

San Juan River, Segment 5



ESSENTIAL FACTS

Length: 17.3 miles

Corridor Acres: Approx. 2,768

Classification: Wild

Outstandingly Remarkable Values: Scenic, Fish, Recreation, Geologic, Wildlife, Ecological

LOCATION

Beginning at the River Mile 28 and ending at River Mile 45. (River Mile 28 to Glen Canyon National Recreation Area)

Monticello Field Office

Canyon Country District

San Juan County, Utah

2nd Congressional District



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General Description

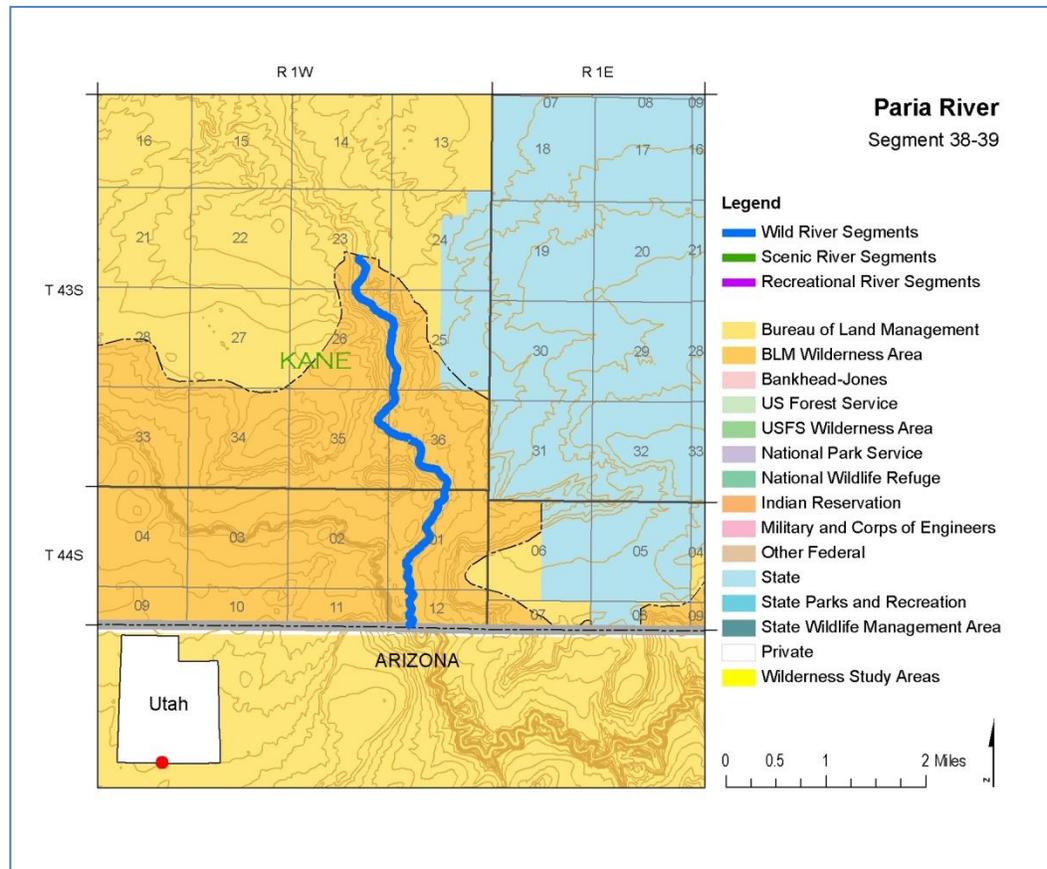
San Juan River Segment 5 is recommended as a wild segment suitable for inclusion into the NW&SR system and this designation would highlight and protect the outstandingly remarkable values of one of the most outstanding river corridors in the nation. Outstandingly remarkable values include scenic, fish, recreation, geologic, wildlife and ecological values. The segment is classified as wild because it is free of impoundments and the shoreline is primitive with no or few human intrusions. With canyon walls over 1,200 feet high, this segment is one of the deepest canyons in the region. Internationally known, this segment has approximately 6,000 visitors a year. Downstream from this segment, the San Juan River enters Glen Canyon National Recreation Area.

Summary

This segment has regionally and nationally significant Outstandingly Remarkable Values (ORVs) and designation of this segment would provide a unique scenic and recreation experience to the National System. Future congressional designation would protect free flow and ORVs.

There are no anticipated negative effects from designation because there are no competing resource considerations. The area is managed as VRM 1, closed to oil and gas leasing, closed to OHV use, recommended for withdrawal from locatable mineral entry and a Right of Way exclusionary area in the 2008 Monticello Approved Resource Management Plan.

There is a high level of support from National river organizations and the National Park Service Support to include this in the NW&SR system.



Rivers Suitable for WSR Designation on Bureau of Land Management Lands in Utah

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