

parking areas to reduce creation of suspended particulate matter (PM 10) in conformance with local government's efforts to improve air quality within the Las Vegas Valley Non-attainment Area. Primary focus will be on areas around the Scenic Drive, the campground and the Red Spring Picnic Area.

Vegetation

Protect threatened, endangered and sensitive plant species listed by Federal or State agencies by continuing to inventory NCA lands to more accurately determine the locations and population densities. (App. 1, Special Status Species)

Maintain or improve the condition of vegetation to its Potential Natural Community (PNC).

Maintain a canopy cover of 20% (minimum), a basal cover of 5% (minimum) perennial native grass species, and manage for perennial native grass species composition (by dry weight) of 5-10%, as limited by PNC.

Restore plant productivity on disturbed areas.

Rehabilitate, reclaim or revegetate with native species, areas subjected to surface disturbing activities and closed roads, where feasible.

RECREATION MANAGEMENT

Includes camping, rock climbing, target shooting, trails and roads issues.

Camping

All camping, whether dispersed or in the designated campground, is limited to a 14 day maximum stay.

Expand the public education program of "Leave No Trace" recreation ethics and land stewardship.

The 13 Mile Campground will be the only campground designated in RRCNCA.

Camping along Rocky Gap Road or on the escarpment of the Pine Creek WSA will be authorized by permit only.

From La Madre Mountain to the Forest Service/BLM boundary, 3 miles south of SR 160, camping will be managed as follows (see following "Camping" map):

- camping northwest of the 6,500 ft elevation contour on La Madre Mountain does not require a permit;
- camping west of the Spring Mountains escarpment crest does not require a permit;
- within the Pine Creek WSA, camping between the escarpment crest and eastward to the canyon floor (4,400 ft. contour) requires a camping permit;
- no other camping is allowed in this area except in the designated campground or unless specifically agreed upon in writing by an authorized BLM representative;

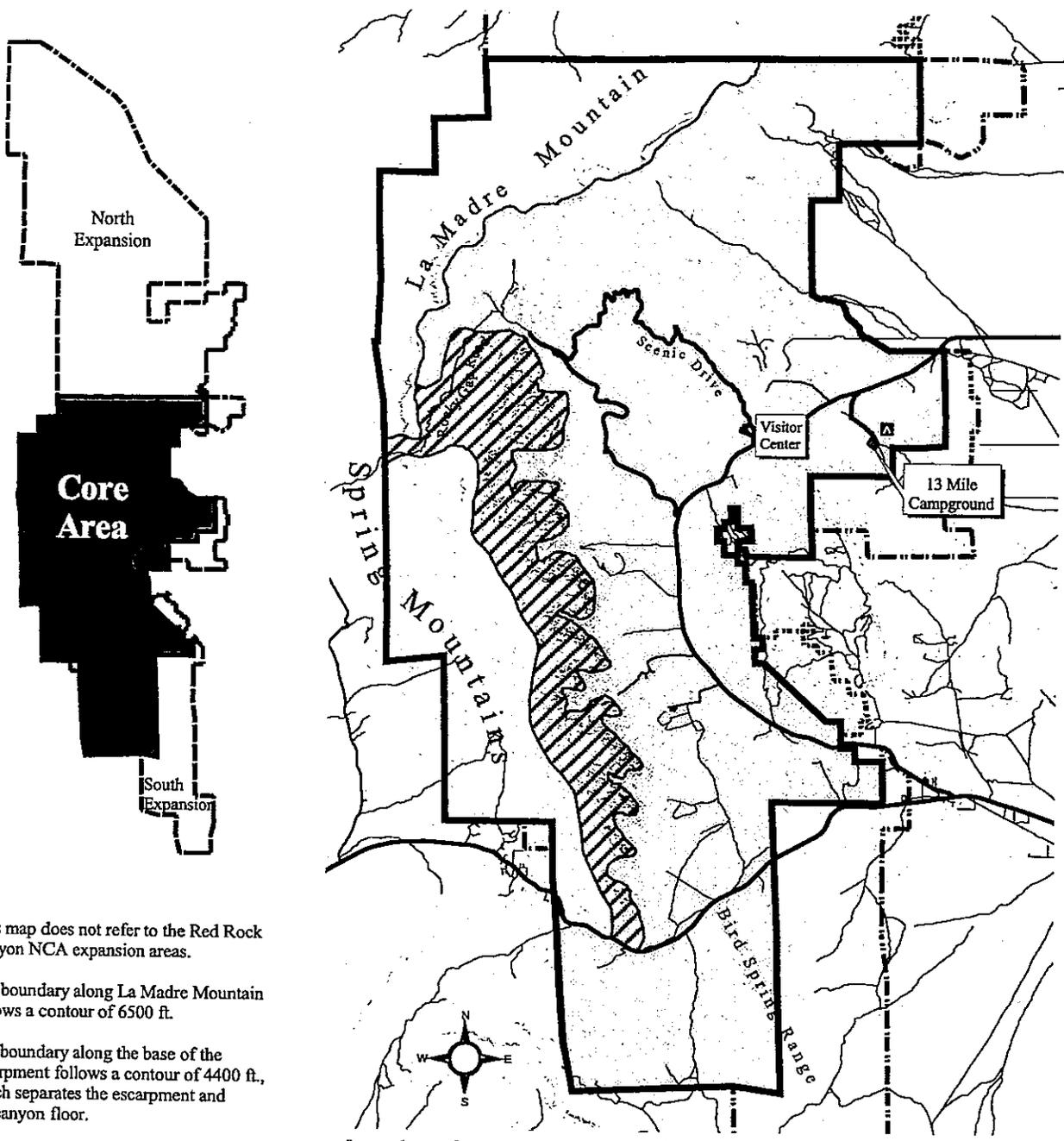
Dispersed camping is allowed north of La Madre Mountain on existing disturbed areas. If monitoring shows that additional impacts occur as a result, camping will be limited to specific designated sites.

Dispersed camping is allowed within 200 feet of designated roads east of the Bird Spring Range on existing disturbed areas.

No camping is allowed within 1/4 mile of springs and riparian areas.

Camping at the base of the escarpment is not allowed. The intention of "bivouac" is an overnight stay on the rock wall, above the base, on a multi-day climb.

CAMPING IN THE CORE AREA OF RRCNCA



This map does not refer to the Red Rock Canyon NCA expansion areas.

The boundary along La Madre Mountain follows a contour of 6500 ft.

The boundary along the base of the escarpment follows a contour of 4400 ft., which separates the escarpment and the canyon floor.

The boundary following the Spring Mountain Range along the top of the escarpment follows the crest of the range.

