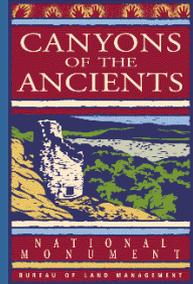
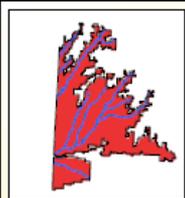




BLM Colorado Canyons of the Ancients National Monument



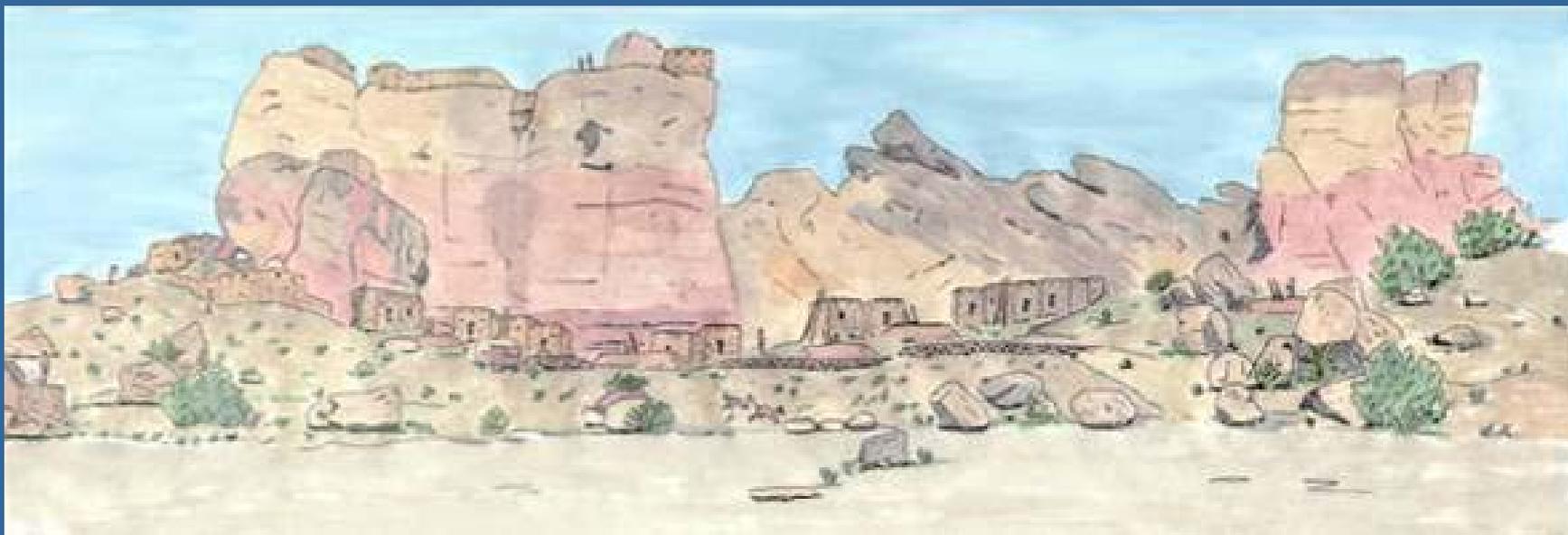
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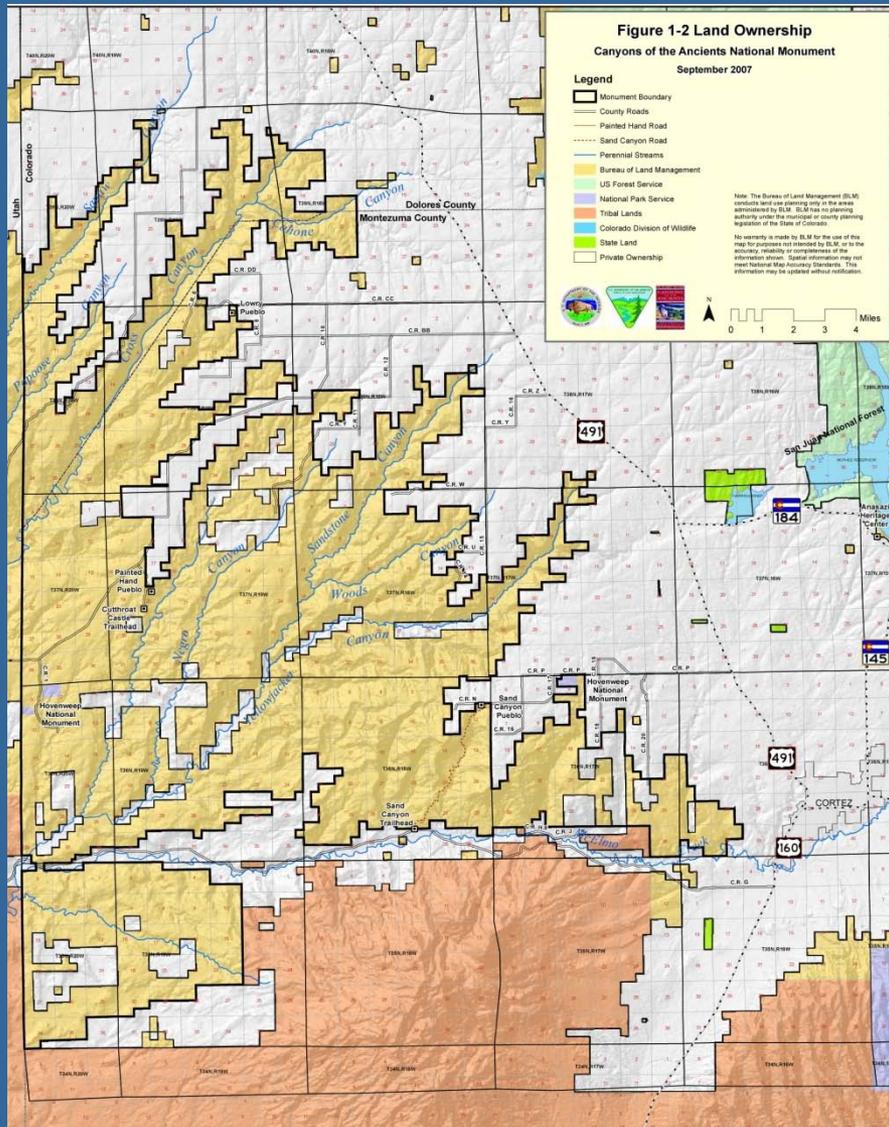


