



Grand Junction Field Office Approved RMP FACT SHEET: Recreation & Visitor Services

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

Special Recreation Management Areas (SRMA) 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 primary resource use with a focus on protecting and enhancing specific activities, experiences, benefits, and recreation setting.

The Approved RMP includes five SRMAs:

- Bangs Canyon – 47,618 acres
- North Fruita Desert – 11,600 acres
- Dolores River Canyon – 16,200 acres
- Grand Valley (open OHV area) – 9,700 acres
- Palisade Rim – 2,000 acres

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

The Approved RMP includes six ERMAs:

- Barrel Springs – 24,700 acres
- Gateway – 78,100 acres
- North Desert – 107,900 acres
- Grand Valley Shooting Ranges – 750 acres
- Gunnison River Bluffs – 810 acres
- Grand Mesa Slopes (Horse Mountain) – 5,120 acres

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