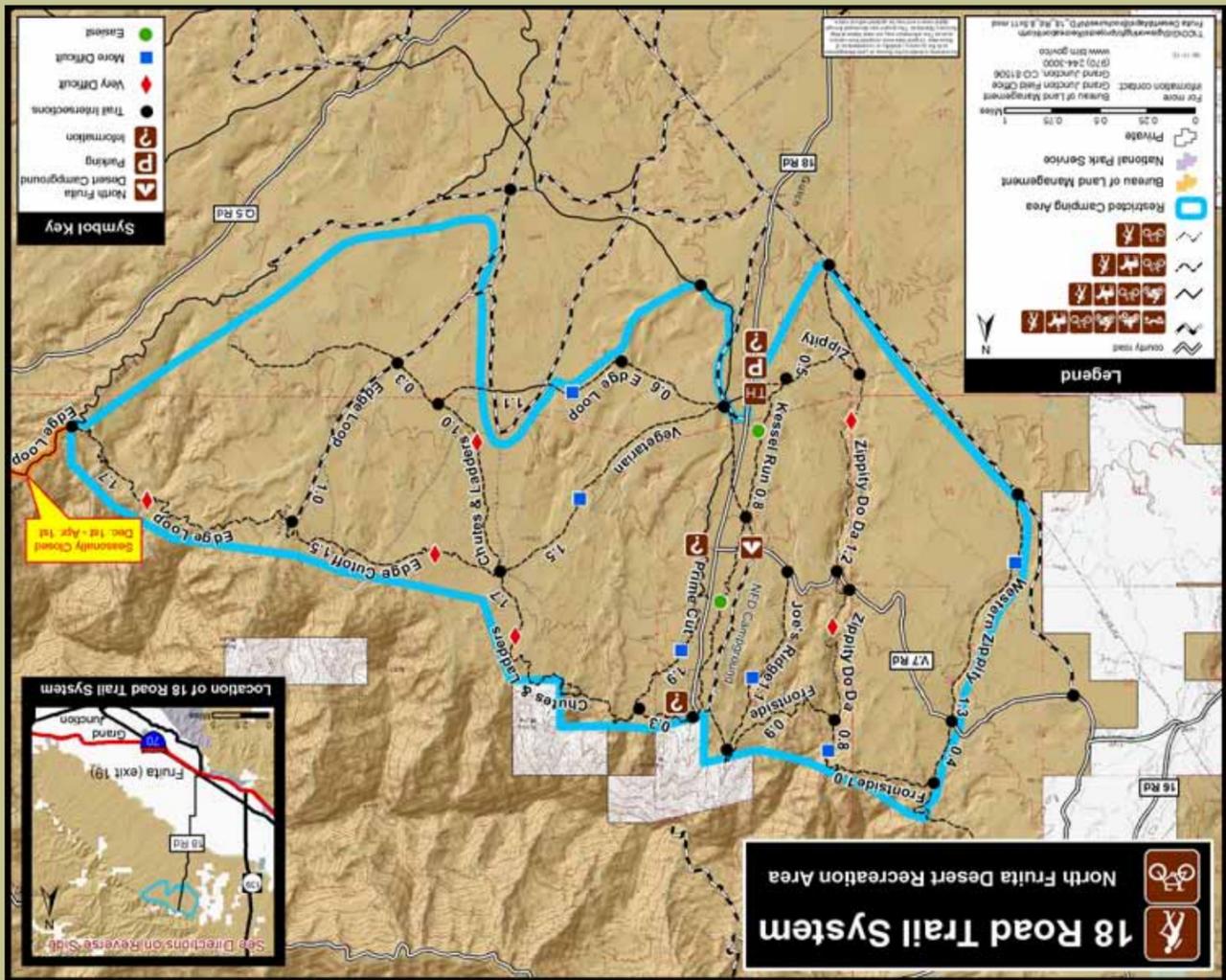
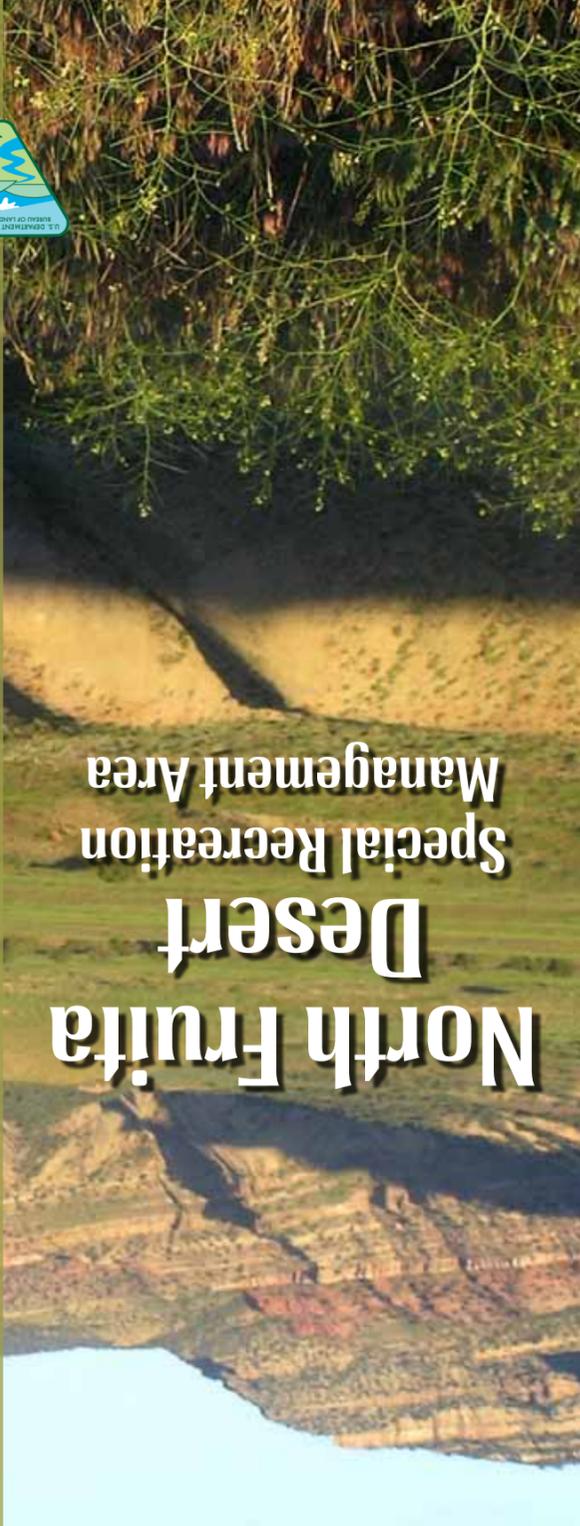