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The Proclamation

Containing the highest known density of archaeological sites in the Nation...natural resources and spectacular landforms...rugged and dissected geology...and wildlife species...I proclaim for the purpose of protecting the objects identified above...Canyons of the Ancients National Monument.





Planning Area

- 166,000 acres public land surface
- 17,000 acres private land surface
- 80% currently leased for fluid minerals development
- Montezuma and Dolores Counties

Major Planning Issues

- Cultural Resources
- Grazing Administration
- Fluid Minerals
- Recreation
- Transportation

Consultation and Coordination

	Agency/Organization	Interest
FEDERAL	<p>USDOI NPS, Hovenweep National Monument</p> <p>USDOI Fish and Wildlife Service (Cooperating Agency)</p> <p>USDOI BLM Utah, Monticello Field Office USDA Forest Service, San Juan National Forest</p>	<p>Fluid minerals development and viewsheds</p> <p>Herptological species</p> <p>No concerns expressed No concerns expressed</p>
STATE	<p>Colorado Historical Society, Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (Cooperating Agency)</p> <p>Colorado Division of Wildlife</p>	<p>Cultural resource management, stabilization, vandalism, tribal interests</p> <p>Hunting, law enforcement, reintroduction of bighorn sheep</p>
LOCAL	<p>Montezuma Board of County Commissioners Dolores Board of County Commissioners</p> <p>Canyons of the Ancients Advisory Committee SW Resource Advisory Council SW RAC Monument Subgroup</p>	<p>grazing and fluid minerals development, private land access</p> <p>Cultural resources, grazing, fluid minerals, recreation, transportation, private land</p>
TRIBAL CONSULTATION	<p>The Ute Mountain Ute Tribe; The Uintah-Ouray Ute Tribe; The Southern Ute Tribe; The Navajo Nation; The Hopi Tribe; and The Pueblos of Acoma, Cochiti, Isleta, Jemez, Laguna, Nambe, Picuris, Pojoaque, Sandia, San Felipe, San Ildefonso, San Juan, Santa Ana, Santa Clara, Santo Domingo, Taos, Tesuque, Zia, and Zuni</p>	<p>Multiple use impacts to ancestral sites and landscapes; research; interpretation; access for traditional use</p>

