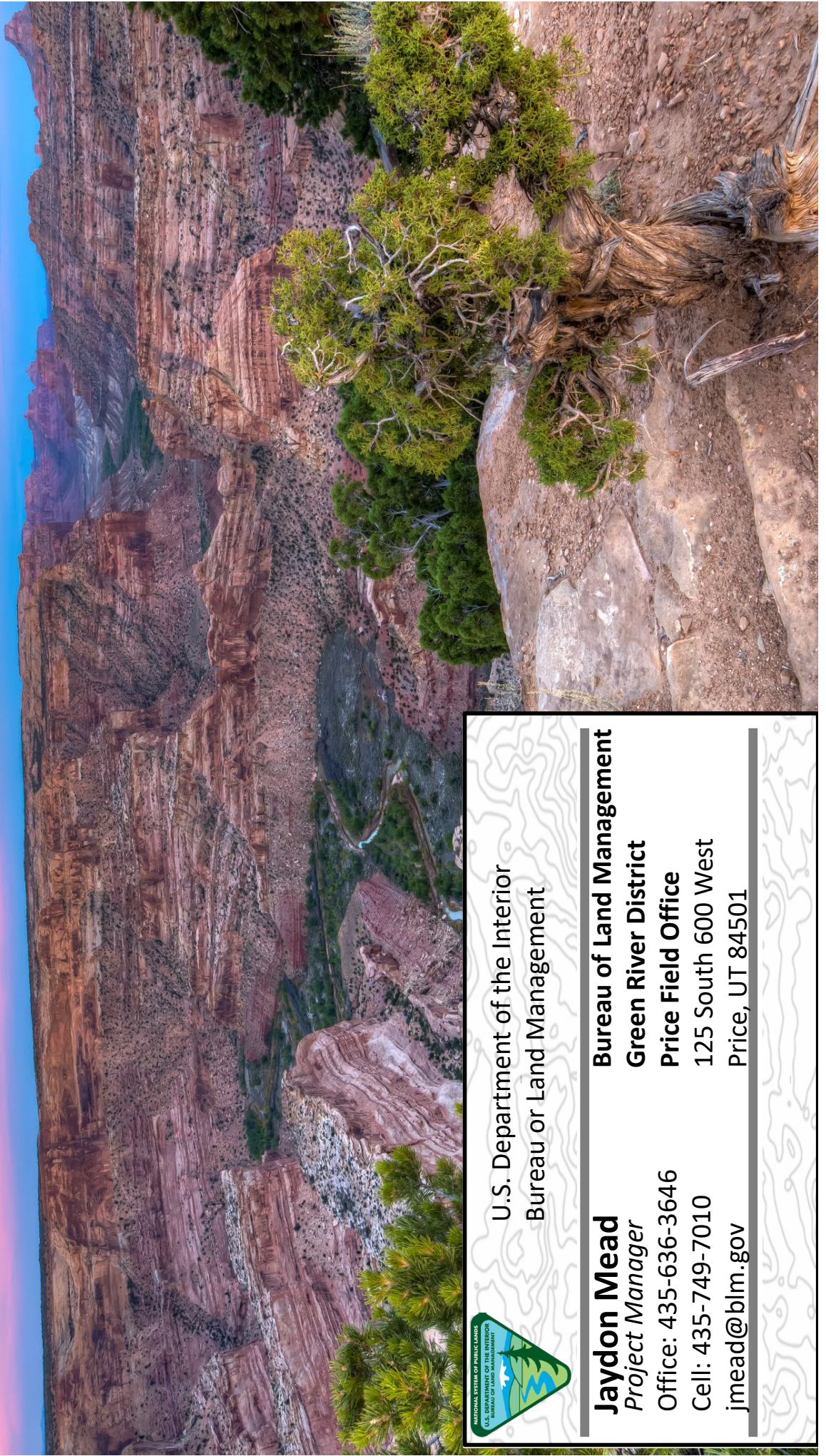
Actively interact with the RAC Members, Flash on and off layers, give a visual understanding of what the big picture Alternatives looks like.





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