Overnight parking along the Scenic Drive requires a permit regardless of camping location.

Any camping within 1/4 mile of the Rocky Gap Road requires a permit.



Legend

--- Red Rock Canyon NCA Boundary

Camping Designations

-  Camping by permit only
-  Closed to all camping
-  Open - No permit required

No warranty is made by the Bureau of Land Management as to the accuracy, reliability, or completeness of these data for individual or aggregate use with other data. Original data were compiled from various sources. This information may not meet National Map Accuracy Standards. This product was developed through digital means and may be updated without notification.

United States Department of the Interior
 4765 Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89108 (702) 647-9000

d:\gis\projects\redrock\m9\camping.apr
 12/09/2000

Rock Climbing

Climber's Liaison Council

Manage rock climbing in partnership with the "Climber's Liaison Council" (CLC) as specified through a cooperative agreement.

Climbing Restrictions

The BLM is engaged in long-term monitoring of various RRCNCA plants and animals. If raptor nest sites are found, climbing restrictions may be imposed during critical nesting periods. Should any T&E species become an issue, appropriate mitigation actions will be taken.

Alteration of the rock surfaces by gluing, chipping or chiseling is not allowed.

Restrictions regarding cultural resources include the following:

- no climbing allowed within 50 feet of rock art;
- known cultural sites, such as in Sandstone Quarry, Willow Spring and Red Spring, will be signed to alert climbers about restrictions.

No permanent fixed ropes or cables for climbing or belaying purposes are allowed.

Bolting is not allowed in the following locations:

- Sandstone Quarry area within 1/4 mile from each side of the parking area

The Sandstone Quarry area has an abundance of cultural resources and is considered a historic area because of the quarry and related artifacts. To avoid detracting from the visual experience of scenic viewers and because of the abundance of cultural resources, no new bolting will take place in the vicinity as stated above.

- Within the Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs)

The placement of new bolts will not be allowed in WSAs. The Pine Creek and La Madre Mt. WSAs are recommended for Wilderness designation. Should the (eventual) Congressionally designated boundaries be different from those proposed, NCA policy and management will adjust accordingly. In addition, if the direction regarding bolting set forth in the *Interim Management Policy and Guidelines for Lands Under Wilderness Review* changes, the issue may be reconsidered depending on the new

direction.

- Replacement of existing bolts in the aforementioned locations is allowed for safety purposes, but should be presented to the Climber's Liaison Council for review and concurrence.

BLM strongly encourages the use of the following equipment:

- tinted bolts and hangers which blend with the rock face;
- drab colored web gear, when used for a rappel anchor.

Commercial Climbing

The following policies are designed to provide visitors the opportunity to enlist professional climbing instruction/guiding in RRCNCA and allow continued access for commercial climbing interests. At the same time, limits are set to avoid overcrowding of climbing locations.

1. All commercial guiding (guiding for pay) requires a Special Recreation Permit issued by the Bureau of Land Management.
2. The number of commercial (outfitter and guide) rock climbing permits, authorizing full time year-round use, will be limited to no more than five at any one time. In addition, "guest permits" will be available to allow limited use to commercial operations who wish to offer Red Rock Canyon as an option to clients. The guest permit allows limited visitation within a calendar year and has no guaranteed consecutive year renewal.

Future Planning

Complete a management plan specific to rock climbing in Red Rock Canyon to tier from the GMP (this plan). Climbing policy in the GMP may be modified if the development of the climbing plan demonstrates the need.

Issues to be addressed in the climbing plan will include, but not be limited to:

- Commercial group size limitations at specific climbing locations
- Number of different commercial groups within a specific area at the same time
- Early access to the Scenic Drive (the possibility of opening the Scenic Drive at 6:00am may eliminate the need for early access)

- Late access and overnight parking on the Scenic Drive
- The number of guest permits issued each year
- Working cooperatively with school programs

Target Shooting

The entire NCA is closed to target shooting. There is no legal discharge of firearms, except in the act of hunting in accordance with regulations set by the State of Nevada, as discussed below.

Hunting

The area north of SR 160, east of the Spring Mountains escarpment, south of La Madre and west of the NCA east boundary is closed to hunting. In all other areas of the NCA, the BLM will manage in accordance with the State of Nevada. Hunting will be allowed during set seasons as specified by State regulations.

The trails in the vicinity of Cottonwood Valley south of SR 160 will be closed, for safety purposes, the first nine days of the upland game bird season in October.

Trails

General Direction

No new trail development is allowed without BLM concurrence. All trails developed in this manner will be restored to nature upon discovery.

Monitor the existing designated trails in the Scenic Drive vicinity south to First Creek. Implement mitigative measures as needed to avoid excessive impacts.

Portions of the trail network designated in the Cottonwood Valley Equestrian and Mountain Bike EA will be realigned as needed to accommodate changing needs and environmental concerns.

Provide a trail in Calico Basin to access Kraft Rocks and Gateway Canyon, while alleviating visitor traffic problems in the Calico Basin Community.

New trail proposals must be at least 1/4 mile from springs and riparian areas, unless specifically designed to interpret those resources. Where feasible, realign existing trails to avoid springs and riparian areas.

All commercial trail guiding (guiding for pay) requires a Special Recreation Permit issued by the Bureau of Land Management.

Mountain Bike Trail Use

Mountain bikes are allowed on designated trails only.

Trails between Spring Mountain Ranch State Park and La Madre Mountain, including all trails around the Scenic Drive, are not designated for mountain bikes.

The following routes will be designated as trails and will include mountain bike use:

- the Blue Diamond to Jean trail (portion within RRCNCA) that has been used annually for a group ride event
- the "Twilight Zone" existing routes north of Kyle Canyon road.

Equestrian Trail Use

In the area from La Madre Mountain south to Cottonwood Pass 3 miles south of SR 160, and from the Spring Mountains escarpment to the eastern boundary of the NCA (the area contained in the original NCA designation), equestrian use is limited to designated trails (no cross country riding).

The following trails are designated to include equestrian use:

- White Rock Loop and Keystone Thrust trails - provide a water trough near the intersection of Rocky Gap Road and the La Madre trailhead
- the Oak Creek trails
- the old road from the Willow Spring area to the Visitor Center
- the Escarpment Base Trail between Pine Creek and Oak Creek
- First Creek Trail
- Brownstone Canyon, beyond the gate
- the Cottonwood Valley Trails Network.