Proposed Plan

Emphasizes cultural resource values, i.e. **settlement clusters, sites** and including **tribal values**, cultural resource and natural resource protection and enhancement, while **providing** for resource use and development.

The Outdoor Museum

The Outdoor Museum concept emphasizes preservation of artifacts *in situ* in a natural setting where visitors earn their experience through self-discovery.

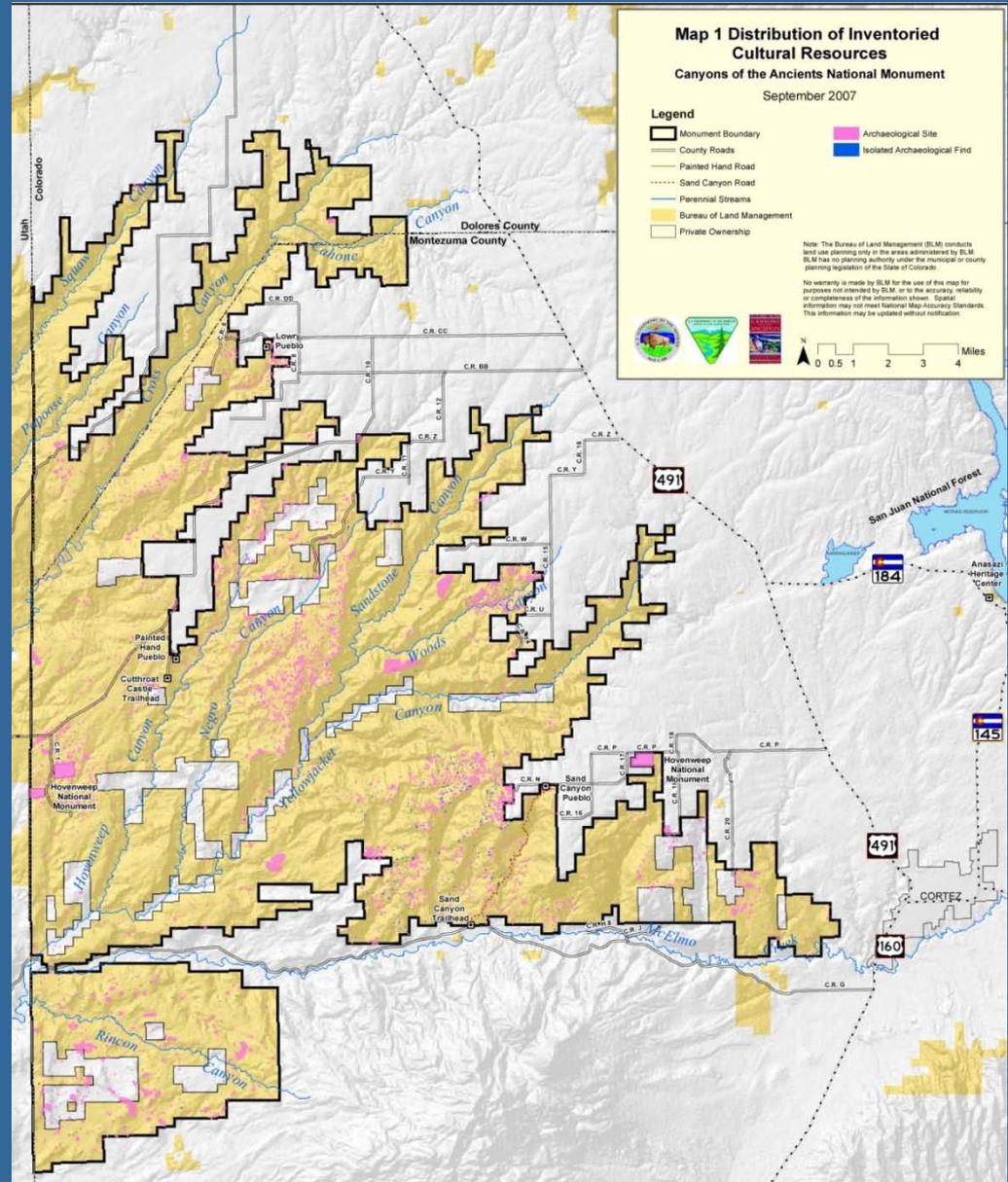
Comments on the DRMP

- 14,428 Total Submissions
 - 14,210 from the Wilderness Society
 - 114 from NRA members

- 574 Total Unique Comments

- Issues
 - Fluid minerals
 - Cultural resources
 - Recreation
 - Transportation
 - Grazing administration

