

HUNTING IN BEAVER DAM WASH NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA

What is a National Conservation Area?

National Conservation Areas (NCAs) are certain public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management that Congress has designated for special management. Through the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009, Congress designated the Beaver Dam Wash NCA in Washington County, Utah "to conserve, protect, and enhance... the ecological, scenic, wildlife, recreational, cultural, historical, natural, educational, and scientific resources" of these public lands. The new NCA is managed by BLM's St. George Field Office.



Where is the Beaver Dam Wash NCA?

The Beaver Dam Wash NCA totals approximately 63,500 acres and is located in the southwestern corner of Washington County, Utah, along the state lines of Nevada and Arizona. Interstate 15 and the Virgin River parallel its southern boundary. U.S. Highway 91 is the only paved highway through the NCA.

What are the special values of the Beaver Dam Wash NCA?

This NCA is within an ecological transition zone between the Mojave Desert and the Great Basin. Creosote bush and other desert shrubs grow at lower elevations and provide important habitat for desert bighorn sheep, Gambel's quail, and several federal and state-listed species, including the Mojave Desert tortoise, a threatened species listed under the Endangered Species Act. Surface water flows in the upper reaches of Beaver Dam Wash, but rarely travels all the way through the NCA. Riparian vegetation along the stream channel is important habitat for migratory birds and other wildlife.

Is hunting still allowed in the Beaver Dam Wash NCA?

Yes, hunting is still allowed within the NCA, so long as the activity is conducted in compliance with state and federal laws.

Are there special restrictions on motorized vehicles in the Beaver Dam Wash NCA?

Congress restricted all motorized vehicles, including Off-Highway Vehicles (OHVs), to designated roads in the NCA. **In certain areas of the NCA, labeled "Designated Road Areas," (see map on reverse) Congress restricted motorized vehicle travel to the specific roads detailed on the map. Cross-country and off-road travel by motorized vehicles is not legal in the NCA.**

What's ahead?

The St. George Field Office will be preparing a Management Plan for the Beaver Dam Wash NCA that will designate roads for use by motorized vehicles in those areas where Congress has not already indicated the authorized routes. Until that plan is completed, motorized travel outside of the Designated Road Areas is limited to those existing roads shown on the map.

For More Information:

To learn more about the new NCA, visit the BLM St. George Field Office website:
http://www.blm.gov/ut/st/en/fo/st__george.html

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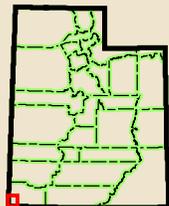
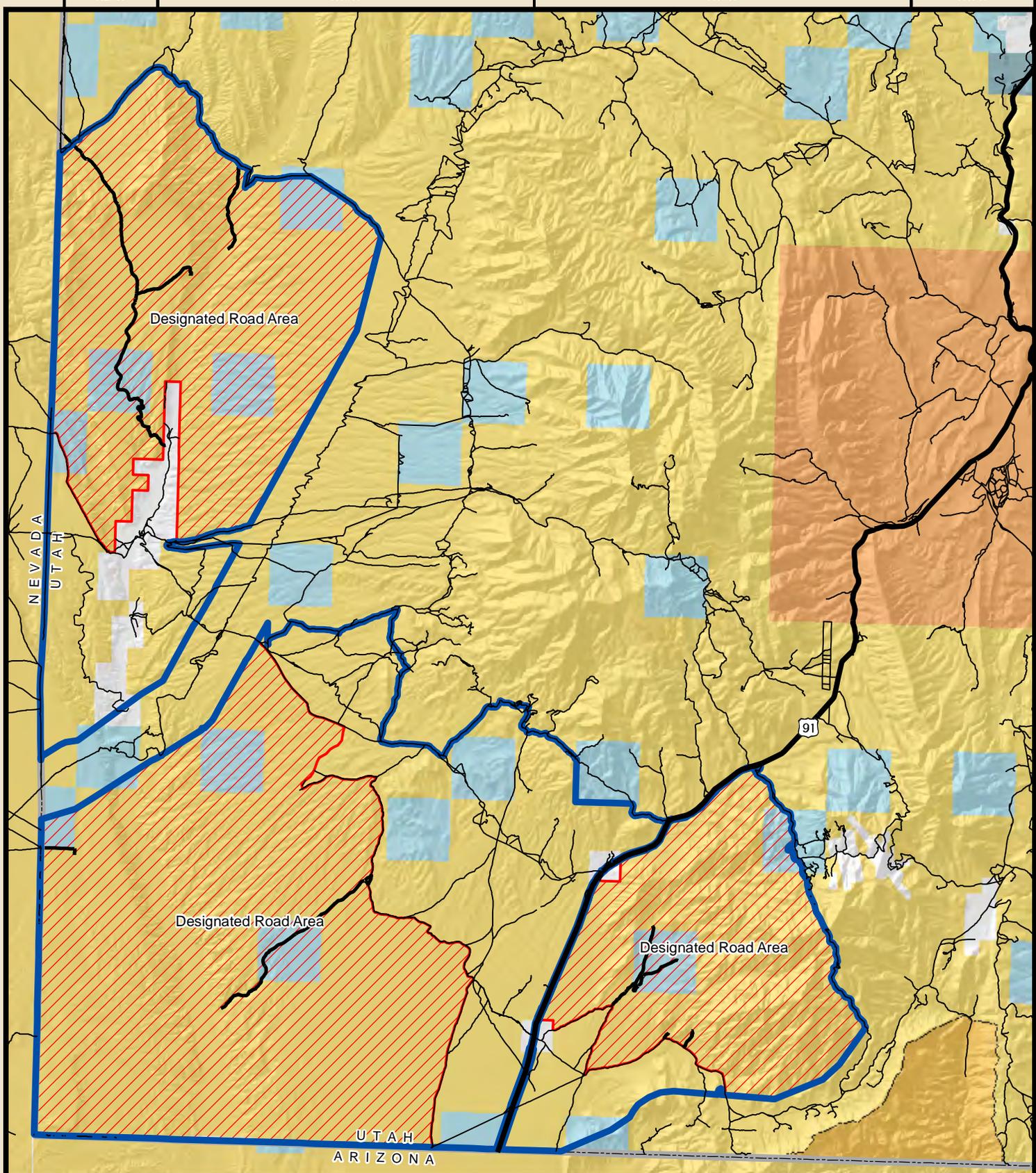
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Map Location

Beaver Dam Wash National Conservation Area

-  National Conservation Area
-  NCA Designated Road Area
-  Roads

Land Status

-  BLM
-  BLM Wilderness
-  State
-  Private
-  Indian Reserve



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