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Just in case you didn't get this...

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I was remiss in not sending this to you earlier. I was given one hour to put this together for the monument review so it isn't stellar but wanted you to have the complete package of docs that WO400 has at their disposal.

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## 2008 Monticello RMP Designations within Bears Ears National Monument

ACECs	Purpose of Designation (R&I value(s))	Special Management
Valley of the Gods	Scenic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Managed as VRM* Class I.</li> <li>• Unavailable for mineral leasing.</li> <li>• Closed to the disposal of mineral materials.</li> <li>• Available for mineral entry with an approved plan of operations.</li> <li>• Available for vegetation treatments when consistent with VRM Class 1.</li> <li>• Unavailable for private and/or commercial use of woodland products.</li> <li>• The BLM will pursue acquisition of state in holdings in this ACEC.</li> <li>• OHV use limited to designated roads and trails</li> <li>• ROW exclusion area.</li> <li>• No campfires allowed.</li> </ul>
Lavender Mesa (mesa top only)	Relict Vegetation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Managed to provide a baseline for rangeland studies through research and experiments.</li> <li>• Excluded from land treatments or other improvements, except for test plots and facilities necessary for study of the plant communities, and restoration/reclamation activities.</li> <li>• Managed as NSO for oil and gas leasing.</li> <li>• Closed to disposal of mineral materials</li> <li>• Available for locatable mineral entry with an approved plan of operations, subject to stipulations protecting vegetation on the mesa top.</li> <li>• No campfires allowed.</li> <li>• Managed to limit recreation use if vegetation communities are being adversely impacted.</li> <li>• Geophysical exploration allowed if it does not adversely impact vegetation communities.</li> <li>• Managed as VRM Class II.</li> <li>• Helicopter access allowed for scientific study and heliportable equipment.</li> <li>• ROW avoidance area.</li> <li>• Retained in public ownership.</li> <li>• Excluded from private or commercial use of woodland products, including limited on site collection of dead wood for campfires.</li> <li>• Unavailable for livestock grazing, including grazing by saddle stock and pack animals allowed for access.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excluded from wildlife habitat improvements.</li> <li>• Excluded from watershed control structures.</li> <li>• Appropriate management response to wildland fire in accordance with the Moab District Fire Plan.</li> <li>• Closed to OHV use.</li> <li>• Managed to limit recreation use if cultural resources or scenic values are being damaged.</li> </ul>
Shay Canyon	Cultural	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OHV and mechanized travel limited to designated routes.</li> <li>• No surface disturbance for vegetation, watershed, or wildlife treatments/improvements.</li> <li>• NSO for oil and gas.</li> <li>• Open to geophysical exploration as long as it is consistent with the objectives of the ACEC.</li> <li>• Grazing restricted to trailing only.</li> <li>• With the exception of side canyons, hiking limited to designated trails.</li> <li>• Open to mineral entry with an approved plan of operations to avoid impacts to cultural and paleontological resources.</li> <li>• Closed to disposal of mineral materials.</li> <li>• Campfires not allowed.</li> <li>• Unavailable for private or commercial use of woodland products including on site collection of dead wood for campfires.</li> <li>• Recreation use may be limited if cultural and paleontological resources are impacted.</li> <li>• Managed as VRM Class II.</li> <li>• Closed to camping.</li> <li>• ROW avoidance area.</li> <li>• A Cultural CRMP consistent with the goals and objectives of this RMP will be written for Shay Canyon ACEC and will not require a plan amendment to the RMP.</li> </ul>
San Juan River	Scenic, Cultural, Wildlife, and Natural systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vehicle access, including OHVs/mechanized, limited to designated routes.</li> <li>• Unavailable for private and/or commercial use of woodland products except for limited on site collection of dead wood for campfires; woodland use within the floodplain will be</li> <li>• Limited to collection of driftwood for campfires.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Available for livestock use October 1–May 31. Grazing must incorporate rest rotation and/or deferred management systems. Riparian areas must meet or exceed PFC to the extent affected by grazing.</li> <li>• Available for watershed, range, wildlife habitat improvements and vegetation treatments.</li> <li>• West Montezuma Creek to Private land managed as VRM Class II.</li> <li>• West of accreted land at Town of Bluff to River mile 9 managed as VRM Class III.</li> <li>• River mile 9 to river mile 23 (above Mexican Hat formation) managed as VRM Class I.</li> <li>• River mile 23.8 to river mile 28 managed as VRM Class III.</li> <li>• Available for oil and gas leasing subject to NSO.</li> <li>• Unavailable for mineral material disposal.</li> <li>• Recommended for withdrawal from locatable mineral entry.</li> <li>• Managed to limit recreation use if wildlife values are being adversely impacted.</li> <li>• Camping closed in areas as necessary to protect cultural, wildlife, and natural processes.</li> <li>• Designated access trails to cultural sites as necessary to protect cultural resources.</li> <li>• No camping in cultural sites.</li> <li>• Ropes and other climbing aids not allowed for access to ruins, cultural sites, and nesting raptors.</li> <li>• All areas intersected by the San Juan River SRMA are ROW avoidance areas.</li> <li>• Recreation management prescriptions identified under the San Juan River SRMA in the Recreation Section of this Chapter will also be followed and is consistent with the management outlined above.</li> </ul>
Indian Creek	Scenic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manage as VRM Class I.</li> <li>• Available for mineral leasing subject to No Surface Occupancy (NSO).</li> <li>• Unavailable for disposal of mineral materials.</li> <li>• Available for geophysical work if VRM Class I can be met.</li> <li>• Unavailable for private and/or commercial use of woodland products, except for limited on site collection of dead wood for campfires.</li> <li>• Available for livestock use.</li> <li>• Closed to OHV use.</li> <li>• All revegetation must be with native species naturally occurring in the vicinity.</li> </ul>