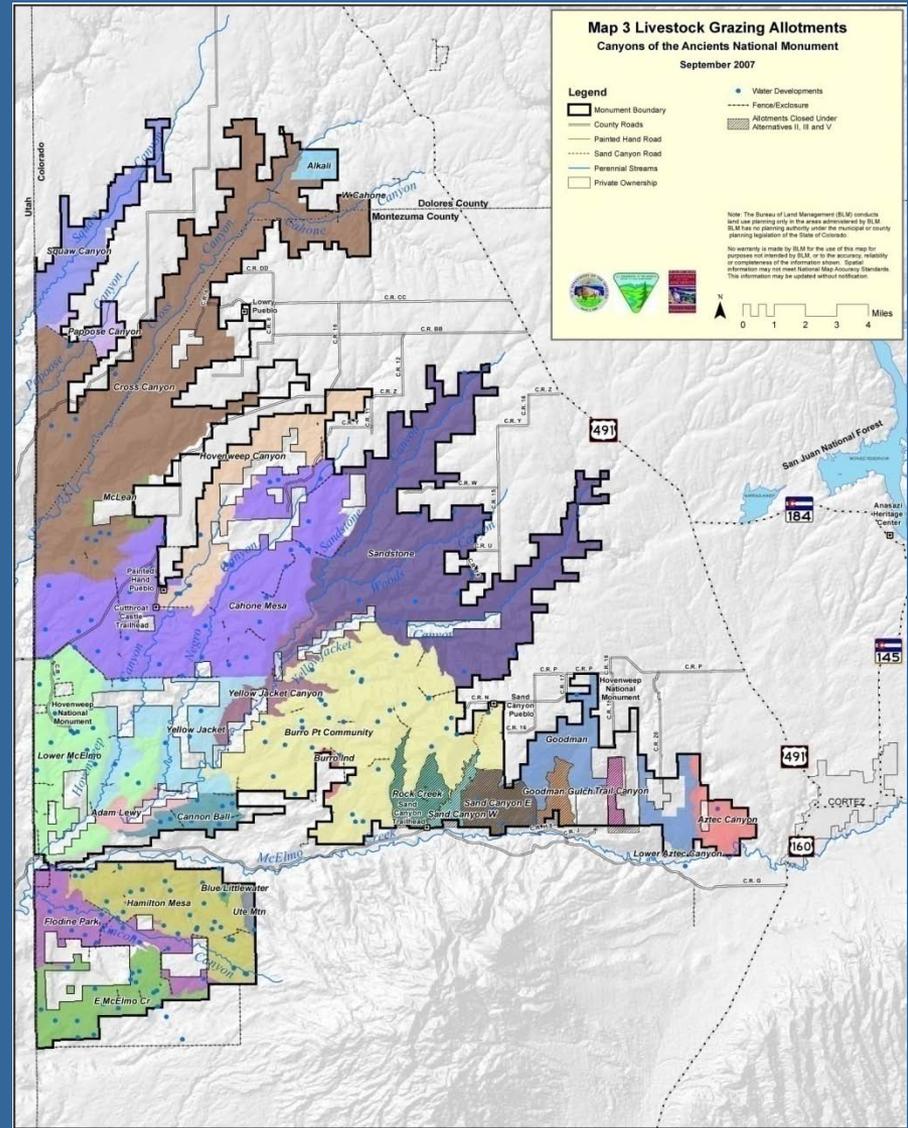
Cultural Resources



Cultural Resources: Alternatives Comparison

Alternative VI (Proposed Plan)	Alternative I (No Action)
<p>Implement Outdoor Museum concept</p> <p>Allocate all sites for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scientific/Research - Conservation - Traditional - Experimental <p>Allocate 13-25 sites for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public Use <p>Allocate 0 sites for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discharged 	<p>Allocate sites for uses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scientific/Research - Conservation - Traditional - Public - Experimental - Discharged
<p>Stabilize after human-caused impacts only, otherwise document standing walls and allow to deteriorate; Manager's discretion</p>	<p>Stabilize or repair 240 sites</p>
<p>Conduct Class III inventory of areas receiving high public use</p>	<p>Conduct Class III inventory of 15 cultural resource emphasis areas</p>
<p>BLM staff develops research goals, including excavation, w/ professional peer review</p>	<p>BLM staff develops research goals</p>

