

# ROAN PLATEAU SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

January 2016 Public Meetings



# What we are doing

- ▣ Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Roan Plateau Planning Area
- ▣ Draft SEIS out for a 90-day public comment period (ends Feb. 18, 2016)
- ▣ No decisions tonight

# Schedule/EIS Process

- ▣ Scoping period, ID issues – Jan. 2013
- ▣ Public comment on Draft EIS, alternatives, analysis, information – Now
- ▣ Final EIS – Fall 2016
- ▣ Decision, based largely on EIS analysis – Winter 2016

# Roan Plateau Planning Area

## Legend

 Roan Plateau Planning Boundary

 Perennial Streams

 Major Highway

 Rim

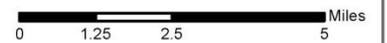
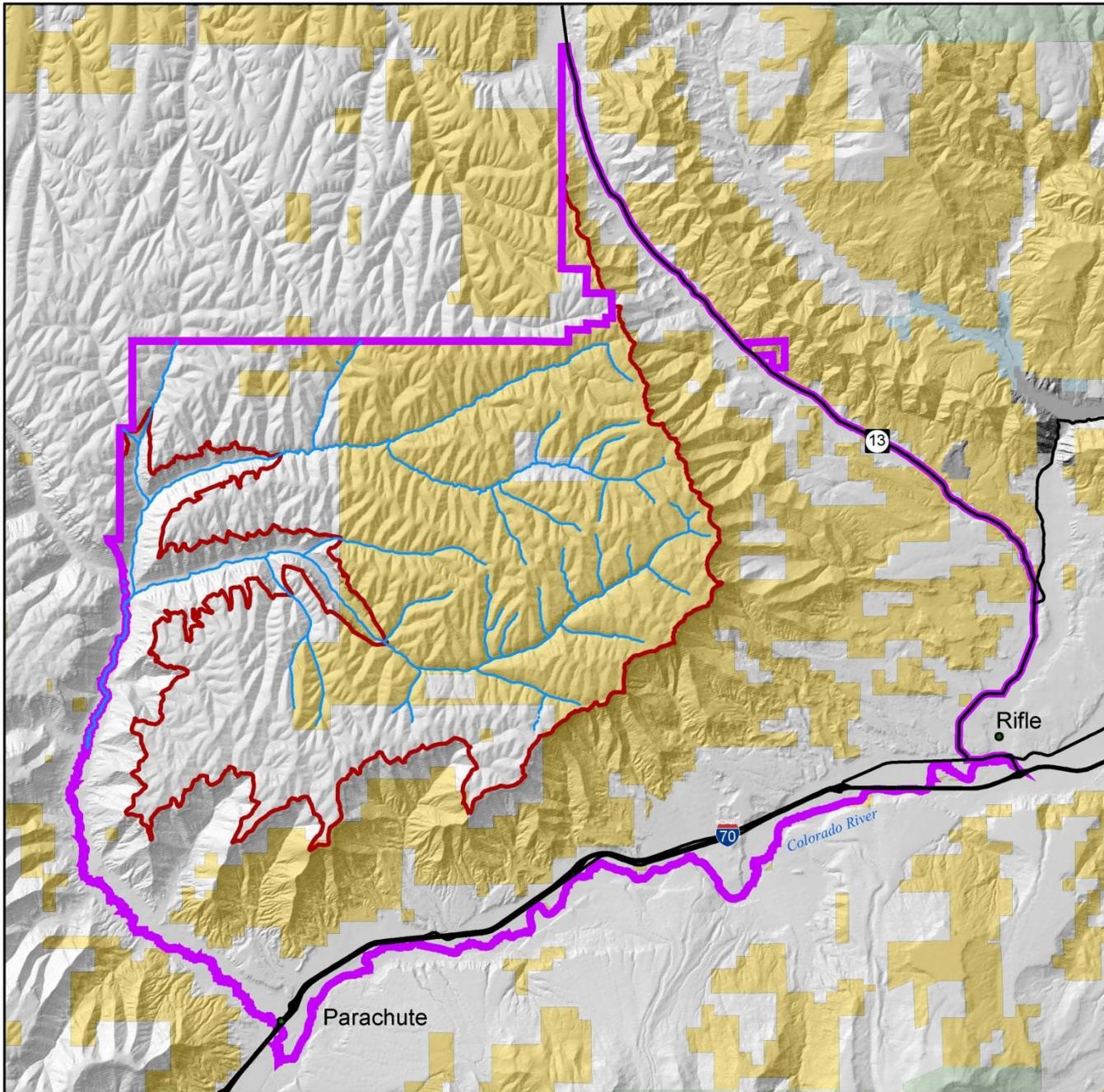
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 BLM

