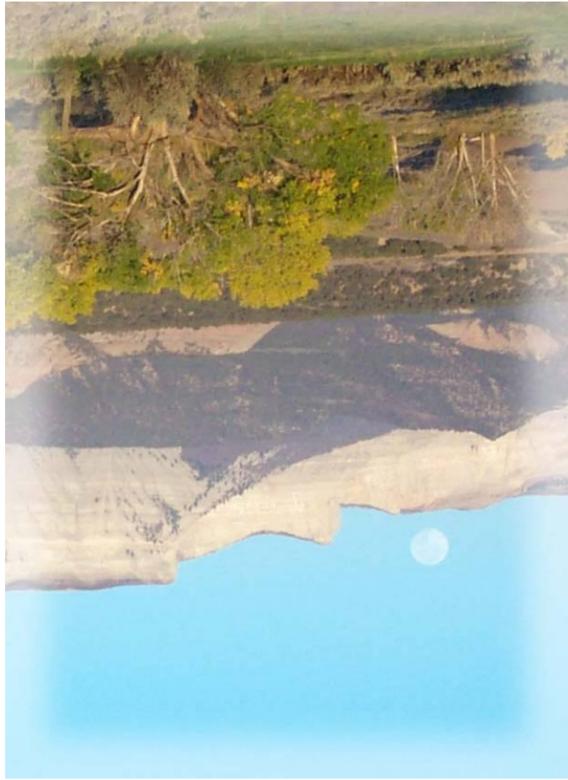




## Travel Map and Visitor Guide



# BLM

## Roan Plateau

### Roan Plateau History

The Roan Plateau, once known as the Naval Oil Shale Reserve, was transferred from the Department of Energy to the BLM in November, 1997. This unique area is currently managed under the Colorado River Valley Field Office and encompassed approximately 54,000 acres managed for multiple uses. These uses include: livestock grazing, cultural and paleontological resources, wildlife habitat, forest and vegetation, recreation and wilderness, and oil and gas development. This area offers the back country camper, sight-seer, hunter, mountain biker, Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) enthusiast a diverse landscape.

This includes: shale cliffs, open sagebrush parks, high country meadows, spruce-fir and aspen forests with spectacular panoramic vistas. The Roan Plateau overlooks the town of Rifle and the Colorado River Valley which conceals this remote area. There are no campgrounds or restrooms, few signs and a limited system of rough four wheel drive routes. Please help us protect these public lands and minimize conflict with other users, so future visitors may have the same experiences available to them as you do today. Enjoy your visit!

#### Travel Designations:

Travel on the Roan Plateau is limited to designated routes shown on this map. Routes were designated to provide adequate access for administrative and public use, while protecting resources, promoting safety and minimizing conflicts among users. Designations are needed to prevent continued extension and proliferation of routes and related. These public lands contain significant resource values which are fragile and easily damaged or destroyed through unmanaged motorized vehicle use.

#### Resource Protection:

This brochure shows the system of designated routes for all motorized and mechanized vehicles on the Roan Plateau, with the exception of snowmobiles operating during winter months.

All motorized and mechanized travel is "Limited to Designated Routes" year round on the Roan Plateau. Visitors will notice little change as the designated system of routes is essentially the existing system of routes. BLM Travel restrictions do not apply to foot or horseback travel. Designated routes on the lower

**Operation Game Thief**  
You can stop game poaching!  
Call 1-800-332-4155 (State-wide)

Nearest medical services and hospital are in Rifle, Glenwood Springs.  
Colorado State Patrol (970) 248-7278  
Garfield County Sheriff (970) 625-1899  
Fire, Ambulance 911

**In Case of an Emergency:**  
If you must have a fire, keep it small and burn to ash. Make sure it is completely out before leaving.  
Strain dirty dishwasher with a fine fresh strainer before scattering it.

