

San Juan Master Leasing Plan

INTRODUCTION

In an effort to accelerate completion of Master Leasing Plans (MLPs), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will begin conducting class I and II cultural resource inventory work in the San Juan MLP planning area to facilitate future decisions that balance responsible energy development and resource protection. BLM-Utah is also restoring the eastern boundary of the San Juan MLP in response to stakeholder input.

BACKGROUND

In 2010, the BLM initiated an aggressive plan to reform its oil and gas leasing program. Under leasing reform, the BLM uses MLPs to conduct in-depth, planning-level reviews of areas with oil and gas development potential that are or may be opened up to leasing. The MLP process creates certainty for developers by providing the thorough analysis required to support BLM's oil and gas leasing determination for lands within MLP planning boundaries.

MLPs establish frameworks for how future development could proceed in a given area when oil and gas drilling and rights-of-way permit applications are received. As such, the plans facilitate the responsible exploration and development of oil and gas resources, while ensuring protection of the area's resources and resource uses.

Once the in-depth MLP process is complete, new oil and gas leasing and development projects can move forward and the American people can be confident that energy resources on public lands are being developed responsibly in the right ways and the right places.

By accelerating its efforts to complete MLPs in several key areas in eastern Utah, the BLM is striving to deliver on the promises made by leasing reform—to provide certainty for developers and to ensure that America's energy resources are responsibly developed.

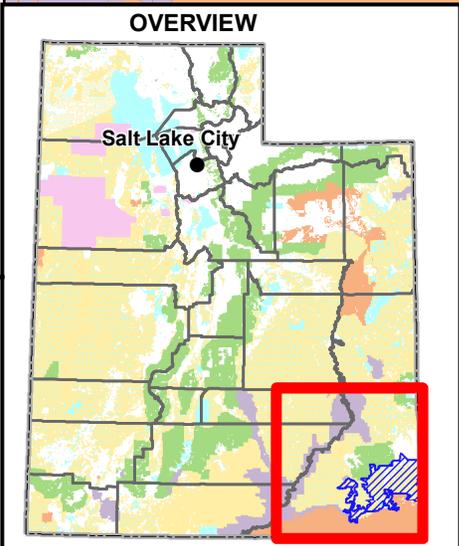
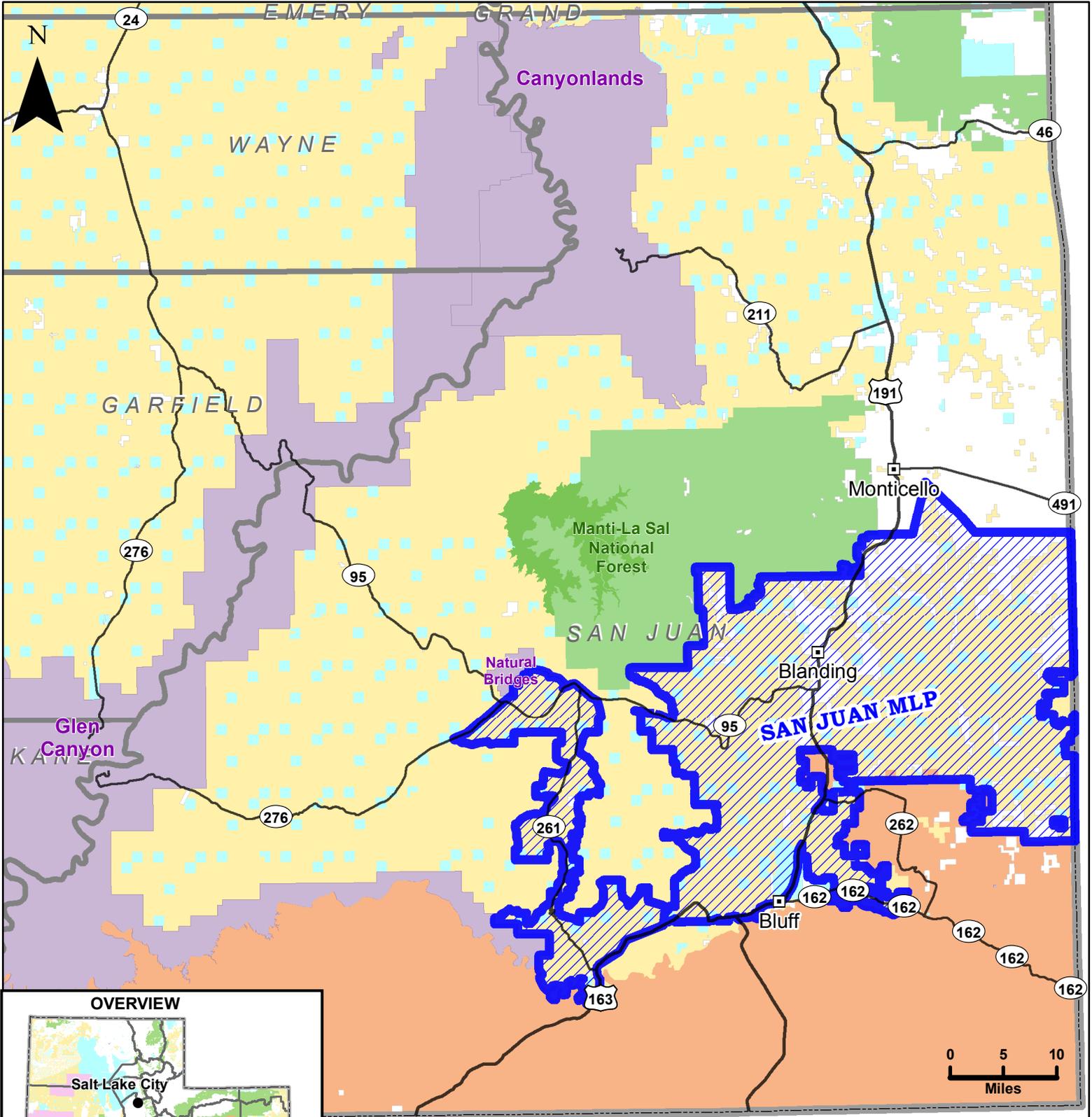
SAN JUAN MLP AT A GLANCE

- Originally titled Glen Canyon - San Juan River MLP in 2011, the name was changed to San Juan MLP in 2015 to better reflect the geographic scope of the planning area, which is located entirely within San Juan County, Utah, in the BLM-Utah Monticello Field Office.
- BLM-Utah expects to begin conducting BLM-funded class I and II archaeological inventories in the planning area in late summer or early fall 2015. Class I reports compile known information about archaeological, historic, and traditional cultural sites. Class II inventories test predictions about site distribution and sample the study area with intensive on-the-ground surveys.
- Completed archaeological inventories help the BLM better understand and characterize the density and distribution of cultural resources in an area, which assist the Bureau in making well-informed decisions about public land uses like oil and gas leasing and development.
- The San Juan MLP is comprised of 765,372 surface acres of BLM and non-BLM lands.



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|  County Boundary |  USFS Wilderness Area |
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