

St. George Field Office Planning Process

Scope of Planning Issues

Through passage of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009, Congress provided direction for several issues that are normally addressed through the RMP planning process. The Act closed the Red Cliffs and Beaver Dam Wash NCAs to mineral development, subject to valid existing rights. The Act also made route designations in portions of the Beaver Dam Wash NCA. As a result of this Congressional direction, the RMP for the Red Cliffs and Beaver Dam Wash NCAs will not consider management actions or alternatives related to these issues. Other issues could be considered for the NCA RMP, subject to the priorities and directions provided in the Act.

Outside the NCAs, in the remainder of the St. George Field Office, this planning effort will be limited to the specific Congressional requirements from the Act. This planning process will consider OHV area and route designations, identification and management of priority biological areas, and identification of a northern transportation route. Other issues beyond these will not be addressed in this planning process outside the NCAs.

The Act also designated Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers. A separate implementation-level planning effort will be conducted under a separate NEPA analysis to address the management of these designations.