The following existing routes will be designated as trails and include equestrian use:

- the old road beginning at the Scenic Drive/Oak Creek Road junction and following the ridge just south of Pine Creek
- the Blue Diamond to Jean route (portion within NCA) which has been used for an annual equestrian ride event

- from First Creek to Lost Creek, out away from the base of the escarpment
- the loop route directly north of Red Rock Vista (the Dedication Site)
- the existing trails tying the Scenic Drive exit lot to adjacent trails.

The following trails will require new construction and will include equestrian use:

- the final portion of the Escarpment Base Trail (between First Creek and Oak Creek)
- a separate trail paralleling the Red Valley Trail, to separate horses and mountain bikes due to safety concerns
- the trail in Calico Basin accessing Kraft Rocks and Gateway Canyon.

Designate equestrian trailhead/staging areas at the Scenic Drive exit lot, the Oak Creek lot (old campground location), and at the 12 mile location on Kyle Canyon Road.

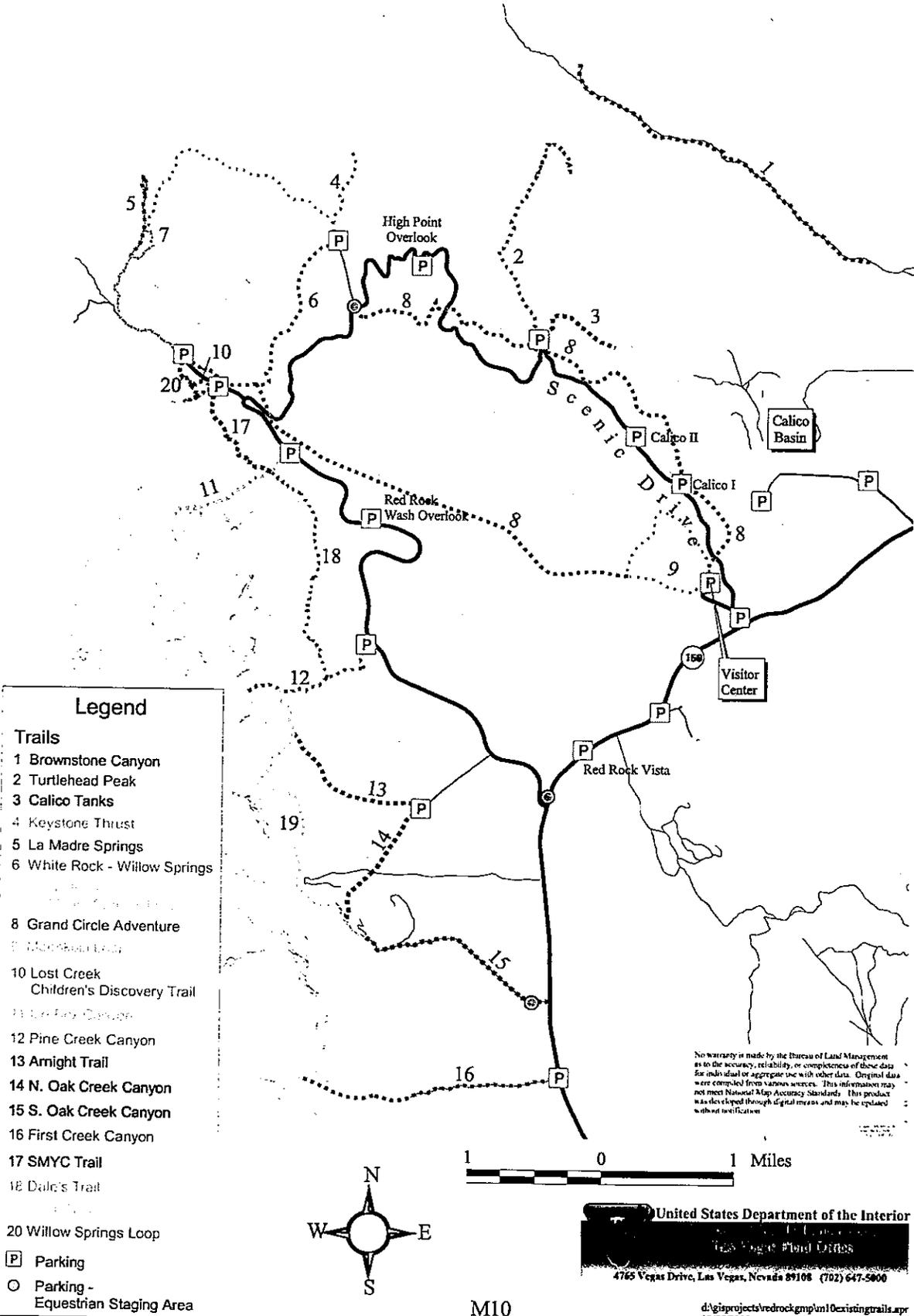
Hiking Trail Use

Hiking is allowed on all designated trails in the NCA, although hikers should be aware that the Cottonwood system was primarily designated to accommodate mountain bike and equestrian needs.

Designate the following trails for hiking use only:

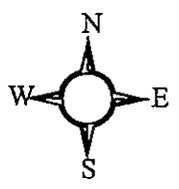
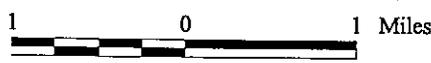
- the Arnright Trail from the North Oak Creek trailhead to Pine Creek
- the La Madre Spring Trail (spur) north of the intersection with the White Rock Loop Trail
- the first half of the Grand Circle Trail, from the Visitor Center to the White Rock Road
- Pine Creek, Ice Box and Lost Creek trails
- the Dale Trail (Pine Creek to Ice Box) and the SMYC Trail (Ice Box to Lost Creek) parts of the Escarpment Base Trail.

EXISTING TRAILS IN THE SCENIC DRIVE AREA



- Legend**
- Trails**
- 1 Brownstone Canyon
 - 2 Turtlehead Peak
 - 3 Calico Tanks
 - 4 Keystone Thrust
 - 5 La Madre Springs
 - 6 White Rock - Willow Springs
 - 8 Grand Circle Adventure
 - 9 Markham Loop
 - 10 Lost Creek Children's Discovery Trail
 - 11 Leaky Canyon
 - 12 Pine Creek Canyon
 - 13 Arnight Trail
 - 14 N. Oak Creek Canyon
 - 15 S. Oak Creek Canyon
 - 16 First Creek Canyon
 - 17 SMYC Trail
 - 18 Dale's Trail
 - 20 Willow Springs Loop
- P** Parking
- E** Parking - Equestrian Staging Area

No warranty is made by the Bureau of Land Management as to the accuracy, reliability, or completeness of these data for individual or aggregate use with other data. Original data were compiled from various sources. This information may not meet National Map Accuracy Standards. This product was developed through digital means and may be updated without notification.

