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Randy asked an additional Question -

"Thank you for the quick response. So I am clear (as my past experience has been with National Wildlife Refuges, not BLM), the "cannot be waived, excepted or modified" provision comes from the management plan, not a statutory or other permanent requirement?"

See Allison's response below

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**From:** Ginn, Allison <[aginn@blm.gov](mailto:aginn@blm.gov)>  
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Tim-

The No Surface Occupancy restrictions and the decision to make those "natural areas" unavailable to leasing is a land use planning decision, and would remain in effect through the life of the plan (unless a plan amendment were completed).

Regards,

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**From:** Bowman, Randal <[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)>  
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On Mon, May 22, 2017 at 10:54 AM, Ginn, Allison <[aginn@blm.gov](mailto:aginn@blm.gov)> wrote:

The answer in that question is regarding lands with wilderness characteristics that are managed as "natural areas" (i.e., for protection of wilderness characteristics). These are not WSAs (even though most are adjacent to WSAs and have similar names).

These decisions were made in the Monticello RMP, with substantial public input into the selected alternative. I can pull the full supporting documentation, but would need you to advise the level of detail that is necessary.

Regards,

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On Mon, May 22, 2017 at 8:31 AM, Fisher, Timothy <[tjfisher@blm.gov](mailto:tjfisher@blm.gov)> wrote:

Hi Allison  
Happy Monday

Can you help us get clarification on WSA's in Bears Ears?

Thanks,

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On Mon, May 22, 2017 at 10:28 AM, Bowman, Randal <[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

An additional question, on item 3 re WSAs -

- "3. There are ~48,800 acres within 4 areas (Dark Canyon, Mancos Mesa, Nokai Dome East and Grand Gulch) that are carried forward in the 2008 Monticello Approved RMP for protection of their wilderness characteristics. Mancos Mesa, Nokai Dome East and Grand Gulch are unavailable for oil and gas leasing. Dark Canyon is available subject to a no surface occupancy stipulation that cannot be waived, excepted or modified. All 48,400 acres are managed as avoidance areas for rights-of-way (ROW)."

Why are some areas unavailable for leasing, and why is the "no surface occupancy" stipulation unchangeable?

On Fri, May 19, 2017 at 5:13 PM, Moore, Nikki <[nmoore@blm.gov](mailto:nmoore@blm.gov)> wrote:

Hi Randy,

We have completed our review of the initial responses provided in response to the April 26, 2017 Executive Order 13792 and initial data request. The executive summary, detailed response for the requested items, and supporting sources of information have been uploaded to the respective Google Drive folder for the Bears Ears National Monument.

Per your request, I have also attached the additional information requested in a word document along with a zip drive that contains supporting data and documents.

**Additional Information on Bears Ears Attachment...**

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