 National Forest

 Private

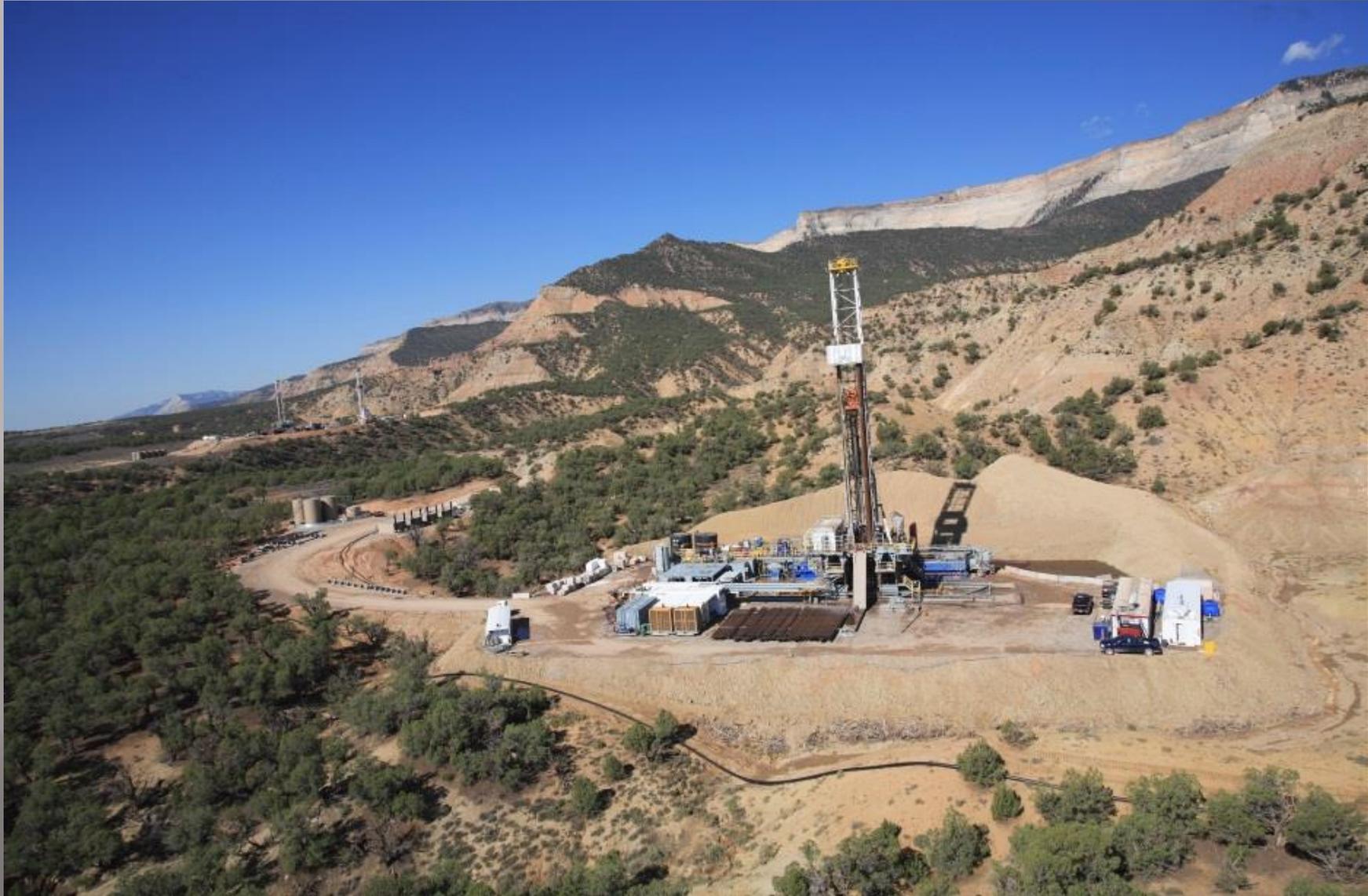
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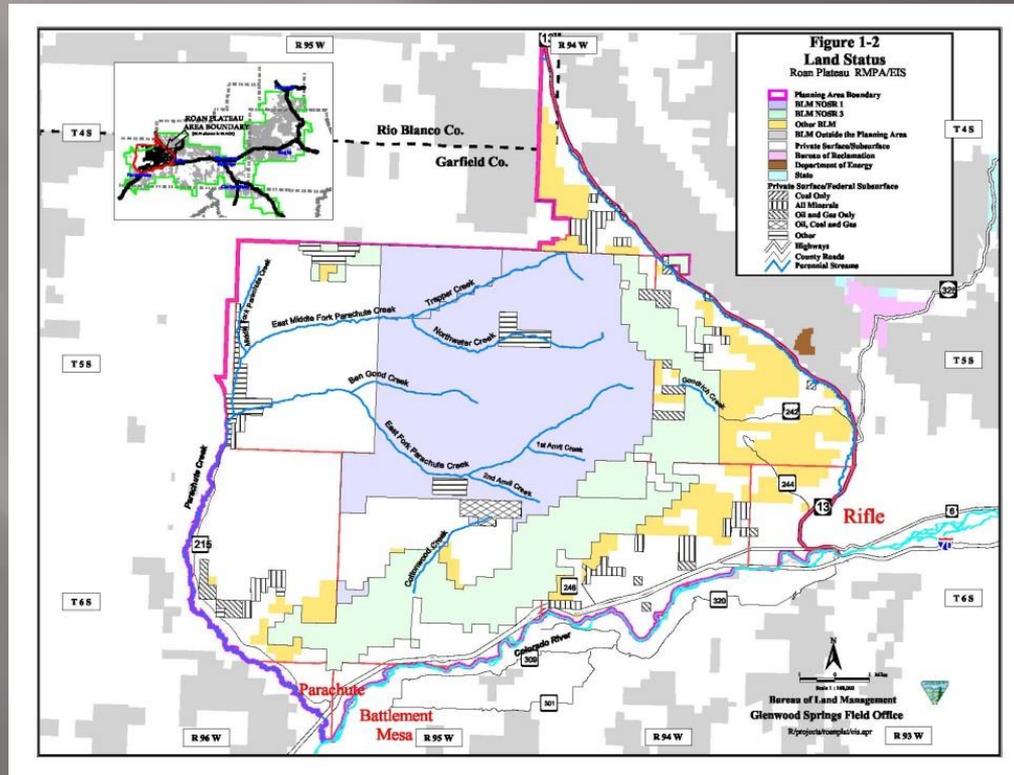