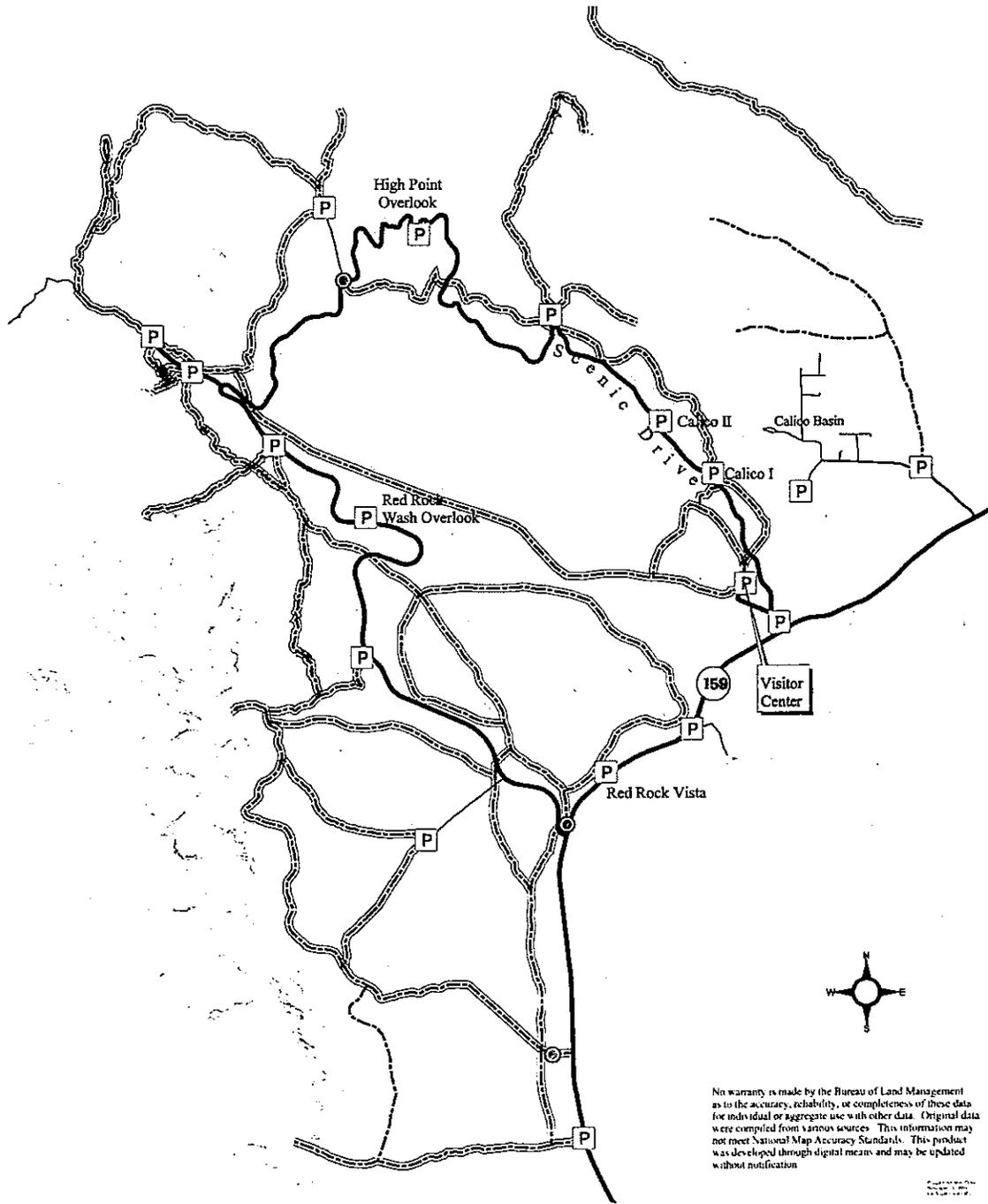


United States Department of the Interior
 Bureau of Land Management
 Las Vegas Field Office
 4765 Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89106 (702) 647-5000

M10

d:\gis\projects\redrock\gmp\un10\existingtrails.apr
 12/05/2000

PROPOSED TRAIL USE - SCENIC DRIVE AREA



No warranty is made by the Bureau of Land Management as to the accuracy, reliability, or completeness of these data for individual or aggregate use with other data. Original data were compiled from various sources. This information may not meet National Map Accuracy Standards. This product was developed through digital means and may be updated without notification.



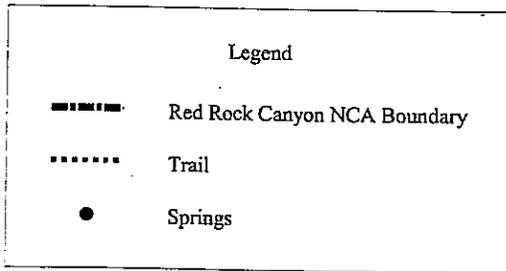
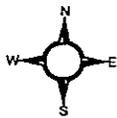
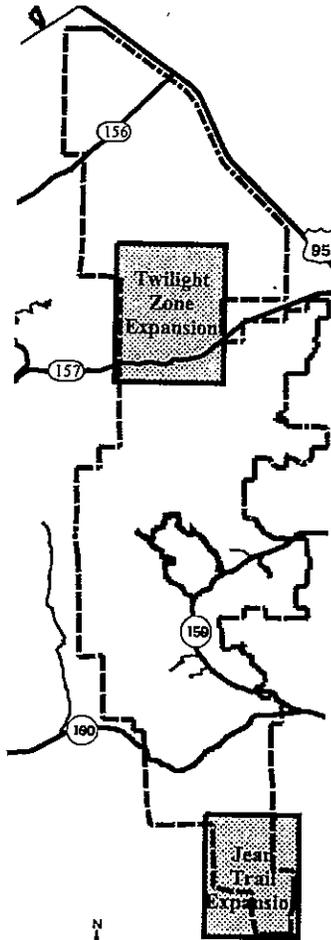
Legend			
Trails	Proposed Trail Use	Trailhead	
Designated	Hiking	Parking	
Existing	Hiking/Equestrian	Parking-Equestrian Staging Area	
Proposed	Mountain Bike		

United States Department of the Interior
 4765 Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89108 (702) 447-5000

