

Utah Approved Resource Management Plans

BLM Utah received approval for Resource Management Plans for six Field Offices in Utah – Kanab, Moab, Monticello, Price, Richfield and Vernal. These plans cover roughly 10 million acres on the eastern half of the state.

These new RMPs are the culmination of more than seven years of work and cooperation with the public, local and state governments, tribes, and cooperating agency partners. This has been a truly collaborative effort in balanced stewardship for the future.



Key Decisions in the Approved Plans

Travel Management

	New Plans	Old Plans
Open to cross country off-highway vehicle use	19,048 acres	5,307,169 acres
<i>Cross country travel means driving across natural terrain without benefit of a road or trail. Cross country travel has increased dramatically in recent years with the growing popularity of off-highway vehicles.</i>		
Off-highway use limited to designated routes	8,871,210 acres	3,561,075 acres
<i>Designated roads and trails will be signed on the ground. These are not new routes, rather they are designated as routes in the revised resource management plans. Keeping off-highway travel on designated roads and trails substantially increases protection for natural resources such as vegetation, soils, scenery, riparian, wildlife, and cultural resources.</i>		
Closed to off-highway vehicle use	1,600,938 acres	724,018 acres
Miles of routes designated	17,233 miles	725 miles

Oil and Gas (O&G) Leasing

	New Plans	Old Plans
Total Available to O&G Leasing	8,535,536 acres	8,645,475 acres
Available for O&G leasing subject to standard terms	3,637,241 acres	5,157,963 acres
Available for O&G leasing subject to Controlled Surface Use or Timing Limitation stipulations	4,008,018 acres	3,023,346 acres
Available for O&G leasing subject to No Surface Occupancy (NSO) stipulations	890,277 acres	464,166 acres
Unavailable for O&G leasing	2,145,867 acres	1,860,909 acres

Recreation

Forty-one Special Recreation Management Areas (SRMAs) totaling 3,491,686 acres.

- **Thirty-one new** Special Recreation Management Areas (SRMAs) - Dolores River Canyons, Labyrinth Rims/Gemini Bridges, Lower Gray Canyon, Sand Flats, South Moab, Two Rivers, Utah Rims, Beef Basin, Tank Bench, Factory Butte, Big Rocks, Henry Mountains, Dirty Devil, Capitol Reef Gateway, Range Creek, Nine Mile Canyon, Blue Mountain, Fantasy Canyon, White Canyon, Brown's Park, Nine Mile, Pelican Lake, Red Mountain-Dry Fork, Kanab Community, Paria, Moquith Mountain, Orderville Canyon, North Fork Virgin River, Escalante, Colorado Riverway
- **Ten existing** Special Recreation Management Areas - Cameo Cliffs, Canyon Rims, Cedar Mesa (Grand Gulch), Dark Canyon, Indian Creek, San Juan River, Cleveland-Lloyd Dinosaur Quarry, Desolation Canyon, Labyrinth Canyon, San Rafael Swell

Areas of Critical Environmental Concern

Thirty-five Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs) totaling 483,309 acres:

- **Fourteen new** Areas of Critical Environmental Concern - Behind the Rocks, Cottonwood/Diamond, Highway 279/Shafer Basin/Long Canyon, Mill Creek Canyon, Ten Mile Wash, San Juan River, Valley of the Gods, Old Woman Front, Nine Mile Canyon, Cleveland-Lloyd Dinosaur Quarry, Heritage Sites, Uranium Mining Districts, Rock Art, Cottonwood Canyon
- **Twenty-one existing** Areas of Critical Environmental Concern - Brown's Park, Lear's Canyon, Nine Mile Canyon, Pariette Wetlands, Red Creek Watershed, Red Mtn-Dry Fork Complex, Lower Green River Corridor, Alkalai Ridge, Hovenweep, Indian Creek, Lavendar Mesa, Shay Canyon, Big Flat Tops, Bowknot Bend, Dry Archaeologic District, Interstate 70, Muddy Creek, San Rafael Canyon, San Rafael Reef, Segars Hole, North Caineville Mesa

Wild and Scenic Rivers

Thirty segments totaling 403.12 miles:

Colorado River (6 segments), Green River (3 segments), Dolores River (3 segments), Colorado River #3 (1 segment), San Juan River #5 (1 segment), Dark Canyon (1 segment), Colorado River #2 (1 segment), Fremont Gorge (1 segment), Green River-Desolation Canyon (3 segments), Green River-Labyrinth Canyon (1 segment), Green River-Swasey's Beach (1 segment), Lower Green River (1 segment), Upper Green River (1 segment), North Fork Virgin River (1 segment), Orderville Gulch (1 segment), East Fork Virgin River (2 segments), Meadow Creek/Mineral Gulch (1 segment), Paria River (1 segment)

Non-WSA lands with wilderness characteristics

- **Forty-five areas totaling 446,280 acres** will be managed for wilderness characteristics.