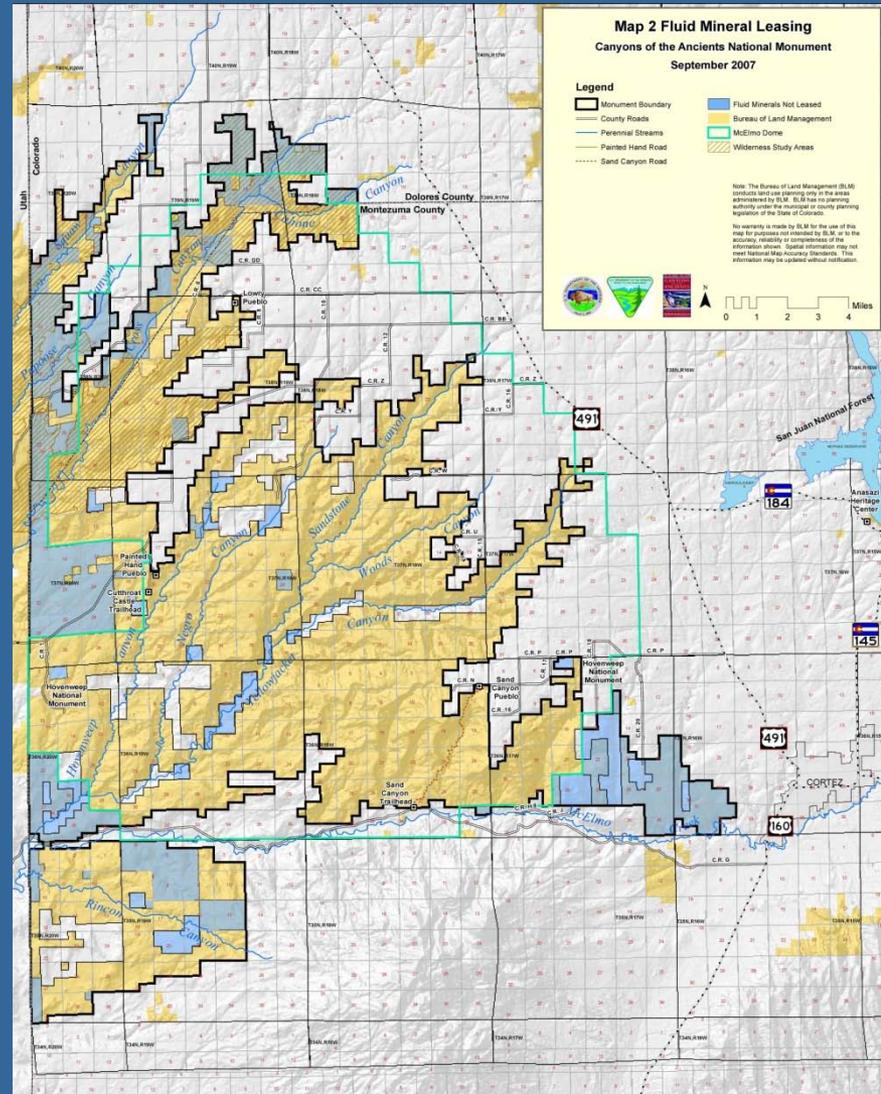
Grazing



Grazing: Alternatives Comparison

Alternative VI (Proposed Plan)	Alternative I (No Action)
Permit 6,437 AUMs	Permit 8,492 AUMs
Administer 23 allotments	Administer 28 allotments
Establish common reserve allotments	Establish no common reserve allotments