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SRMAs	Purpose of Designation	Special Management
Beef Basin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide outstanding recreational opportunities and visitor experiences while protecting natural and cultural resource values.</li> <li>• Provides a popular, remote, backcountry driving experience with primitive camping and cultural site exploration opportunities. Management focus for the SRMA is heritage tourism, traditional cultural values, and scientific research of prehistoric cultural landscapes.</li> <li>• Provide a semi primitive recreational experience for visitors to enjoy the world renowned cultural resources and scenic values. Use visitor information and interpretation as a primary tool to protect sensitive resources, discourage vandalism, and encourage visitor appreciation of public lands.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Available for private and/or commercial use of woodland products (including on site collection of dead wood for campfires).</li> <li>• Open to disposal of mineral materials under special conditions.</li> <li>• Available for oil and gas leasing subject to timing limitations.</li> <li>• Livestock use will continue but may be limited if cultural resources are impacted.</li> <li>• Available for range, wildlife habitat, watershed improvements, vegetation treatments and other surface disturbing land treatments if consistent with management plan objectives.</li> <li>• OHV use limited to designated routes.</li> <li>• A car campground will be developed in Ruin Park for primitive camping.</li> <li>• Primitive car camping areas will be designated in Middle Park, House Park, and along Beef Basin Loop Road, as well as other areas as necessary to control impacts to cultural resources.</li> <li>• Until primitive camping areas are designated in this area, dispersed vehicle camping will be allowed in previously disturbed areas within 150 feet of designated routes.</li> <li>• Campfires are allowed and are restricted to fire rings where fire rings are available. In dispersed camping areas, where fire rings are not available, campfires are subject to "Leave</li> <li>• No Trace" standards.</li> <li>• Dispersed campsites that impact archaeological sites will be closed.</li> <li>• Cultural site visitation limited to designated trails.</li> <li>• Groups larger than 20 people total are required to camp in designated areas. Human waste must be packed out.</li> <li>• Manage as VRM Class III.</li> </ul>
Cedar Mesa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide outstanding recreational opportunities and visitor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where livestock grazing is permitted mitigation activities may be implemented if cultural resources are determined to be at risk.</li> </ul>

