



FACT SHEET: Grand Junction Field Office PRMP Recreation & Visitor Services

The Proposed RMP considers a range of alternatives to produce a diversity of quality recreational opportunities that support outdoor-oriented lifestyles, enhance the quality of local communities, and foster protection of natural and cultural resources. Key Recreation and Visitor Services can be found on pages 2-172 to 2-332, as well as Appendices A, K, L, M.

Through RMPs the BLM classifies the lands it manages into three categories related to recreation:

Special Recreation Management Areas (SRMAs) have unique value, importance and/or distinctiveness for recreation, especially when compared to other areas used for recreation. In SRMAs, recreation is recognized as the predominate resource use, and they are managed to protect and enhance a targeted set of activities, experiences, benefits, and desired recreation setting characteristics.

Extensive Recreation Management Areas (ERMAs) are managed to protect, support and sustain the principal recreation activities identified for the specific ERMA, but management of ERMAs is commensurate with the management of other resources and resource uses.

Undesignated lands, where recreation is not emphasized but management actions may still be necessary to address basic recreation and resource needs.

Summary of Existing and Proposed RMA Designations by Alternative

Area	Alternative A (Existing)	Alternative B	Alternative C	Alternative D
34 and C Road RMZ***	Undesignated	ERMA	Undesignated	ERMA
Bangs**	SRMA	SRMA	SRMA	SRMA
Barrel Springs	Undesignated	ERMA	Undesignated	ERMA
De Beque (Castle Rock)	Undesignated	Undesignated	Undesignated	SRMA
North Fruita Desert**	SRMA	SRMA	SRMA	SRMA
Dolores River Canyon*	IRMA	SRMA	Undesignated	ERMA
Gateway (Dolores River Canyon)*	IRMA	ERMA	Undesignated	ERMA
Grand Valley OHV**	IRMA	SRMA	Undesignated	SRMA
Grand Valley Ranges**	IRMA	ERMA	Undesignated	ERMA
Gunnison River Bluffs**	IRMA	ERMA	Undesignated	SRMA
Horse Mountain**	IRMA	ERMA	Undesignated	Undesignated
North Desert**	IRMA	ERMA	Undesignated	Undesignated
Palisade Rim**	IRMA	SRMA	Undesignated	SRMA
South Shale Ridge	Undesignated	Undesignated	Undesignated	ERMA
Timber Ridge	Undesignated	Undesignated	Undesignated	ERMA

* In Alternative A, the area is all or in part within the Gateway IRMA (see note below)

** In Alternative A, the area is all or in part within the Grand Valley IRMA

*** In Alternative B, the area is managed as a zone of the Horse Mountain ERMA

**** IRMA = Intensive Recreation Management Area. This was a designation used in the 1987 RMP. It is no longer used by the BLM as an RMA designation.