Fluid Minerals



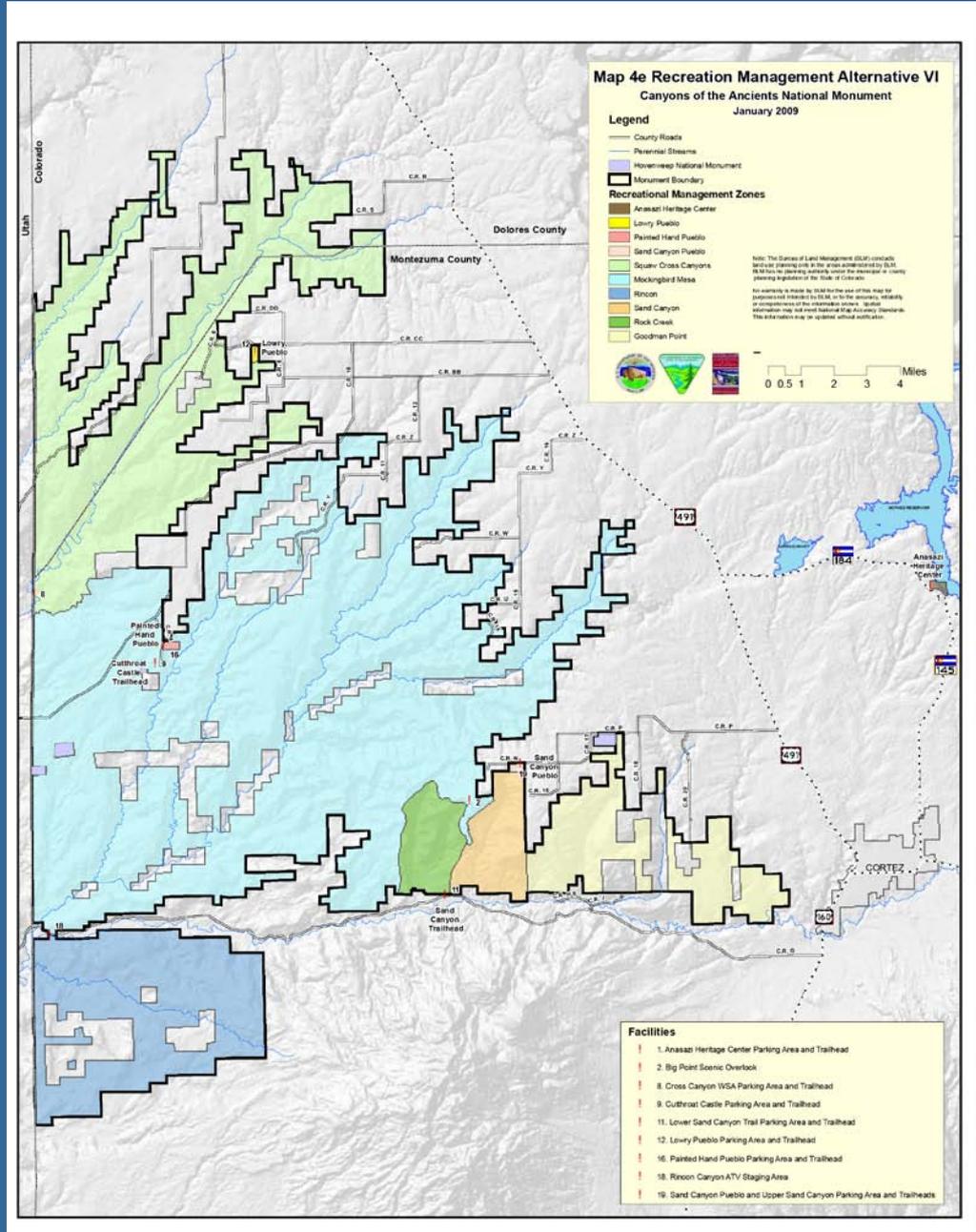
Fluid Minerals: Alternatives Comparison

Alternative VI (Proposed Plan)	Alternative I (No Action)
<p>Lease up to 880 new acres for drainage only with No Surface Occupancy stipulation; therefore access must be obtained off-site</p> <p>Estimate 2 new well locations in 20 years to access (directional drilling) minerals on new leases</p>	<p>Defer new leasing until completion of the RMP/EIS</p> <p>127,900 acres (77%) currently leased for fluid minerals development</p>
<p>150 wells on 121 new locations in 20 years on existing leases</p>	<p>150 wells on 121 new locations in 20 years on existing leases</p>
<p>Protect cultural resource settlement clusters and sites</p>	<p>Meet Section 106 requirements</p>

Proposed RMP/Final EIS

- Includes more detail from RFD
- Expands discussion of the GADP process
- Displays horizontal/directional drilling options

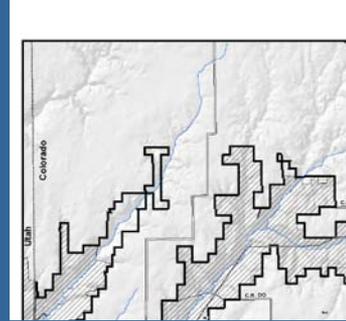
Recreation



Recreation: Alternatives Comparison

Alternative VI (Proposed Plan)	Alternative I (No Action)
<p>Promote a destination management strategy for AHC, Pueblo Sites and Sand Canyon-Rock Creek SRMAs. Promote an undeveloped management strategy for Mockingbird, Goodman and Squaw/Cross Canyon SRMAs</p>	<p>Develop no promotion strategy; develop facilities as needed; maintain facilities at Lowry, Painted Hand, and Sand Canyon Pueblo</p>
<p>Allow hunting</p> <p>Prohibit recreational shooting and geocaching</p> <p>Allow climbing only in designated areas</p> <p>Prohibit camping and campfires in Pueblo Sites, Sand Canyon-Rock Creek and AHC SRMAs; allow camping and campfires in all other SRMAs</p>	<p>Continue dispersed recreational camping</p>