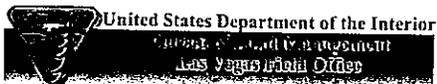
M11

d:\gis\projects\redrock\m11.apr
 12/09/2000

Blue Diamond to Jean and Twilight Zone Trails



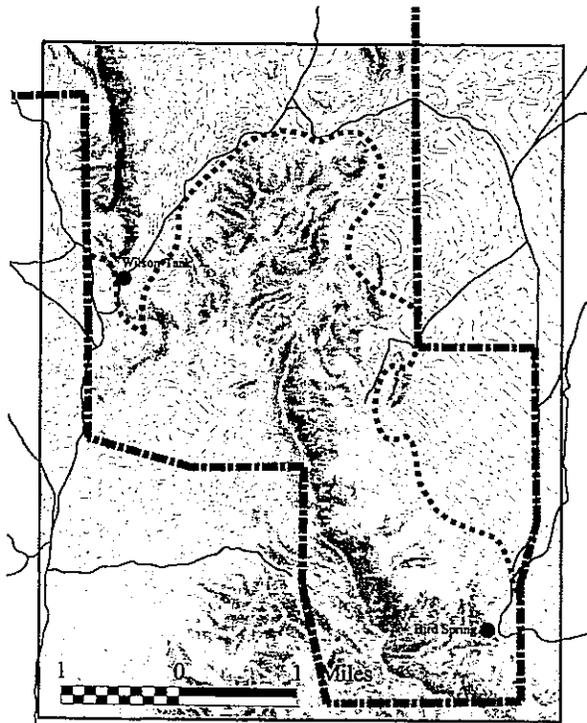
No warranty is made by the Bureau of Land Management as to the accuracy, reliability, or completeness of these data for individual or aggregate use with other data. Original data were compiled from various sources. This information may not meet National Map Accuracy Standards. This product was developed through digital means and may be updated without notification.



4765 Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89108 (702) 647-5000



Twilight Zone
Contour interval 20 feet



Blue Diamond to Jean
Contour interval 20 feet

Roads

Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Access

OHV use in the NCA is restricted to designated roads. By reviewing the following information on dirt roads, the OHV access can be determined.

Competitive OHV events will not be permitted in the NCA.

Dirt Roads

Dirt roads which would remain open in the NCA core area (North and west of the Bird Spring Range and south of La Madre Mountain) include the following:

- Little Red Rock access (may be converted to trail use depending on access through private lands)
- Rocky Gap Road
- White Rock access road (planned for paving)
- Oak Creek access road from the Scenic Drive (planned for paving)
- access road to Rainbow Spring (1/4 mile shy of actual spring location)
- Wildhorse Loop roads and access to the Black Velvet area
- Cottonwood Valley road (to Goodsprings)
- access roads related to private inholdings

Other dirt roads in the core area will be gated for administrative use only or closed and allowed to revert to a natural state.

The access road to the Cottontail area will remain open to the site boundary, but closed beyond, to provide additional protection to cultural resources.

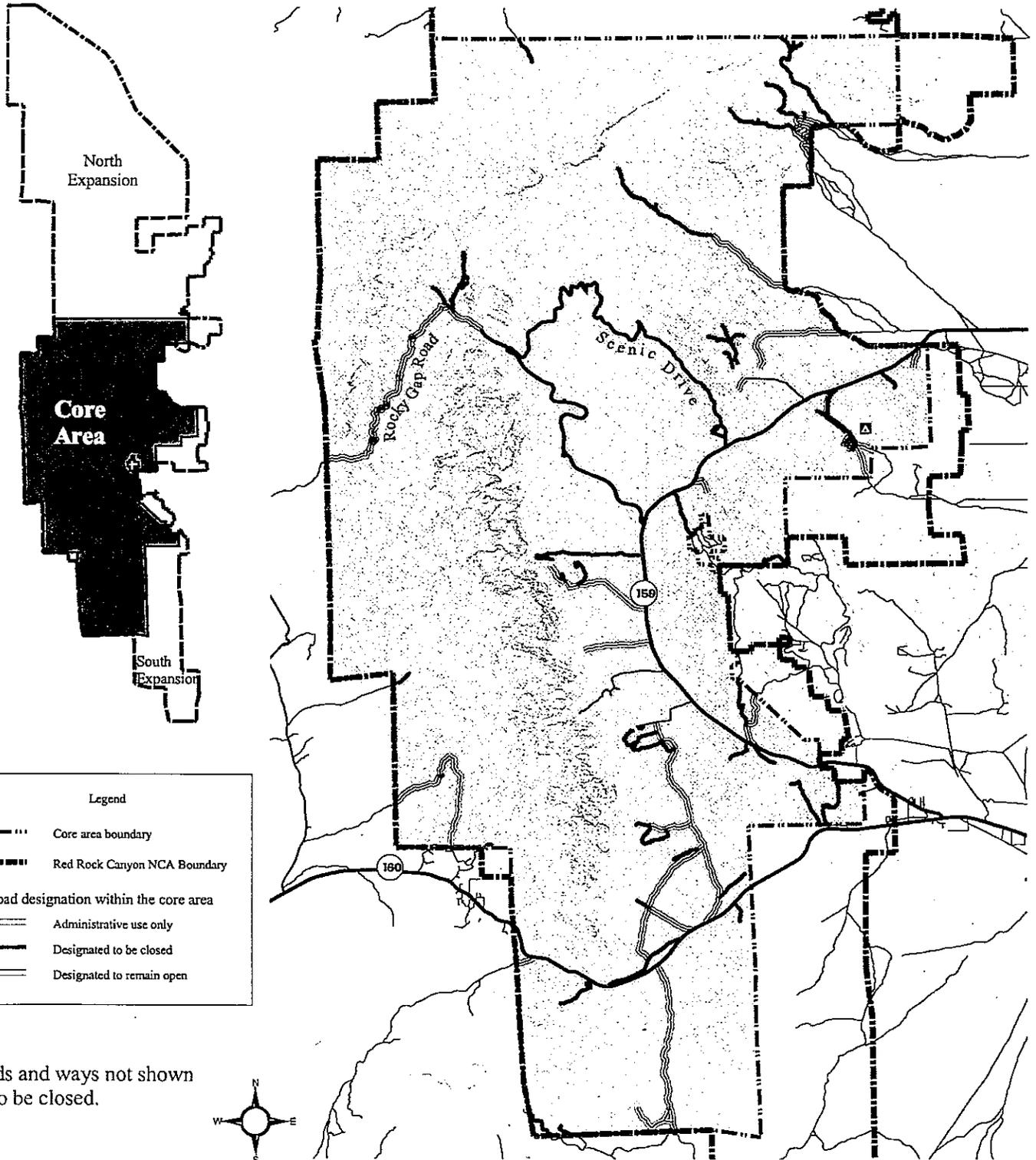
The following maps indicate which dirt roads are to be closed and which will be left open. Short minor routes not indicated on the maps are to be closed and used only for administrative purposes or restored to a natural state.

