The Eastern San Diego County planning area spans a portion of the eastern expanse of southern California’s Peninsular Ranges. It is a land of remarkable diversity, encompassing a range of environments from the seafront and Thousand Palms oasis to palm-oasis overwinding shrubland desert. Small bands of floravores and Montane Crestal Habitats reside in this area and use a intricate trail network between these mountainous desert and the Pacific coast. Early Spaniards, Mexicans, and American cowboys and settlers transited the region on their way to develop coastal population centers. Today Californians who establish secluded isolated cabin to gather their stock in the gravity valleys and shaded canyons. Of theseAccording to the Bureau of Land Management, about 3,000 square miles of the area are used for grazing by cattle and sheep, primarily in the Sawtooth Mountains Wilderness, while the rest is either protected wilderness or recreational area. The BLM manages the area’s natural resources, including water, minerals, and wildlife resources, to ensure sustainable use by future generations.

Cultural Resources:

The cultural resources of this area are diverse and unique, ranging from prehistoric Native American sites to modern-day ranches and farms. The region is home to a number of federally recognized Native American tribes, including the Kumeyaay, the Cahuilla, and the Atsugewi. These tribes have lived in the area for thousands of years, leaving behind a rich cultural heritage. The BLM works closely with these tribes to ensure that their cultural resources are protected and preserved.

Habitat:

The Eastern San Diego County planning area is home to a variety of habitats, including desert, chaparral, and montane environments. These habitats support a diverse array of plant and animal species, including the endangered Kit Fox and the Baja California Thrasher. The region is also home to a number of desert dunes, which are important habitats for a variety of species, including the endangered San Diego Bearded Collie.

The Eastern San Diego County planning area is also home to a number of unique geological features, including the Soda Dam, a large, man-made underground lake, and the Cahuilla Mountains, a range of hills that rises abruptly from the desert floor. These features provide a unique and diverse habitat for a variety of species, including the endemic San Diego Airport Burrowing Owl and the Baja California Antelope Buck.

Camping:

Camping opportunities are available throughout the area, with campgrounds and dispersed camping sites scattered throughout the region. The BLM manages these sites to ensure that they are safe and accessible for visitors. The area also offers a variety of other recreation opportunities, including hiking, biking, and wildlife viewing.

Leisure Activities:

The Eastern San Diego County planning area offers a wide variety of leisure activities, including hiking, biking, and wildlife viewing. The area is also home to a number of horseback riding trails and equestrian campsites, which are available for use by the public. The BLM works closely with local trail clubs and equestrian organizations to ensure that these trails are well-maintained and accessible for visitors.

WILDERNESS STUDY AREAS

The San Ysidro Wilderness Study Area

The San Ysidro Wilderness Study Area is located in the southern part of the region, near the coastline. This area is home to a variety of plant and animal species, including the endangered San Diego Beach-side Limpet and the San Diego Wallflower. The area is also home to a number of unique geological features, including the Soda Dam and the Cahuilla Mountains.

The study area consists of the coast and the southern half of San Ysidro and Imperial Counties. The study area includes the San Ysidro River and its tributaries, as well as the San Ysidro Dunes and the Baja California Antelope Buck. The study area is managed by the BLM to ensure that it remains a natural and pristine wilderness area.

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Visit the website for more information on the San Ysidro Wilderness Study Area.
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