	<p>experiences while protecting natural and cultural resource values through integrated management between the BLM and NPS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide a safe, natural well designed accessible recreational experience for all visitors to enjoy the world renowned cultural resources and scenic values. Use visitor information and interpretation as a primary tool to protect sensitive resources, discourage vandalism, and encourage visitor appreciation of public lands.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Available for watershed, range, and wildlife improvements and vegetation treatments.</li> <li>• Campfires allowed on mesa tops only; fire pan required.</li> <li>• Available for private and/or commercial use of woodland products including on site collection of dead wood for campfires. Access to available areas will be limited to designated roads and trails, dependent on cultural Class III surveys and occur outside WSAs and canyon bottoms. Traditional cultural use by Native Americans of woodland products is allowed as long as other resource values are not adversely affected. Open to dispersed camping except in areas where cultural resources are at risk.</li> <li>• Managed as VRM Class II, III and IV outside of WSAs and Valley of the Gods ACEC, which are managed as VRM Class I.</li> </ul>
Dark Canyon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide outstanding recreational opportunities and visitor experiences, while protecting natural and cultural resource values through integrated management between the BLM, USFS and NPS.</li> <li>• Provide a primitive, roadless, and undeveloped recreational experience in an essentially unmodified natural environment. Continue to provide a scenic backcountry experience of expansive views from within one of the deepest canyon systems in the region.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group size is limited to 18 people for private and commercial.</li> <li>• Three commercial trips are allowed per week.</li> <li>• Up to twenty total private users allowed per day. This number may be altered depending upon future visitor impacts.</li> <li>• If and where necessary, camping will be restricted to designated sites only.</li> <li>• Campfires are allowed on mesa tops. Cook stoves only in canyons.</li> <li>• Unavailable for private and/or commercial collection of woodland product use, except for the on site collection of dead wood for campfires on mesa tops.</li> <li>• If human waste becomes a problem, carrying out waste may be implemented in canyon.</li> <li>• Pets are allowed on leash and under physical control.</li> <li>• Closed to OHV use.</li> </ul>
Indian Creek	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide outstanding recreational opportunities and visitor experiences while protecting natural and cultural resource values through</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Camping is prohibited in the Indian Creek riparian corridor from Newspaper Rock to approximately 1 mile downstream of the Dugout Ranch.</li> <li>• Camp sites will be removed from the Newspaper Rock area and rehabilitated.</li> <li>• A picnic area will be constructed adjacent to the Newspaper Rock parking</li> </ul>

