

Dark Canyon

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ESSENTIAL FACTS

Length: 6.4 Miles

Corridor Acres: Approx. 2,048

Classification: Wild

Outstandingly Remarkable Values: Scenic, Recreation, Wildlife

LOCATION

Confluence of Youngs Canyon to the boundary of Glen Canyon National Recreation Area

Monticello Field Office

Canyon Country District

San Juan County, Utah

2nd Congressional District

Utah State Office



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General Description

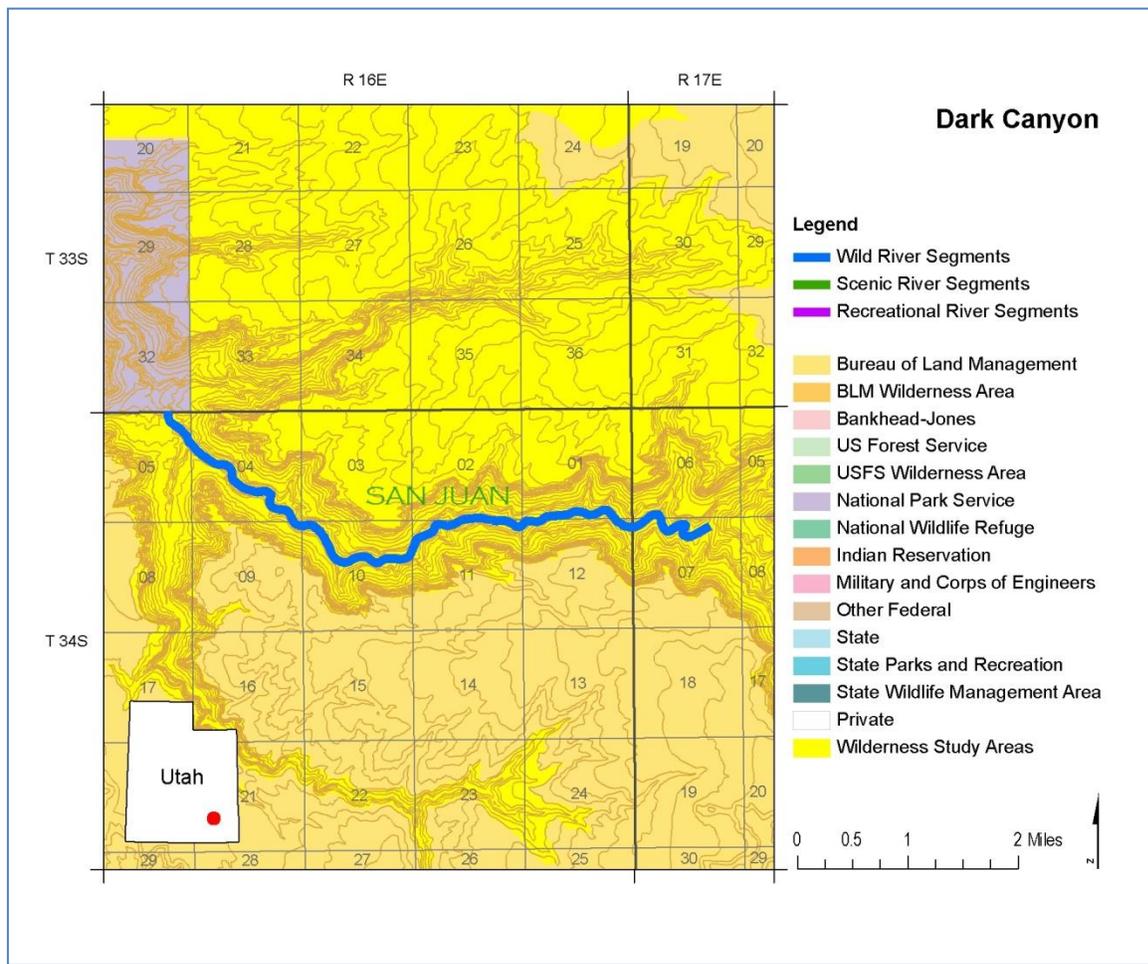
Dark Canyon is one of the most outstanding stream corridors in the region. A truly wild segment, it receives less than 1,000 visitors a year. This segment is an internationally recognized area known for rugged terrain, primitive recreation, and habitat supporting a broad array of wildlife.

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 I, unavailable for oil and gas leasing, and recommended for withdrawal from locatable mineral entry in the 2008 Monticello Approved Resource Management Plan. The segment is completely within Dark Canyon Instant Study Area and the Dark Canyon Special Area.

Support is high from national river organizations and other agencies 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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