Before the actual closure of a dirt road takes place, BLM will contact Clark County to check for RS-2477 status.

If adequate need is determined for dirt roads slated for closure or

restoration, the decision for closure may be reconsidered.

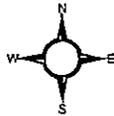
PROPOSED ROAD/WAY CLOSURES IN THE CORE AREA



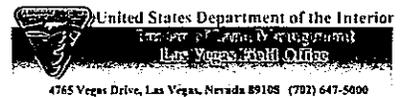
Legend

- Core area boundary
- Red Rock Canyon NCA Boundary
- Road designation within the core area
 - Administrative use only
 - Designated to be closed
 - Designated to remain open

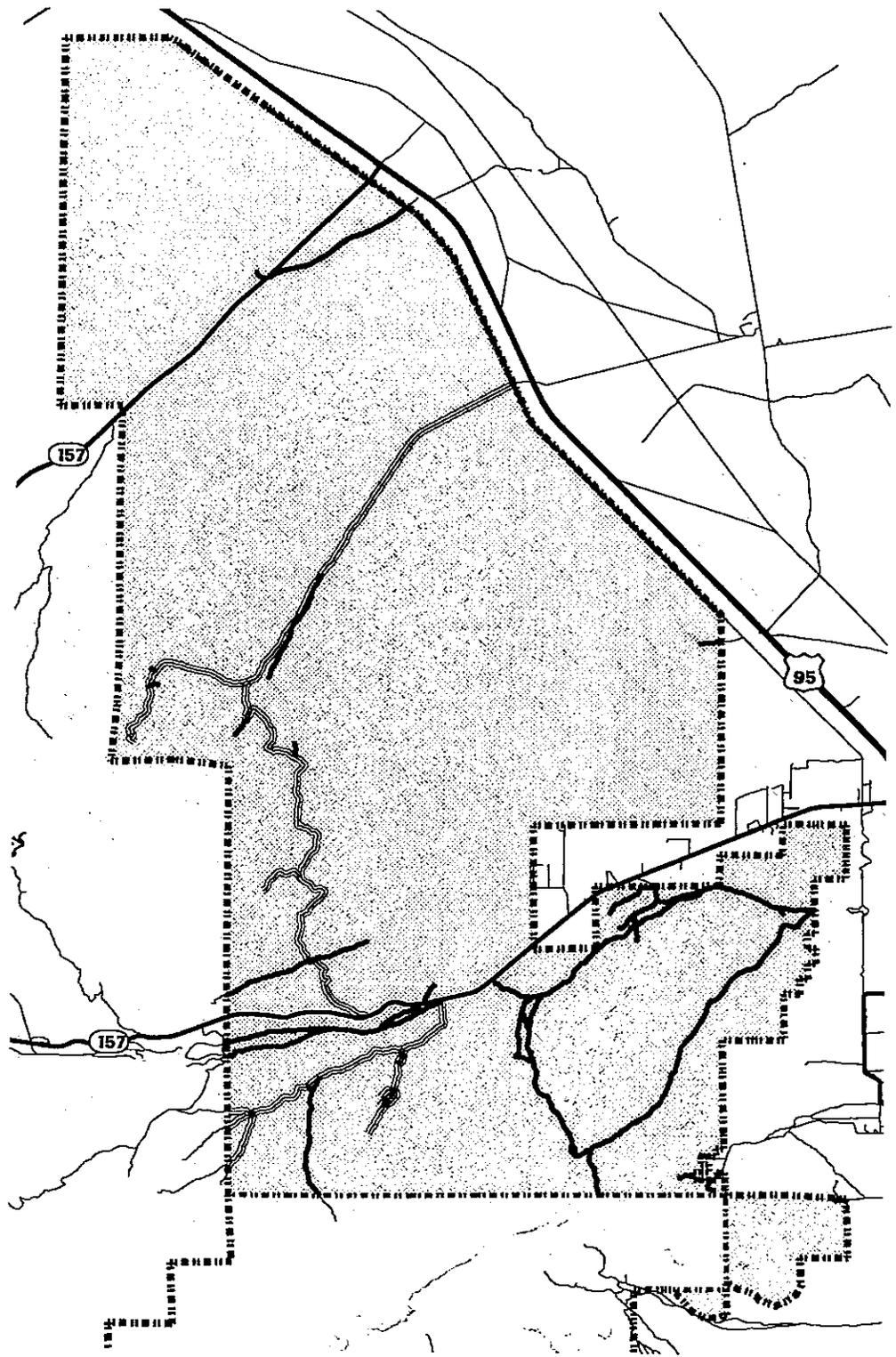
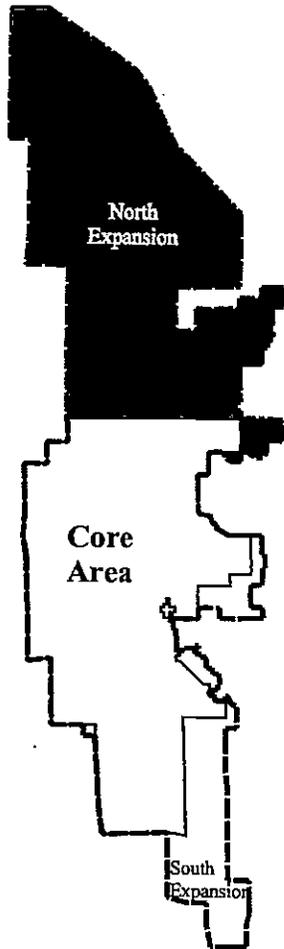
Roads and ways not shown
are to be closed.



No warranty is made by the Bureau of Land Management as to the accuracy, reliability, or completeness of these data for individual or aggregate use with other data. Original data were compiled from various sources. This information may not meet National Map Accuracy Standards. This product was developed through digital means and may be updated without notification.



PROPOSED ROAD/WAY CLOSURES IN THE NORTH EXPANSION AREA



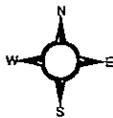
Legend

- North expansion area
- Red Rock Canyon NCA Boundary

Road designation within the north area

- Designated to be closed
- ==== Designated to remain open

Roads and ways not shown
are to be closed.



No warranty is made by the Bureau of Land Management as to the accuracy, reliability, or completeness of these data for individual or aggregate use with other data. Original data were compiled from various sources. This information may not meet National Map Accuracy Standards. This product was developed through digital means and may be updated without notification.

