

# **Appendix L**

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# Appendix L – BLM Special Unit Management Plans

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## L. BLM SPECIAL UNIT MANAGEMENT PLANS

### L.1 Introduction

This Appendix includes maps and a description of the site-specific management for National Conservation Lands, Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs), Special Recreation Management Areas (SRMAs), and Extended Recreation Management Areas (ERMAs) on BLM-managed lands.

**National Conservation Lands** are designated under Public Law 111-11, the Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009, which included “public lands within the California Desert Conservation Area administered by the Bureau of Land Management for conservation purposes” as part of the National Landscape Conservation System.

**Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs)** designations highlight areas where special management attention is needed to protect and prevent irreparable damage to important historic, cultural, and scenic values, fish or wildlife resources or other natural systems or processes; or to protect human life and safety from natural hazards. ACECs are designated through Land Use Plans and Plan Amendments. Land use plans should identify goals, standards, and objectives for each area, as well as general management practices and uses.

**Special Recreation Management Areas (SRMAs)** are administrative units where the existing or proposed recreation opportunities and recreation setting characteristics are recognized for their unique value, importance, and/or distinctiveness, especially as compared to other areas used for recreation. Land use plans should identify outcome-focused objectives, and supporting management actions and allowable use decisions to (1) sustain or enhance recreation objectives, (2) protect the desired recreation setting characteristics, and (3) constrain uses, including non-compatible recreation activities that are detrimental to meeting recreation or other critical resource objectives.

**Extensive Recreation Management Areas (ERMAs)** are administrative units that require specific management consideration in order to address recreation use, demand, or recreation and visitor services program investments. Land use plans should establish objectives and supporting management actions and allowable use decisions to facilitate the visitors’ ability to participate in outdoor recreation activities and protect the associated qualities and conditions. Non-compatible uses, including some recreation activities, may be restricted or constrained to achieve interdisciplinary objectives.

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### L.2 National Conservation Lands, Areas of Critical Environmental Concern, and Wildlife Allocations

The following tables and maps identify areas managed as National Conservation Lands or ACECs. They also identify whether all or a portion of a unit is included in National Conservation Lands, ACECs, or as Wildlife Allocations, and any applicable disturbance caps. These plans are organized alphabetically within the subregions.

The interdisciplinary team evaluated each area to determine if special management was needed for the following resources and uses:

- Soil, water, air
- Vegetation – including special status species
- Fish and wildlife – including special status species
- Cultural resources
- Paleontology
- Trails and travel management
- Recreation
- Land tenure
- Rights of way
- Minerals (including locatable minerals, mineral materials, and non-energy leasables)
- Livestock grazing
- Wild horses and burros.
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Where special management is needed for a specific unit, it is identified in that unit's table. If the interdisciplinary team determined that for this area special management for a particular resource was not needed, the resource is not identified in a unit specific table. Subsequently, if special management is not identified for a specific resource or use, the plan-wide Conservation Management Actions (CMAs) in Volume II will apply. In instances where no disturbance cap has been identified for ACECs, uses compatible with the purpose of the ACEC will be limited to a 1% disturbance of wildlife habitat. In instances where the Special Management Plan does provide a disturbance cap, that number will apply. When assessing disturbance related to an authorized activity, it is necessary to document the additive effect that new disturbance has on approaching the disturbance cap.

If a unit is included in National Conservation Lands in an alternative, and the plan-wide National Conservation Lands CMA for that alternative is more restrictive than the individual unit's special management or disturbance cap, the more restrictive management will apply.

If a unit is designated as a Wildlife Allocation, the special management in the unit's table will not apply, and the BLM will manage the area using the plan-wide CMAs. A Wildlife Allocation identifies what species or what wildlife purpose (e.g. connectivity) for which the allocation is made. Approval of future actions by other activities (e.g. recreation

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development, mining, etc.) within a Wildlife Allocation area must demonstrate how the action does not preclude the designated wildlife purpose. For example, if an area is designated as a Wildlife Allocation for wildlife connectivity and a new mining claim is made in this zone, the NEPA for the mining claim must include a discussion of how approving the new mining claim does not significantly impair or preclude the wildlife connectivity. While ACECs and NLCS designations may be accompanied by disturbance caps, disturbance caps will not apply to areas designated as only Wildlife Allocation.