	<p>integrated management between the BLM, NPS, State of Utah, and the Nature Conservancy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide for premier rock climbing experiences, outstanding OHV opportunities, scenic vistas, cultural site interpretation at Newspaper Rock, destination camping areas, and a gateway to Canyonlands National Park.</li> </ul>	<p>area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Camping along the Bridger Jack Mesa Bench is limited to designated sites.</li> <li>• A new campground called Shay Mountain Vista Campground will be constructed.</li> <li>• The area is unavailable for private and/or commercial use of woodland products, including on site collection of dead wood for campfires. Campers must bring in their own wood for campfires.</li> <li>• Campfires are restricted to fire rings where fire rings are available. In dispersed camping areas, where fire rings are not available, campfires are subject to "Leave No Trace" standards. No campfires are allowed in the Lavender Mesa ACEC.</li> <li>• Rock climbing routes in conflict with cultural sites will be closed.</li> <li>• Camping fees will be charged if deemed necessary to provide needed facilities and services.</li> <li>• Parking areas will be developed.</li> <li>• Additional camping stipulations and regulations could be implemented if monitoring data shows this is necessary.</li> <li>• If new climbing routes are established, the BLM may designate a footpath to access the base of the climb to protect wildlife/raptors.</li> </ul>
San Juan River	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide outstanding river related recreational opportunities and visitor experiences while protecting natural and cultural resource values with integrated management between the BLM, NPS, and the Navajo Nation.</li> <li>• Allow for boating and rafting activities regulated through permit issuance.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the commercial group size limit is 33 people (25 passengers plus 8 guides)</li> <li>• The number of commercial daily is two per day (one launch of 25 passengers and one launch of 10 passengers)</li> <li>• Permits will be issued to commercial companies on a five year designated basis. They will also be issued to private users through an annual lottery system.</li> <li>• River trips on the San Juan River require a special use permit.</li> <li>• Unavailable for woodland product use, except for limited on site collection of dead wood for campfires. Woodland use within the floodplain is limited to collection of driftwood for campfires.</li> <li>• Cottonwood and willow harvest is allowed for Native American ceremonial uses only by permit. Restrictions on this permitted harvest will be implemented as necessary to achieve or maintain Proper Functioning Condition (PFC), and to maintain or improve threatened and endangered species/special status species (TES/SSS) habitat.</li> <li>• Backpackers in Slickhorn Canyon and Grand Gulch are not allowed to camp within 1 mile of the river.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The bench above Sand Island Campground (256 acres) is closed to camping.</li> <li>• Campfires allowed only in fire pans.</li> <li>• The San Juan River is managed as an SRMA (9,859 acres) (Map 9). The boundary remains as in the previous RMP with the exception of State Section 16 or the Holliday Pit Quarry on Lime Ridge.</li> <li>• The SRMA boundary east of existing oil and gas leasing category NSO is below the bench, thereby allowing access to high quality gravel.</li> </ul>
Tank Bench	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide outstanding recreational opportunities and visitor experiences while protecting natural and cultural resource values.</li> <li>• Tank Bench SRMA provides easy access to a spectacular complex of cultural sites. Provide a safe, natural, well designed accessible recreational experience for all visitors to enjoy the world renowned cultural resources and scenic values. Use visitor information and interpretation as a primary tool to protect sensitive resources, discourage vandalism, and encourage visitor appreciation of public lands.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dispersed hiking allowed; not limited to designated trails.</li> <li>• Area will remain open to domestic pets and pack animals but use may be limited if damage is occurring to cultural resources.</li> <li>• Commercial group size limited to 12 people.</li> <li>• Closed to OHV use.</li> <li>• Livestock use will continue but it may be limited if cultural resources are impacted.</li> <li>• Available for range, wildlife habitat, watershed improvements, vegetation treatments, and other surface disturbing land treatments if consistent with management plan objectives.</li> <li>• Campfires allowed.</li> <li>• Closed to private and/or commercial use of woodland products (including on site collection of dead wood for campfires) with the exception of traditional Native American cultural uses, as long as they do not adversely impact other resource values.</li> <li>• Open to disposal of mineral materials and geophysical work.</li> <li>• Available for oil and gas leasing, subject to standard lease terms.</li> <li>• Manage as VRM Class III and IV.</li> </ul>
White Canyon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide outstanding recreational opportunities and visitor experiences, while protecting natural and cultural resource values through integrated management between the BLM and NPS (including the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area and Natural Bridges National Monument).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A backcountry allocated permit system will be established as necessary to protect resources.</li> <li>• If human waste becomes a problem, carrying out waste may be implemented in the canyon.</li> <li>• Campfires are not allowed in the canyons. Cook stoves only in canyons.</li> <li>• Manage as VRM Class I and II.</li> <li>• OHV use closed and limited to designated routes</li> <li>• Unavailable and CSU (site specific) for oil and gas leasing.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide a spectacular canyoneering recreational experience in a popular, world renowned and easily accessible slot canyon; including backcountry hiking and backpacking, remote camping, cultural site visitation and exploration.</li> </ul>	
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WSAs	Special Management
Bridger Jack Mesa	Common to all: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manage as VRM Class I</li> <li>• Closed to OHV use (with the exception of 0.8 miles of a way in Fish Creek WSA to access Moon House ruin)</li> </ul>
Butler Wash	
Cheese Box Canyon	
Dark Canyon ISA Complex	
Fish Creek Canyon	
Grand Gulch ISA	
Indian Creek	
Mancos Mesa	
Mule Canyon	
Road Canyon	
South Needles	

There are no Wilderness areas or National Historic Trails within the Monument boundary. There are Three Wild & Scenic River segments that are managed for consideration of inclusion into the National Wild and Scenic River system – Colorado River, San Juan River, and Dark Canyon.

**\*VRM Classifications**

Class I Authorized actions may not modify existing landscape or attract the attention of casual viewers.

Class II Authorized actions may not modify existing landscape or attract the attention of casual viewers.

Class III Authorized actions may alter the existing landscape but not to the extent that they attract or focus attention of the casual viewer.

Class IV Authorized actions may involve major modification of the landscape's existing character. Authorized actions may create significant landscape alterations and would be obvious to casual viewers.