# Roan Plateau History

- 1916 – Naval Oil Shale Reserves 1 and 3 designated



# Roan Plateau History

- ▣ DOD manages to 1977
- ▣ 1977 to 1997 – DOE
- ▣ 1997 – Congress transfers NOSRs to BLM
- ▣ 1999 – 8,400 acres at base leased

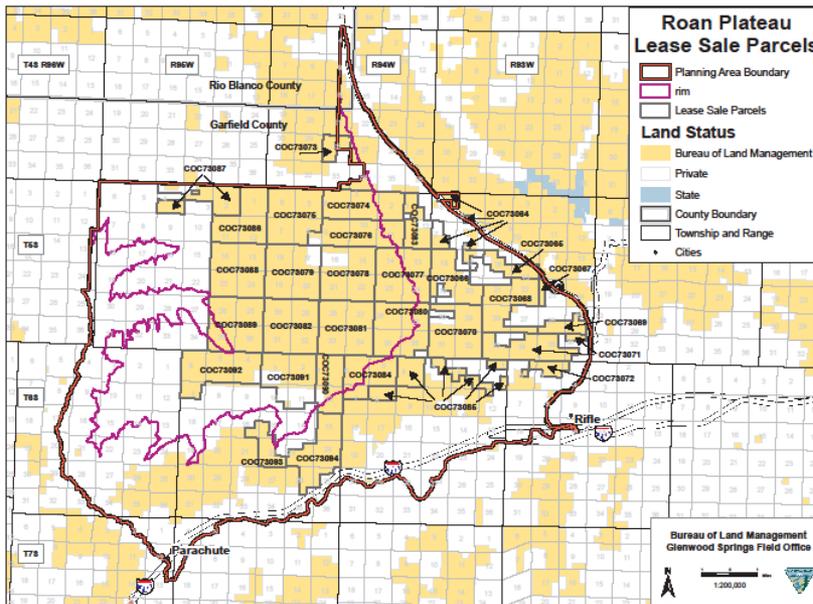


# Roan Plateau History

- ▣ 2000 – BLM begins Roan planning
- ▣ 2006 – Final EIS
- ▣ 2007/2008 – RODs



# Aug. 2008 Lease Sale



- 31 parcels totaling 54,631 acres

# Roan Plateau History



- ▣ 2012 – U.S. District Court Decision
  - Air analysis
  - Community Alternative
  - “Supplemental” EIS
- ▣ Nov. 2014 – Settlement
  - 2 of 19 leases retained on top
  - All leases retained on bottom
- ▣ Jan. 2015 – 17 leases canceled