North Fruita Desert Special Recreation Management Area



The North Fruita Desert Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA) includes 72,000 acres and 250 miles of designated recreation routes. Much of the area is desert valley floor with washes and sharp ridges. At the north end of the area is the Book Cliffs, one of the longest, continuous geological feature in the world located in western Colorado and east-central Utah. With close proximity to Fruita and Grand Junction, the SRMA has become valuable for dispersed recreation. The SRMA includes an open Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) area, motorized, mechanized and quiet use recreation opportunities as well as a campground. Visitation is the highest during the spring and fall months.

Directions Take Interstate 70 west to Fruita (Exit 19). Turn North onto Cherry Street and take the first right onto Aspen Avenue. Go through the roundabout and continue on Aspen to Maple Street. Take a left on Maple Street and then travel north. The street will turn into 17.5 Road. Take a right on N.3 Road and then a left on 18 Road. Travel approximately 7 miles on 18 Road until you reach the North Fruita Desert trails.

Rules and Regulations While on public lands in the North Fruita Desert SRMA, the following rules apply:

- No discharge of dangerous weapons will be allowed in the restricted camping area, except for lawful use during Colorado Division of Wildlife hunting seasons.
- All fires must be contained in a fire pan and all ash and burned material removed and disposed outside of public lands.
- Provided and/or portable toilets must be used and contents disposed of according to Mesa County requirements.
- It is prohibited to collect downed wood for campfires or other purposes.
- In the mechanized (bicycle) emphasis area, visitors must camp in designated campsites.

Dispersed camping will continue to be allowed in the remaining portions of the North Fruita Desert SRMA.

- All motorized and mechanized travel is limited to designated roads and trails.
- The Lippan Wash Trail and Coal Gulch Trail will be closed annually to mechanized and motorized travel from December 1 until April 1. The opening date may be moved to an earlier or later date if conditions warrant.
- No person shall use or possess firewood containing nails, screws, or other metal hardware to include, but not limited to, wood pallets and construction debris.

Camping In the restricted camping area, visitors must camp in designated campsites contained within the North Fruita Desert Campground. Dispersed camping is allowed in the remaining portions of the North Fruita Desert SRMA. All fires must be contained in a fire pan or designated fire pit. Fire wood collection is prohibited, please bring your own.

Eighteen Road Campground, which is managed by the BLM, is located north of Fruita and occupies about 40 acres in the heart of the mountain bike trail system. The facilities include individual campsites, as well as two group sites with fire rings and picnic tables. Each site has parking for two to four vehicles. Four vault toilets are located within walking distance of each cluster of campsites. No water or garbage services are available. Currently there are no fees for camping; however, fees may apply in the future.

Highline Lake State Park, which is managed by Colorado State Parks, is located immediately to the southwest of the restricted camping area, and provides opportunities for boating, fishing, swimming, camping, picnicking, hiking, and mountain biking on marked trails.