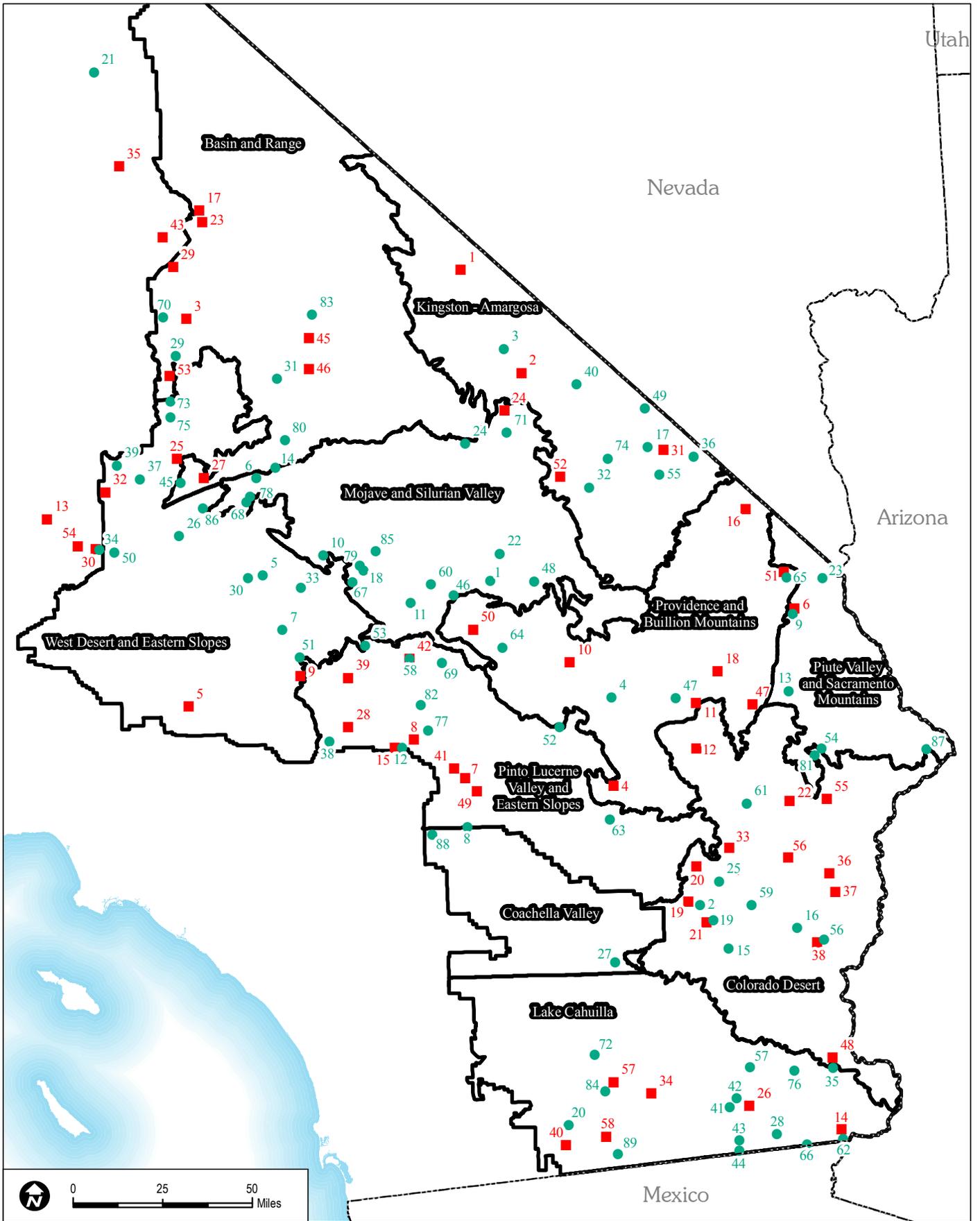
### L.3 Special Recreation Management Areas and Extensive Recreation Management Areas

The following special unit management plans and maps identify areas managed as Special Recreation Management Areas (SRMAs) and Extensive Recreation Management Areas (ERMAs). These plans are organized alphabetically within the subregions.

For each SRMA and ERMA, the management plan includes:

- A description of the area's objective statement, primary activities, experiences, and recreation benefits
- A recreation setting characteristics description
- Management actions and allowable uses.

If a SRMA or ERMA management plan is silent on a resource or use, the plan-wide CMAs will apply. If plan-wide CMAs and SRMA or ERMA management plans are inconsistent, the more site-specific management will apply.