# Roan Plateau SEIS

- ▣ Major decisions addressed include:
  - Oil and gas leasing
  - Recreational Target Shooting at Hubbard Mesa
  - Wild and Scenic River
  - Lands with Wilderness Characteristics

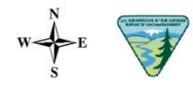
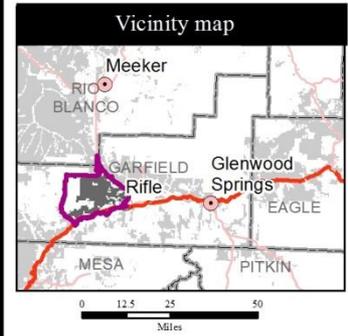
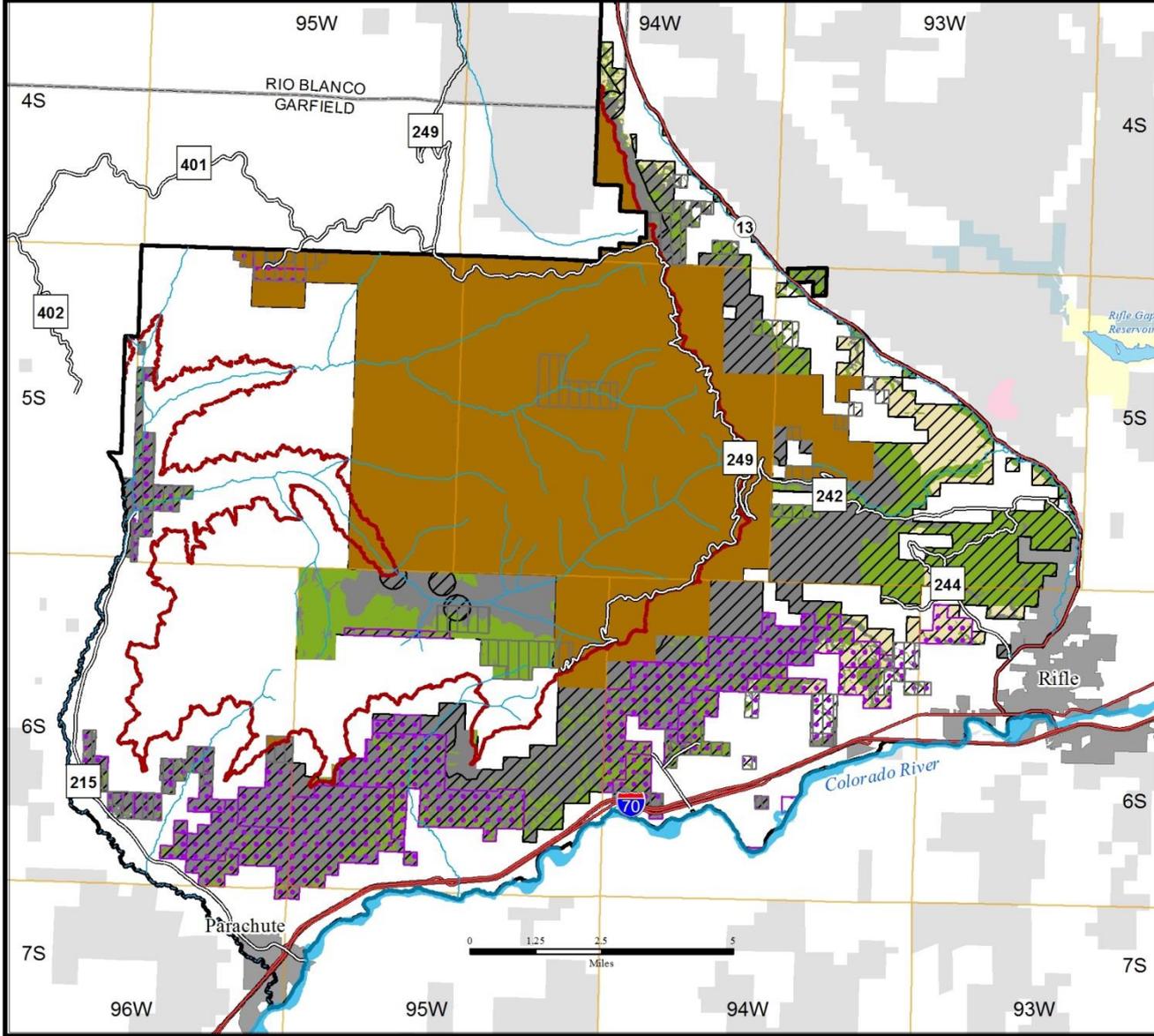
# Roan Plateau SEIS

- ▣ Decisions not re-examined include:
  - Travel management
  - Grazing
  - Other Recreation
  - Fire
  - Forest

