



Roan Plateau Resource Management Plan (RMP) Amendment

Overview

Cooperating
Agencies with
BLM on the Roan
RMP
Amendment:

- Colorado
Dept of
Natural
Resources
- Garfield
County
- Rio Blanco
County
- City of
Glenwood
Springs
- City of Rifle
- Town of
Parachute

- The Roan Plateau Resource Management Plan Amendment is the result of close coordination with local communities and extensive public comment.
- The lands of the Naval Oil Shale Reserves No. 1 and 3 on and below the Roan Plateau were transferred to the Department of the Interior in 1997 with specific direction to develop a Resource Management Plan and enter into leases for the production of petroleum resources.
- The RMPA outlines an innovative approach to oil and gas development that protects fish and wildlife habitat, water resources and scenic views, while maximizing natural gas recovery. (See additional Fact Sheets)
- The RMPA designates four “Areas of Critical Environmental Concern” covering 21,034 acres on and below the Roan Plateau.
- The RMPA limits motorized and mechanized travel to designated routes (that restriction did not previously exist), and designates an off highway vehicle riding area below the Plateau.
- The RMPA also outlines management for grazing, visual resources, and botanical resources.