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**STAY ON
DESIGNATED ROUTES**



North Fruita Desert Recreation Area



Legend

- county road
- seasonally closed
- Open Area
- Horse & Hike Area
- Restricted Camping Area
- North Fruita Desert SRMA
- Bureau of Land Management
- Bureau of Reclamation
- Private
- State

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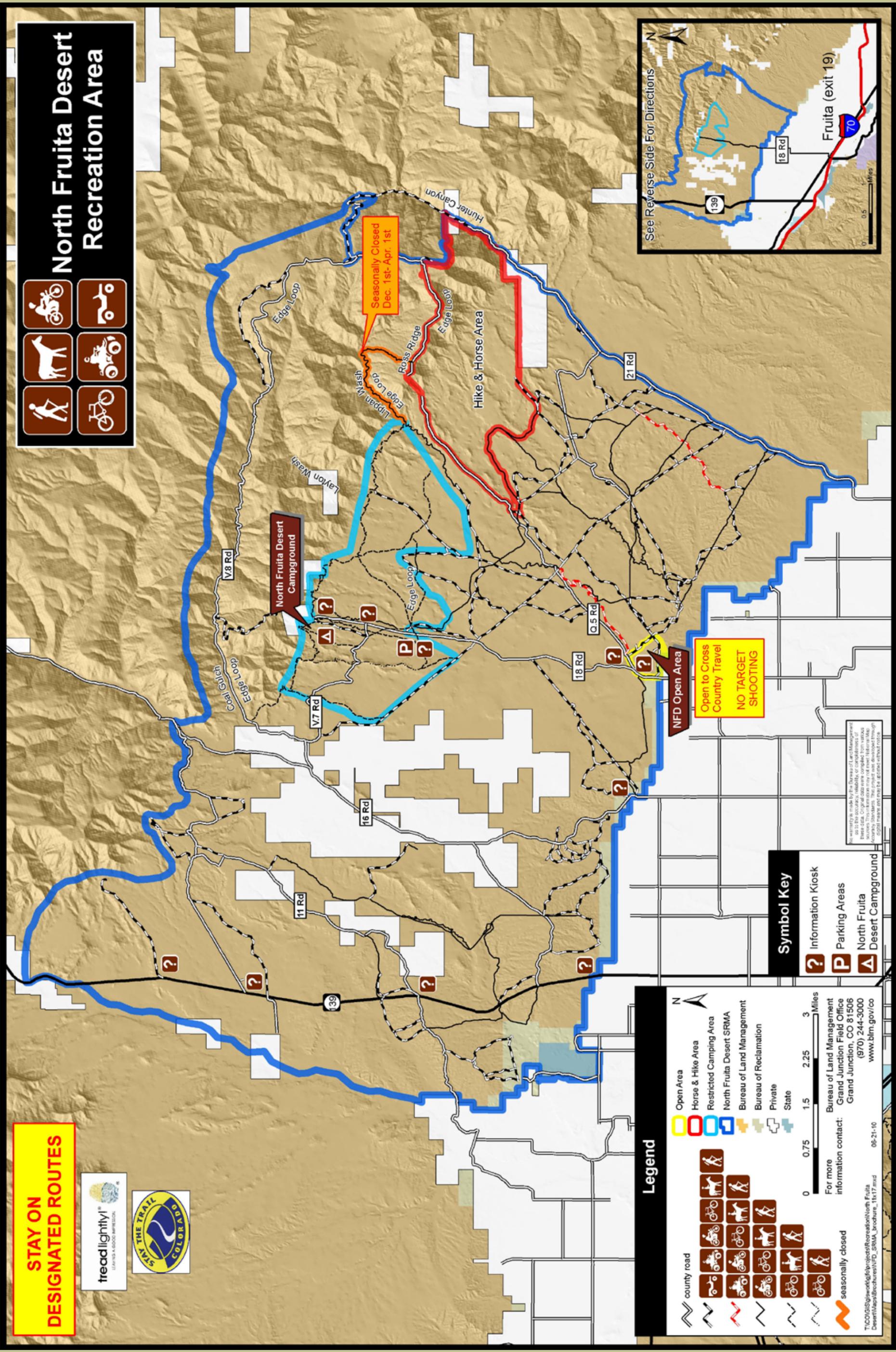
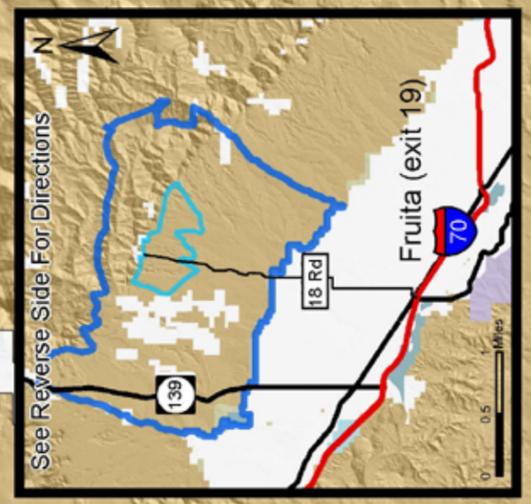
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Symbol Key

- Information Kiosk
- Parking Areas
- North Fruita Desert Campground

NFD Open Area
Open to Cross Country Travel
NO TARGET SHOOTING

Seasonally Closed
Dec. 1st-Apr. 1st



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