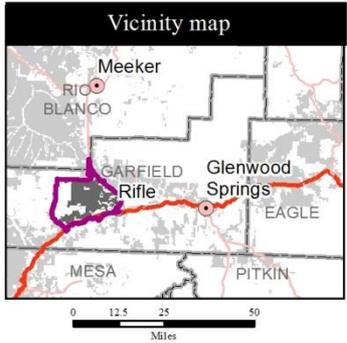
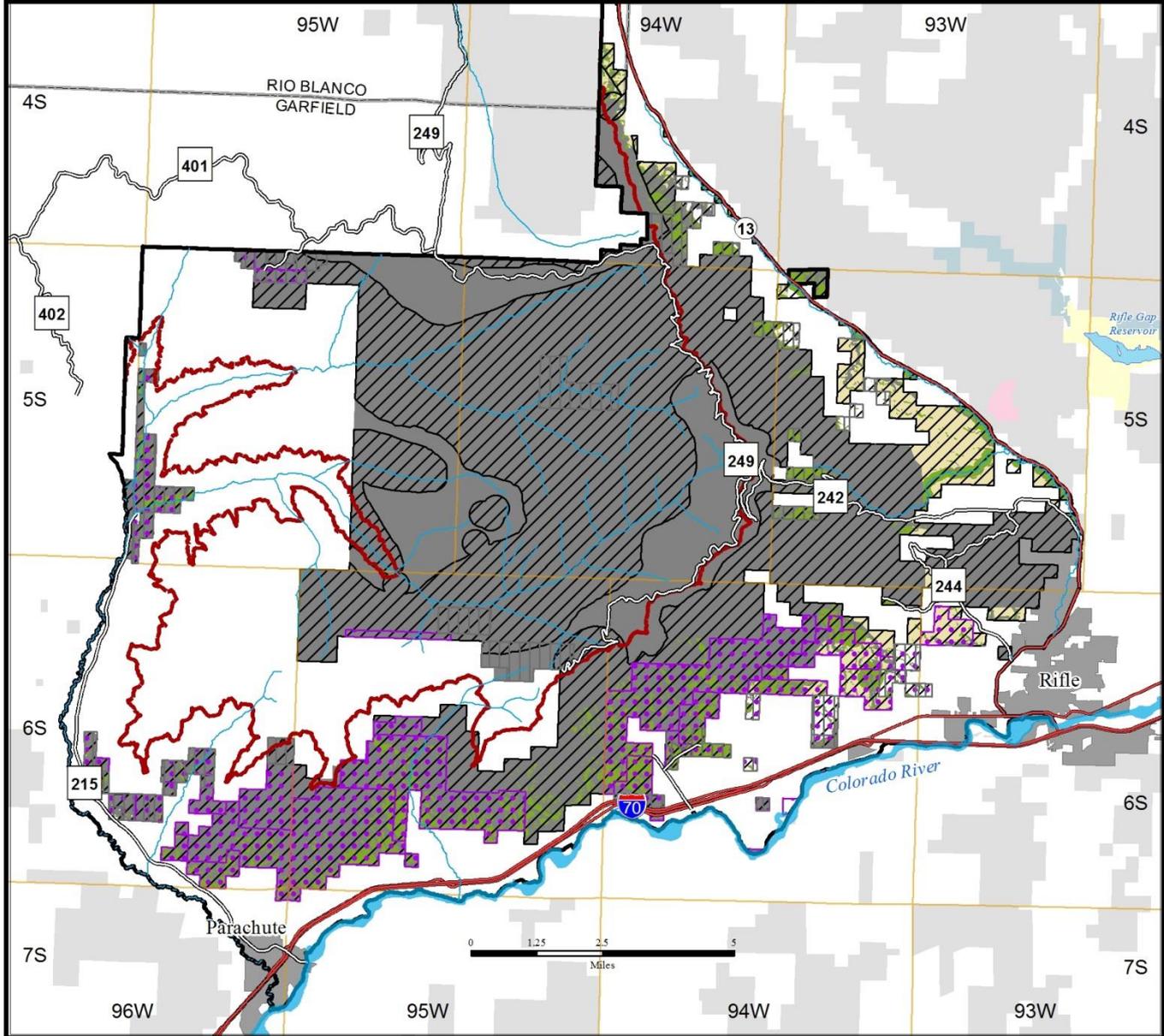
# Roan Plateau SEIS

- ▣ **Four Alternatives:**
  - **Alt 4 – Settlement Alternative (Preferred Alternative). Agreement not to litigate**
  - **Alt 3 – “Community Alternative”**
  - **Alt 2 – 2006 Proposed Plan**
  - **Alt 1 – No Action (Pre-2006)**

