

MOAB MASTER LEASING PLAN

RECREATION

Lands within the planning area for the MLP are internationally recognized as a recreation destination. The proximity of two National Parks (Arches and Canyonlands), the extraordinarily scenic and diverse landscape, two major river systems (the Colorado and Green Rivers), the presence of interesting cultural and paleontological resources, and the opportunities for a wide range of recreational activities have made the planning area popular for those seeking an array of outdoor experiences.

The estimated annual BLM visitation within the planning area is about 1 million visitors, with an additional 1 million visitors to the adjacent National Parks. Visitation to the area occurs throughout the year. Recreation activities occurring within the planning area are abundant and diverse and include but are not limited to: scenic driving, camping, hiking, jeeping, mountain biking, canoeing and rafting, rock climbing, OHV and dirt bike riding, horseback riding, and basejumping.

There are a number of areas that, while not necessarily designated solely for recreation use, directly and indirectly benefit the recreation user. These areas include Special Recreation Management Areas and Recreation Focus Areas. Below is a list of these areas that are located within the planning area.

Special Recreation Management Areas

Monticello Field Office

- Indian Creek

Moab Field Office

- Canyon Rims
- Labyrinth Rims/Gemini Bridges
- South Moab (partial)
- Colorado Riverway (partial)
- Dolores River Canyons (partial)

Recreation Focus Areas

Moab Field Office

- Dee Pass Motorized Trail (portion)
- Scenic Driving Corridor 191
- White Wash Sand Dunes Open OHV
- Airport Hills Motocross
- Tusher Slickrock Mountain Biking
- Bartlett Slickrock Freeride Mountain Bike
- Klondike Bluffs Mountain Biking
- Scenic Driving Corridor 128 (portion)
- Mill Canyon/Upper Courthouse Mountain Biking
- Spring Canyon Hiking
- Sevenmile Canyons Equestrian
- Canyon Rims Scenic Byways (Needles Overlook and Anticline Roads)
- Labyrinth Canyon Canoe
- Bar M Mountain Biking
- Mineral Canyon/Horsethief Point Competitive BASE Jumping
- Goldbar/Corona Arch Hiking
- Scenic Driving Corridor 279
- Tombstone Competitive BASE Jumping
- Scenic Driving Corridor 313/Island in the Sky Road
- Gemini Bridges/Poison Spider Mesa Motorized Backcountry Touring
- 24-Hours of Moab Mountain Biking
- Hatch Wash Hiking and Backpacking
- Behind the Rocks Hiking