

Draft Kanaka Valley Management Plan



Hunting Recreation Alternatives Overview

Hunting recreation at Kanaka Valley was extensively discussed during public planning meetings. There were a wide variety of concerns ranging from available recreational opportunities to safety of other recreationists and people driving on the public road. There was not a hunting recreation management action recommended to the BLM by community planning meeting attendees. The proposed management action was drafted by the BLM after careful consideration.

Proposed Management Action (alternative 1) – Hunting Recreation

- “Hunting” and “No Hunting” zones would be established (see map).
- Hunting would be restricted to deer and turkey during the fall season, deer during the summer archery-only season, and quail and mourning doves in season; species of game available for falconry hunting would be consistent with CDFG regulations. Hunting would be allowed on all days of the appropriate CDFG hunting season.
- Methods of take would be limited to archery, falconry, shotgun (muzzle loader allowed after fire season is declared over) and air gun.
- For spring turkey season, the BLM would work to establish a limited hunting program in collaboration with interested partners as described below.

The BLM would partner with a local group or agency and offer lottery spring turkey hunts held at Kanaka Valley. The program would consist of hunts open only to successful applicants on select dates during the spring turkey hunt season. The total number of days the special hunt would run and other logistics would be outlined in a Kanaka Valley spring turkey hunt plan which would require a separate plan and NEPA analysis; the plan would be consistent with CDFG regulations.

Alternative 2: no action

Hunting would be allowed in accordance with CDFG rules and regulations; there would be no BLM use restrictions.

Alternative 3: modified hunting

No hunting would be allowed.

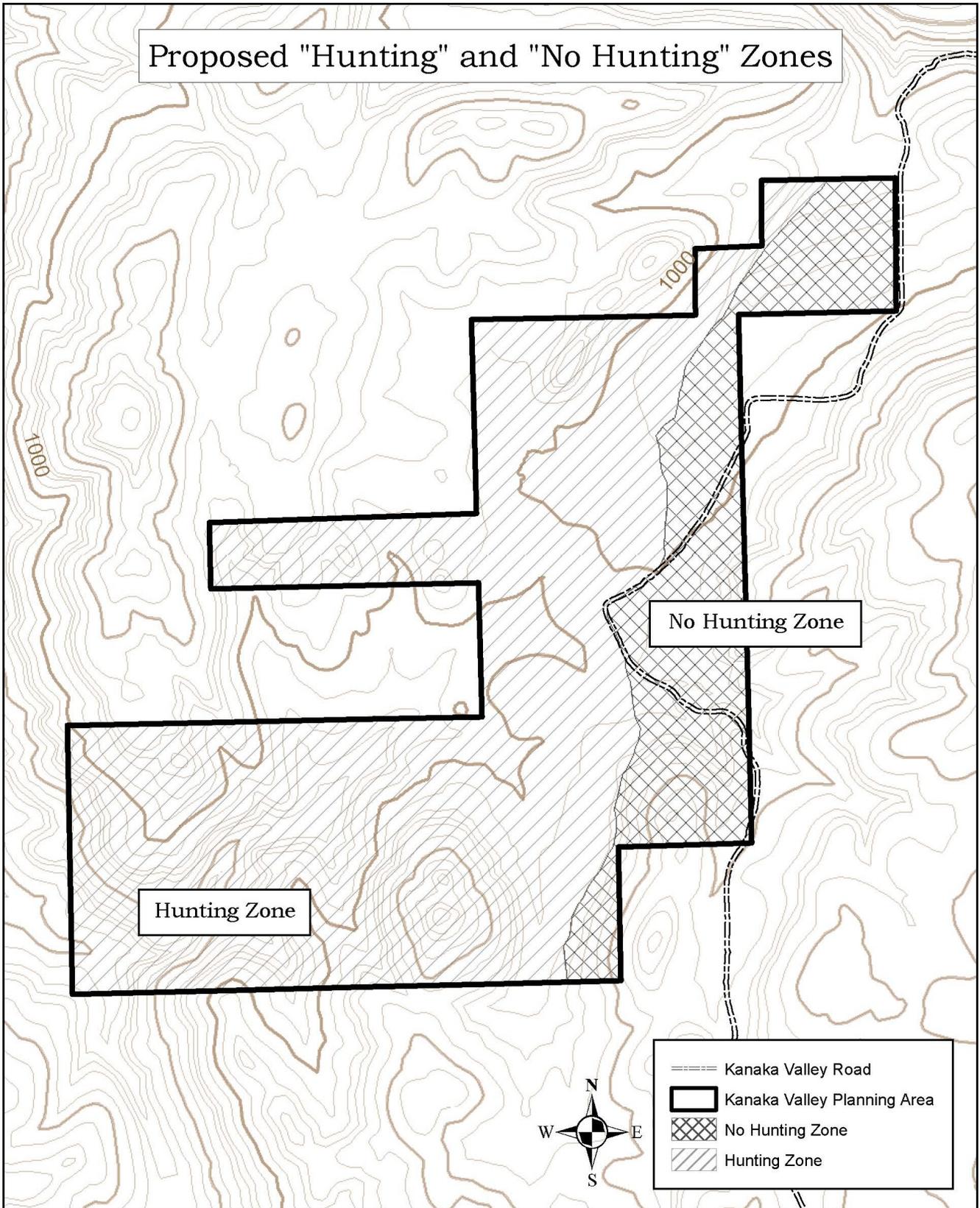
Alternative 4: modified hunting

Hunting would be limited to archery, falconry, and shotguns (no slugs). The following would be allowed: deer and turkey during the fall season, deer during the summer archery-only season, and quail and mourning dove in season. Game for falconry would follow CDFG regulation. There would be no hunting for spring turkey. Hunting zones would not be created.

Alternative 5&6: portion of the planning area designated as PHP ACEC

In alternative 5 and 6, a 117 acre portion of the planning area in the FWS recovery boundary, as outlined in the 2002 Gabbro Soils Rare Plants Recovery Plan, would be managed under the 2008 PHP Management Plan with the PHP multiagency system. The rest of the planning area would be managed under the proposed management plan (alternative 1).

Proposed "Hunting" and "No Hunting" Zones



Hunting Zone

No Hunting Zone

- Kanaka Valley Road
- ▭ Kanaka Valley Planning Area
- ▨ No Hunting Zone
- ▧ Hunting Zone