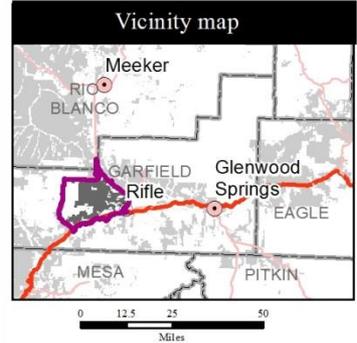
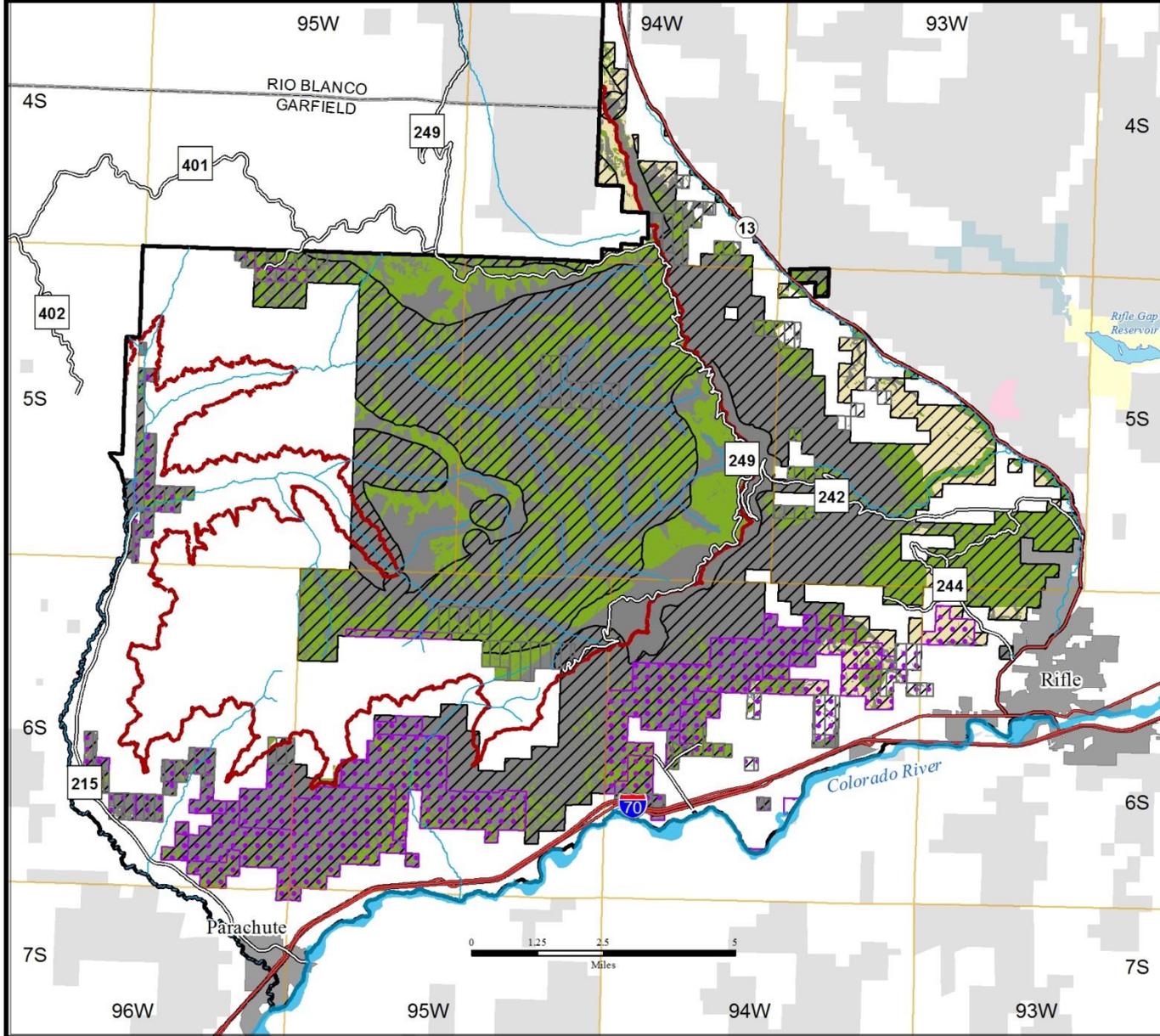
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