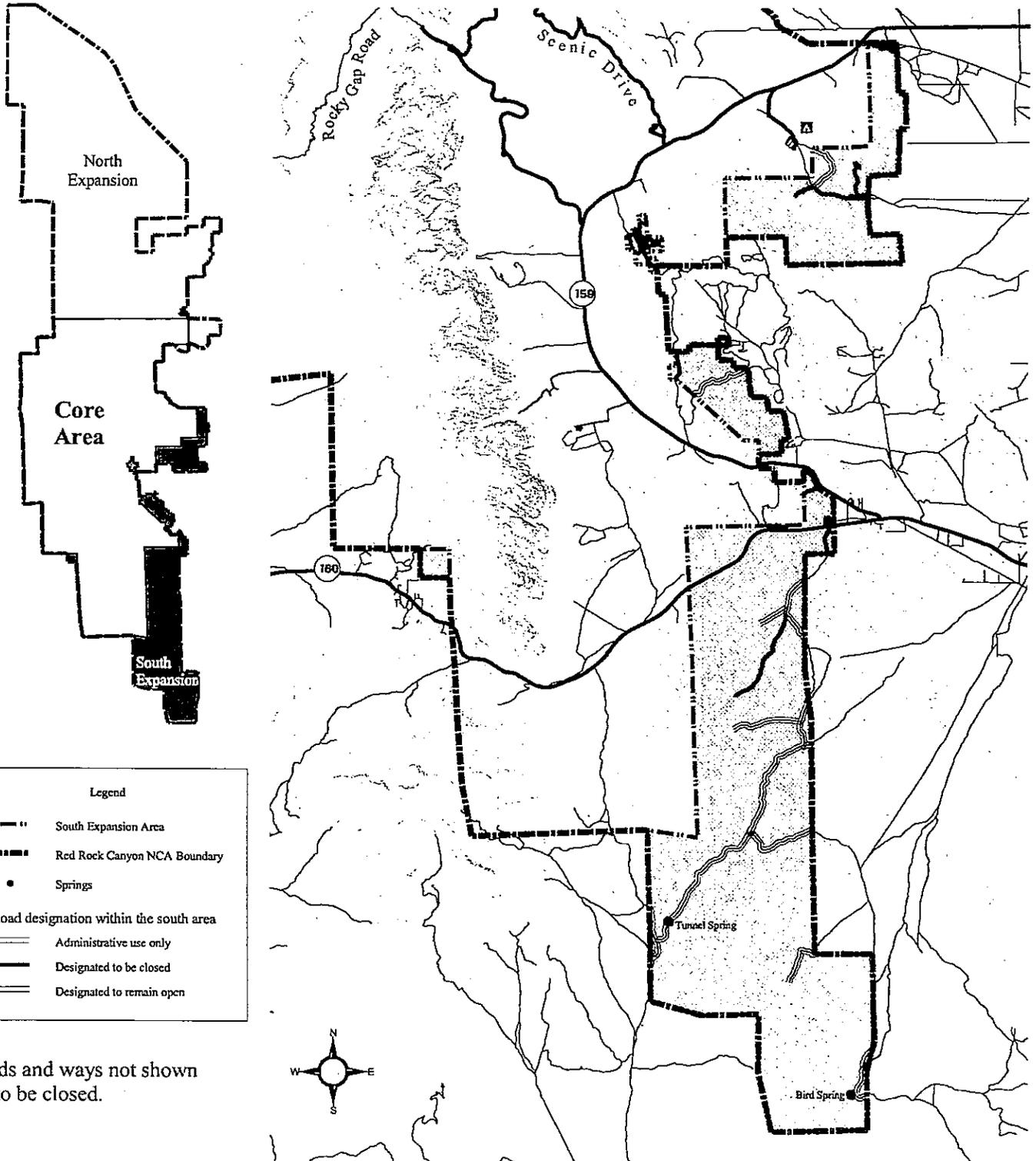
BLM

M14

United States Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
4765 Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89160 (702) 647-5000

d:\gis\projects\redrock\gmp\m14\proposedroadwayclosuresnorth.apr
12/09/2000

PROPOSED ROAD/WAY CLOSURES IN THE SOUTH EXPANSION AREA



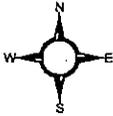
Legend

- South Expansion Area
- Red Rock Canyon NCA Boundary
- Springs

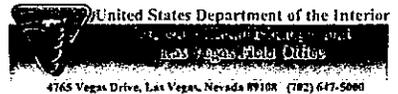
Road designation within the south area

- Administrative use only
- Designated to be closed
- Designated to remain open

Roads and ways not shown
are to be closed.

