

HUNTING IN WILDERNESS AREAS

What are Wilderness Areas?

In 1964, the U.S. Congress enacted landmark legislation to permanently protect some of the most natural and undisturbed federal lands in America. The Wilderness Act of 1964 established the National Wilderness Preservation System, which encompasses all of America's Wilderness Areas, to "secure for the American people of present and future generations the benefits of an enduring resource of wilderness."



How much BLM-managed wilderness is there in Washington County?

Through the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009, Congress designated approximately 129,300 acres of BLM-managed public lands as new wilderness in Washington County. The designation brought the total to nearly 132,000 acres. There are now 15 BLM Wilderness Areas ranging in size from the 32 acre Taylor Creek Wilderness to the 44,530 acre Canaan Mountain Wilderness.

How is wilderness managed?

All activities that take place in Wilderness Areas must not impact the naturalness, scenic qualities, and ecological values of the area. These activities must not degrade another visitor's experience of primitive and unconfined recreation, solitude, and naturalness.

Can I hunt, fish, and camp in Wilderness Areas?

Primitive recreational activities, such as hunting, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, camping, and backpacking, continue to be authorized public activities in wilderness, but must not impair the wilderness characteristics of the area.

Can I ride an ATV in Wilderness Areas?

No motorized vehicles, including street legal vehicles, ATVs, motorcycles, snowmobiles and motor boats, are allowed in Wilderness Areas without special authorization from BLM. Mechanized vehicles and transport devices, such as mountain bikes, game sleds, or horse drawn wagons, are also prohibited in Wilderness Areas.

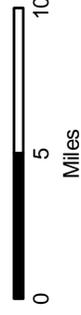
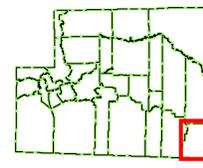
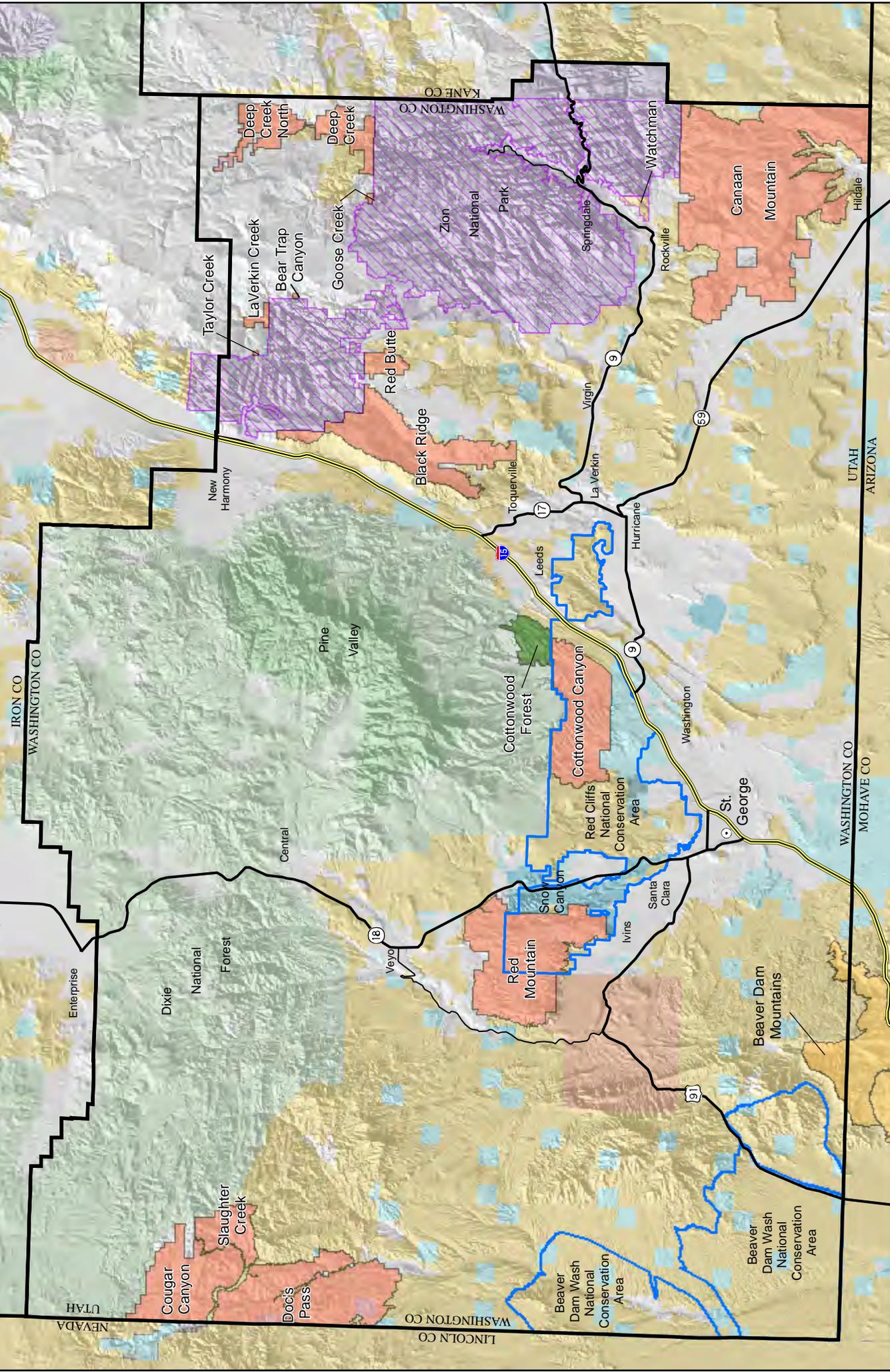
What's ahead?

The map on the back shows the location of the new BLM wilderness areas. More detailed maps are under development and will soon be made available to the public. Management plans for each new Wilderness Area will be completed by the BLM Utah, St. George Field Office and will incorporate public input. The plans will provide management direction for recreation, livestock grazing, fire suppression, and other issues.

For More Information

You can find more information about the new wilderness areas on the St. George Field Office website: http://www.blm.gov/ut/st/en/fo/st__george.html





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	Existing BLM Wilderness		State Park
	New BLM Wilderness		Private Land
	BLM National Conservation Area		Field Office Boundary
	Indian Reservation		US Forest Service (USFS)
			Existing USFS Wilderness
			New USFS Wilderness
			National Park Service (NPS)
			New NPS Wilderness