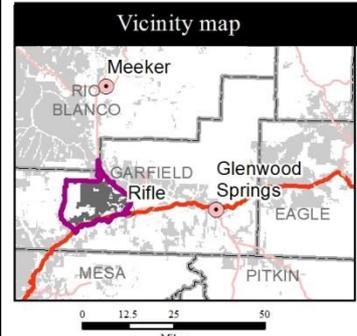
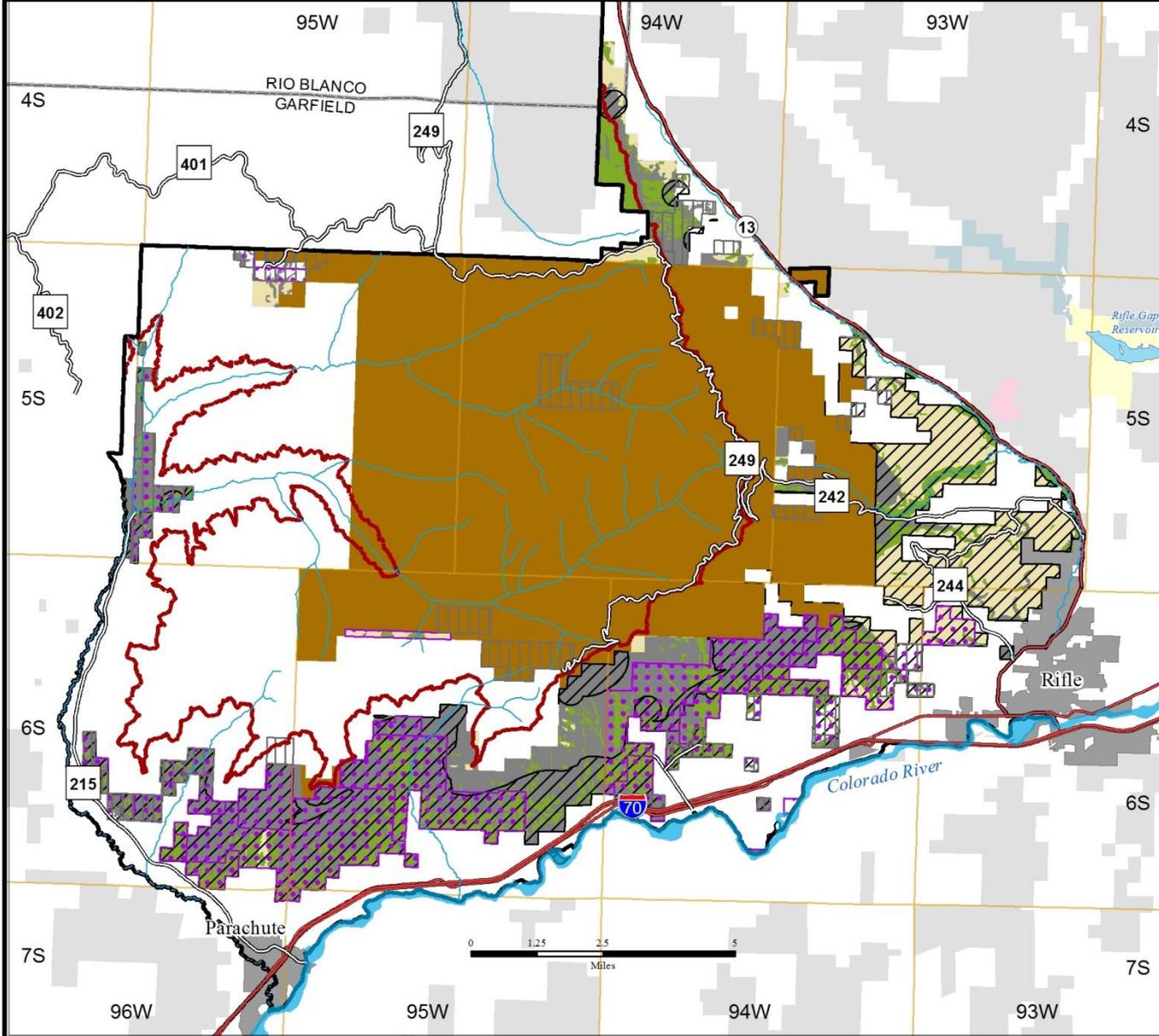
# Alternative III Oil and Gas Surface Management