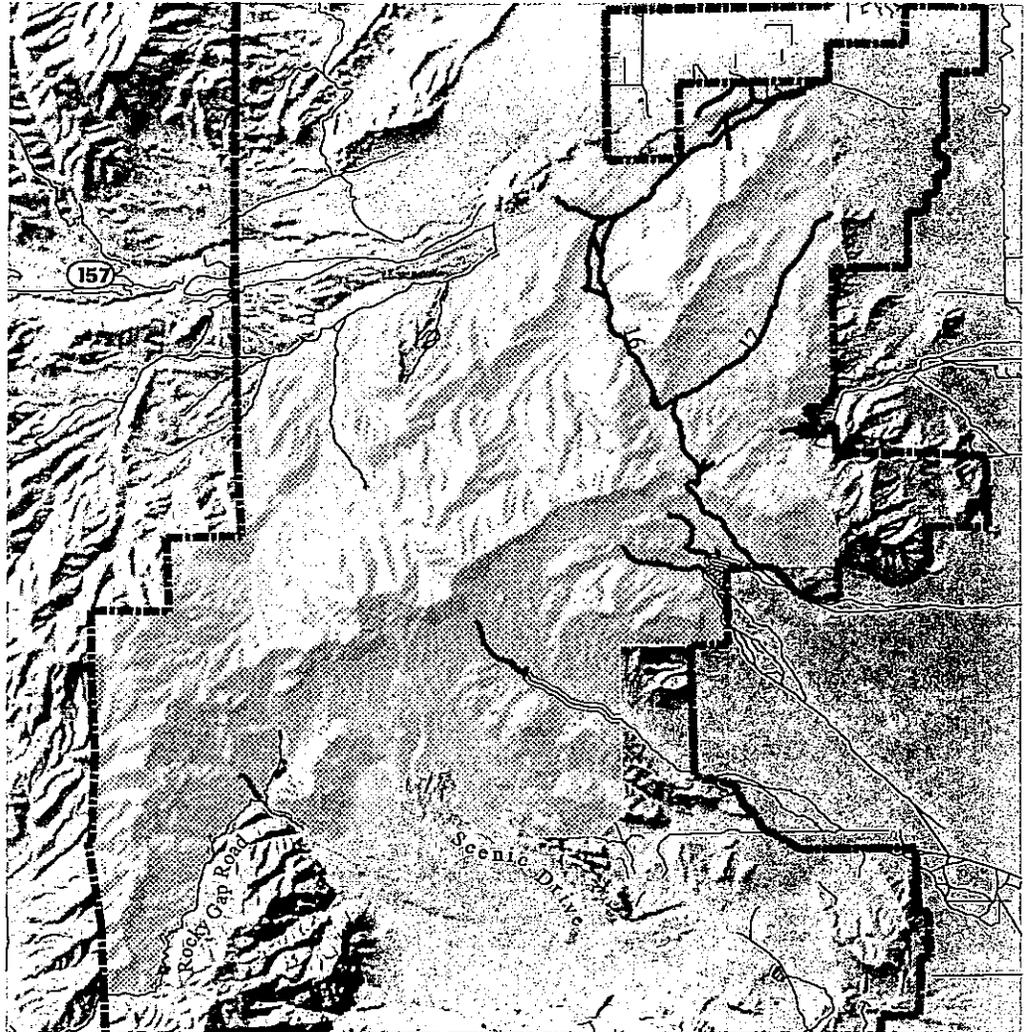
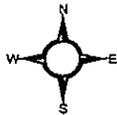
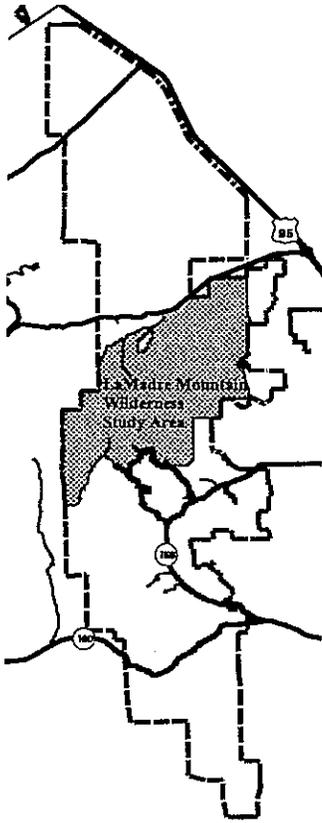


No warranty is made by the Bureau of Land Management as to the accuracy, reliability, or completeness of these data for individual or aggregate use with other data. Original data were compiled from various sources. This information may not meet National Map Accuracy Standards. This product was developed through digital means and may be updated without notification.



The ways (dirt roads or routes not officially recognized) labeled 14, 15, 16 and 17 (see following map) fall within the La Madre Mountain Wilderness Study Area (WSA). None of these ways have been cherry stemmed (altering wilderness boundary around roads to allow them to remain open). Until Congress decides the wilderness designation issue, the study area must maintain the character that made it eligible for wilderness consideration and each of these ways will be closed. If any of these ways fall outside of a future designated La Madre Mountain Wilderness, they will be reconsidered and may be designated for motor vehicle use.

PROPOSED ROAD/WAY CLOSURES IN THE LA MADRE MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS STUDY AREA

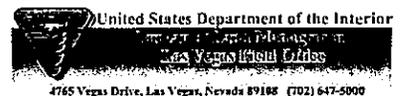


Legend

-  Red Rock Canyon NCA Boundary
-  La Madre Mountain Wilderness Study Area
- Roads/Ways within the La Madre Mountain WSA**
-  Designated to be closed
-  Designated to remain open

Roads and ways not shown are to be closed.

No warranty is made by the Bureau of Land Management as to the accuracy, reliability, or completeness of these data for individual or aggregate use with other data. Original data were compiled from various sources. This information may not meet National Map Accuracy Standards. This product was developed through digital means and may be updated without notification.



d:\gis\projects\redrock\m\vn16.apr
12/09/2000

Paved Roads

The construction of a 2.65 mile return road from Sandstone Quarry to the Visitor Center is included in this plan as a future option and is not considered as a primary action.

Construct Calico III parking area between the Calico II and Sandstone Quarry sites.

Calico III will accommodate long-term parking, while Calico I and Calico II will limit parking duration to better serve short-term visitors.

COMMERCIAL USE

Special Recreation Permits

Commercial uses have grown steadily in the last five years. In order to avoid establishing use patterns that might be detrimental to RRCNCA, and to give a benchmark for analysis, initial allocations of commercial permits will be established as listed below. As monitoring results are evaluated, the number of permits could increase or decrease in the future. Initial permit allocations will be as follows:

- 1) Rock Climbing Guides and Schools
5 year-round permits
"guest" permits (number to be determined in climbing plan)
- 2) Guided Horse Ride Operations
3 permits (no trail/use area overlap between permittees)
- 3) Bus and Limo Tours (on Scenic Drive)
No limits on number of tours
- 4) 4X4 Vehicle Tour Operations (on designated roads)
4 permits
- 5) Guided Bike Tours
4 permits (includes mountain bike and road bike touring)
- 6) Guided Interpretive Hikes
5 permits

New types of commercial uses proposed will be evaluated to determine if they are appropriate and consistent with RRCNCA management guidelines.

The Bureau of Land Management will work in cooperation with local agencies and schools in the Clark County vicinity to further the outdoor experience and educational opportunities offered within the local community. The administration of such agreements will be at the discretion of the National Conservation Area Manager. Agreements determined to fall under this category will not be deducted from the limits set for the previously mentioned categories.

Film Permits

Film permits, including still photography and video, are considered "lands actions". Land use authorizations are processed on a case-by-case basis as proposals are received. The authorization process involves analysis of potential impacts to the environment that could result from the proposed action. An Environmental Assessment or an Environmental Impact Statement, if appropriate, is prepared and resource protection stipulations are developed prior to the approval of such uses.

CULTURAL RESOURCES AND NATIVE AMERICAN CONCERNS

Objectives for Cultural Resources will include the following:

1. Manage for "Information Potential" in regards to any scientific, historic or prehistoric data which could be recovered.

Protection of site integrity is essential until information has been collected.

2. Manage to preserve cultural resources so that these remnants from the past are not lost forever.
3. Manage for "Public Values" such as socio-cultural, educational, and recreational benefits.

Although these resources need to be preserved, it is also important to provide visitors the opportunity to experience cultural resources firsthand to instill an appreciation for past cultures. Some areas may be restricted from use, due to sensitive or fragile resources, or to protect sites sacred to Native Americans.

Management Direction

Continue the process of determining site eligibility for nomination