<p>Allow up to 10 recreation special use permits</p>	<p>Allow no new commercial permits</p>

Transportation



Transportation: Alternatives Comparison

Alternative VI (Proposed Plan)	Alternative I (No Action)
Total routes (public access + Limited) = 172 miles	Total routes (public access + Administrative) = 213 miles (from 2000-2002 inventory)
OHV travel Closed on 39,653 acres and Limited on 126,737 acres; travel on designated routes only	OHV travel Closed on 25,976 acres and Limited on 138,024 acres; travel on designated routes only
Sand Canyon and East Rock Routes authorized for hiking, mountain biking, and horseback riding on designated routes only	Sand Canyon Trail authorized for <i>primitive non-motorized use (foot, bicycle, or horse)</i> (1987 Cultural Resource Mgmt Plan)

- Proclamation prohibits all motorized and mechanized use off road, except for emergency or authorized administrative purposes.
- Off road is defined as cross-country travel between designated routes.
- A route is defined as a group or set of roads, trails, and primitive roads that represent less than 100% [excludes non-designated routes] of the BLM transportation system.

Additions to Proposed Plan

- Appendices
 - History and Intent
 - NLCS Strategic Plan for Colorado
 - Canyons of the Ancients Fluid Minerals Strategic Plan
 - Cultural Resource Evaluation Process and Standards
 - Obtaining a Right-Of-Way
 - Visual Resource Mgmt. Classification process
 - ACEC Evaluation
 - Response to Comments

Canyons of the Ancients

Key Dates