● Existing     
 ■ Proposed     
  DRECP Subareas

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Label #	Existing ACECs
1	Afton Canyon
2	Alligator Rock
3	Amargosa River
4	Amboy Crater
5	Barstow Woolly Sunflower
6	Bedrock Spring
7	Bendire's Thrasher
8	Big Morongo Canyon
9	Bigelow Cholla
10	Black Mountain
11	Calico Early Man Site
12	Carbonate Endemic Plants RNA
13	Chemehuevi
14	Christmas Canyon
15	Chuckwalla
16	Chuckwalla Valley Dune Thicket
17	Clark Mountain
18	Coolgardie Mesa
19	Corn Springs
20	Coyote Mountains Fossil Site
21	Crater Mountain
22	Cronese Basin
23	Dead Mountains
24	Denning Springs
25	Desert Lily Preserve
26	Desert Tortoise Natural Area
27	Dos Palmas
28	East Mesa
29	Fossil Falls
30	Fremont-Kramer
31	Great Falls Basin
32	Halloran Wash
33	Harper Dry Lake
34	Horse Canyon
35	Indian Pass
36	Ivanpah
37	Jawbone/Butterbredt
38	Juniper Flats
39	Kelso Creek Monkeyflower
40	Kingston Range
41	Lake Cahuilla - A
42	Lake Cahuilla - B
43	Lake Cahuilla - C
44	Lake Cahuilla - D
45	Last Chance Canyon
46	Manix
47	Marble Mountain Fossil Bed

#	Existing ACECs
48	Mesquite Hills/Crucero
49	Mesquite Lake
50	Middle Knob
51	Mojave Fishhook Cactus
52	Mojave Fringe-toed Lizard
53	Mojave Monkeyflower
54	Mopah Spring
55	Mountain Pass Dinosaur Trackway
56	Mule Mountains
57	North Algodones Dunes
58	Ord-Rodman
59	Palen Dry Lake
60	Parish's Phacelia
61	Patton's Iron Mountain Divisional Camp
62	Pilot Knob
63	Pinto Mountains
64	Pisgah
65	Piute-Fenner
66	Plank Road
67	Rainbow Basin/Owl Canyon
68	Red Mountain Spring
69	Rodman Mountains Cultural Area
70	Rose Spring
71	Salt Creek Hills
72	San Sebastian Marsh/San Felipe Creek
73	Sand Canyon
74	Shadow Valley
75	Short Canyon
76	Singer Geoglyphs (Gold Basin-Rand Intaglios)
77	Soggy Dry Lake Creosote Rings
78	Steam Well
79	Superior-Cronese
80	Trona Pinnacles
81	Turtle Mountains
82	Upper Johnson Valley Yucca Rings
83	Warm Sulfur Springs
84	West Mesa
85	West Paradise
86	Western Rand Mountains
87	Whipple Mountains
88	Whitewater Canyon
89	Yuha Basin

<b>Label #</b>	<b>Proposed ACECs</b>
1	Amargosa North
2	Amargosa South
3	Ayres Rock
4	Barstow Santos Manuel
5	Big Rock Creek Wash
6	Bigelow Cholla Garden Expansion
7	Bighorn East
8	Bighorn West
9	Brisbane Monkey Flower Expansion
10	Bristol Mountains
11	Cadiz Corridor
12	Cadiz Valley
13	Caliente Creek
14	Camp Pilot Knob
15	Carbonate Plant Expansion
16	Castle Mountain
17	Cerro Gordo
18	Chemehuevi Expansion
19	Chuckwalla Central
20	Chuckwalla Expansion
21	Chuckwalla Mountains Central
22	Chuckwalla to Chemehuevi Tortoise Linkage
23	Conglomerate Mesa
24	Dumont Dunes Corridor
25	Eagles Flyway
26	East Mesa Expansion
27	El Paso to Golden Wildlife Linkage
28	Granite Mountain Corridor
29	Greasewood
30	Horse Canyon Expansion
31	Ivanpah Expansion
32	Jawbone Extension
33	Joshua Tree to Palen Corridor
34	Lake Cahuilla Expansion
35	Manzanar
36	McCoy Valley
37	McCoy Wash
38	Mule McCoy

<b>#</b>	<b>Proposed ACECs</b>
39	Northern Lucerne Wildlife Linkage
40	Ocotillo
41	Old Woman Springs Wildlife Linkage
42	Ord-Rodman
43	Owens Lake
44	Palen Ford
45	Panamint Lake
46	Panamints and Argus
47	Patton Military Camps
48	Picacho
49	Pipes Canyon
50	Pisgah Expansion
51	Piute-Fenner infill
52	Shadow Valley Expansion
53	Sierra Canyons Migratory Bird
54	Tehachapi Linkage
55	Turtle Mountains Corridor
56	Upper McCoy
57	West Mesa Expansion
58	Yuha Basin North Expansion