**Protect Water Resources**

**Minimize Campfire Impacts**  
Please pack out, or discreetly bury, human waste and fire ash.

**Dispose of Waste Properly**  
Durable surfaces include established trails and camps, rock, gravel, or drainages.

**Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces**  
Leave No Trace

**Off Highway Vehicle Registration**  
Colorado State Parks Registration Unit  
13787 S. Highway 85  
Littleton, CO 80125  
(303) 791-1920

**Colorado Division of Wildlife**  
711 Independent Ave.  
Grand Junction, CO 81505  
(970) 248-7175

**Bureau of Land Management**  
2300 River Frontage Road  
Silt, CO 81652  
(970) 876-9000  
Fax (970) 876-9090

**Comments Contact:**  
For More Information or

elevations have no legal public access and are not shown on the visitor guide.

These designations are established pursuant and are published in the Federal Register: July 3, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 128). Persons who are exempt from the restrictions include: (1) Any Federal, State, or local officers engaged in fire, emergency and law enforcement activities; (2) BLM employees engaged in official duties; (3) Persons authorized to travel off designated routes that have obtained travel authorizations from the Glenwood Springs Field Office. Penalties: Any person who fails to comply with the provisions of this order may be subject to penalties and fines.

#### Off Highway Vehicles:

The proposed designated routes shown on this map of the Roan Plateau are open to Off Highway Vehicles (OHV) use such as motorcycles and all terrain vehicles. Under Colorado State Law, all unlicensed OHV's must be registered with the Colorado State Parks. The registration decal must be clearly displayed on the upper forward half of the vehicle and the registration card must be carried while operating the OHV and shown to any peace officer upon request. Out of State OHV's operated in Colorado must be currently registered in their home state, or registered in Colorado if the home State does not require them to be registered. To register an OHV contact the Colorado State Parks Registration Unit for the nearest outlet.

#### Benefits:

Registration fees are used to fund OHV trail maintenance and construction of trailheads, parking areas, trail signs and maps and educational programs that benefit the users and the land they use.

#### Stay on Public Land:

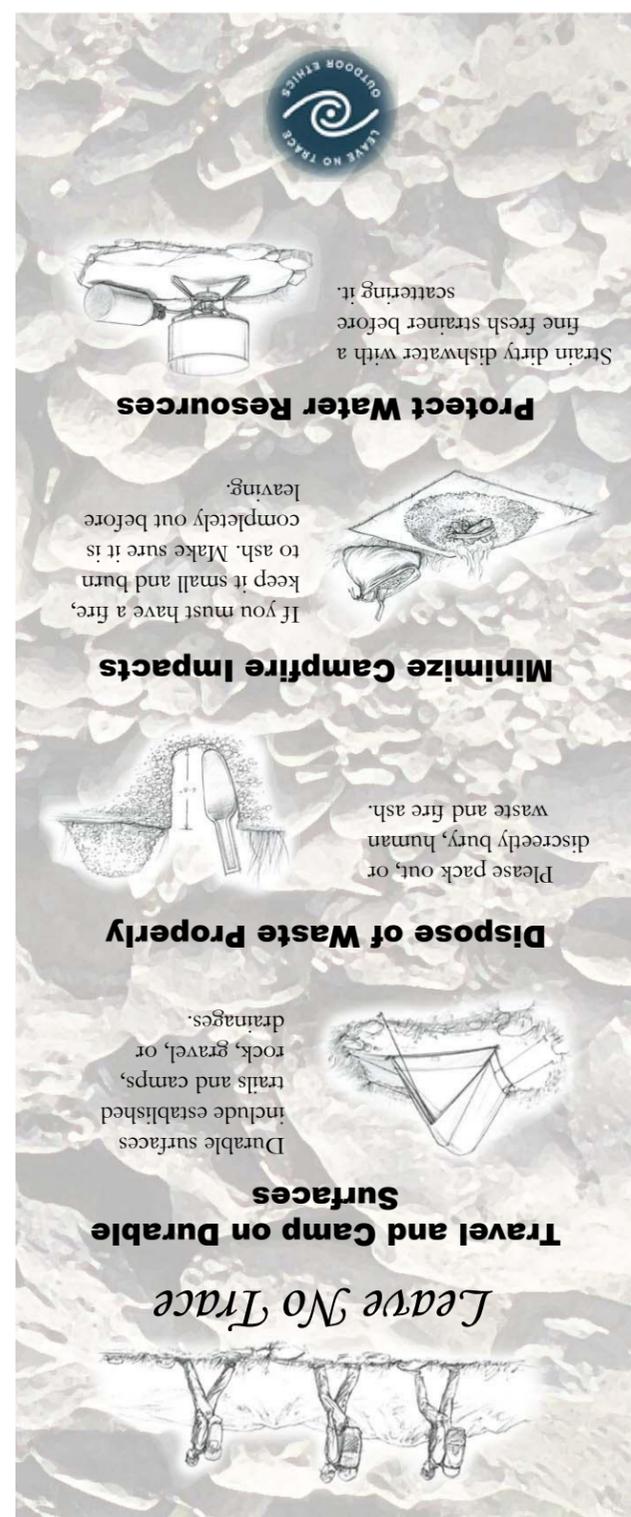
BLM land is open to the public if it is legally accessed. Report any illegal posting of signs that may state that public land is private property.