# Alternative II Oil and Gas Surface Management



# Alternative I Oil and Gas Surface Management

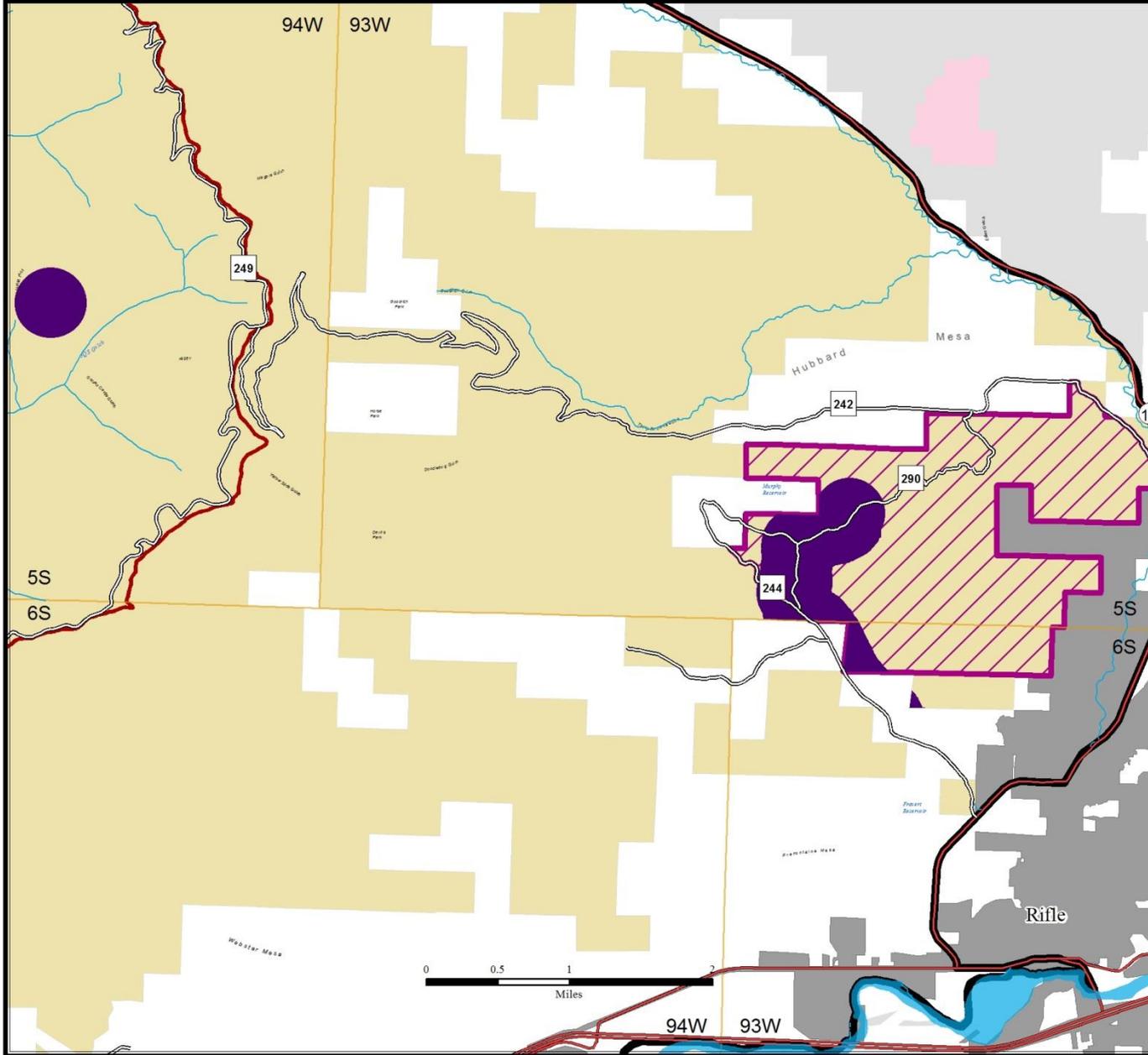


# Hubbard Mesa

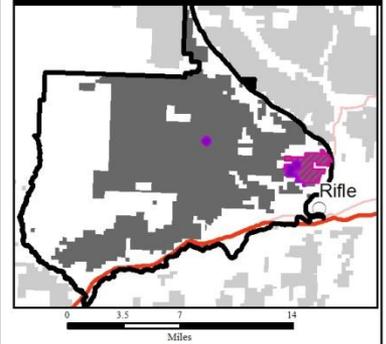
- ▣ Under Community Alternative, 610 acres closed to recreational target shooting
- ▣ One possible approach
- ▣ No closures currently in Preferred Alternative



# Alternative III Firearm Use Restriction Area



## Vicinity map



## Legend

-  Alternative III Firearm Use Restriction
-  Hubbard Mesa OHV Area
-  Planning Area Boundary
-  Rim Boundary
-  Bureau of Land Management
-  Private



# Commenting on Draft SEIS

- ▣ Written comments through Feb. 18
- ▣ Staff available tonight to answer questions
- ▣ More specific comments will be more effective.  
Decision based largely on what's in the EIS

More info

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