#### Respect Private Land Boundaries:

Private land is NOT open to public use without the landowner's permission. It is your responsibility to know whether land is private or public. Private land is not necessarily posted or fenced.

#### Leave Gates as You Find Them:

Help the local ranchers by closing gates if you open them, and keeping your distance from their livestock. Closing gates also helps to insure proper grazing management.



#### Prepare for Rough Roads and Trails:

Dangerous conditions may exist at any time on the roads on top of the Roan Plateau. High clearance or four wheel drive vehicles are recommended. Roads may get hazardous or impassable when wet. Avoid traveling on roads when they are muddy for your safety and to prevent road damage.

#### Practice Low Impact Techniques When Using Horses and Pack Animals:

Do not build permanent corrals. Use portable electric fence, bobbles, pickets or highlines to prevent damage to vegetation when camping with horses. Locate overnight holding areas away from water sources, and dismantle them after use.

**Use Only Certified Weed Free Hay:** Livestock may be allowed to graze on public land during your visit, but avoid overuse. Contact the BLM office for information on local weed free hay suppliers.

#### Observe Camping Stay Limit:

From April 1 to August 31 the limit is 7 days and from September 1 to March 31 it is 14 days. Campers must relocate at least 30 miles away and may not return within 30 days to a previous campsite. Personal property may not be left unattended on public land for longer than 24 hours.

#### Pack out What You Pack In:

Help keep public lands clean. Do not bury trash. Please help clean up trash that others may have thoughtlessly left behind.

#### Tread Lightly:

You can help by becoming a public land steward. Know, follow and educate others on how to act responsibly. Help to preserve your public lands for now and for the future. Practice "Tread Lightly" and leave a good impression by remembering to:

- T**Travel and recreated with minimum impact,
- R**espect the environment and rights of others
- E**ducate yourself, plan and prepare before you go,
- A**llow for future use of the outdoors, leave it better than you found it,
- D**iscover the rewards of responsible recreation.

For more information about the Tread Lightly! Program contact 1-800-966-9900.

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**Cow Creek Access Route**  
Cow Creek Road is the recommended route for over-sized vehicles, vehicles with trailers or 2-wheel drive vehicles.

Piceance Creek Rd  
7.5 Miles  
Highway 13  
11 Miles

**JQS Access Route**  
JQS Road is steep, narrow & recommended for use only by 4-wheel drive vehicles. It is impassable when wet. Tight switchbacks exist. Trailers not recommended.

All motorized and mechanized travel on public lands is limited to primary and secondary roads shown on this map. Direct access to a suitable camp site within 300 feet of a designated motorized route is authorized.

- Kiosk
- Major Highway
- Primary Road
- Secondary Road
- Private Road  
No Public Access
- Foot/Horse Trail  
Administrative Motorized Use Only as Authorized by BLM
- BLM
- Private

All travel designations on this map are part of the Roan Plateau Plan (2007). Road closures to motorized vehicles protect big-game habitat and cutthroat trout.

Road conditions vary depending upon weather and maintenance schedules. Winter maintenance does not occur. Be prepared for adverse conditions and/or impassable roads any time of year.

