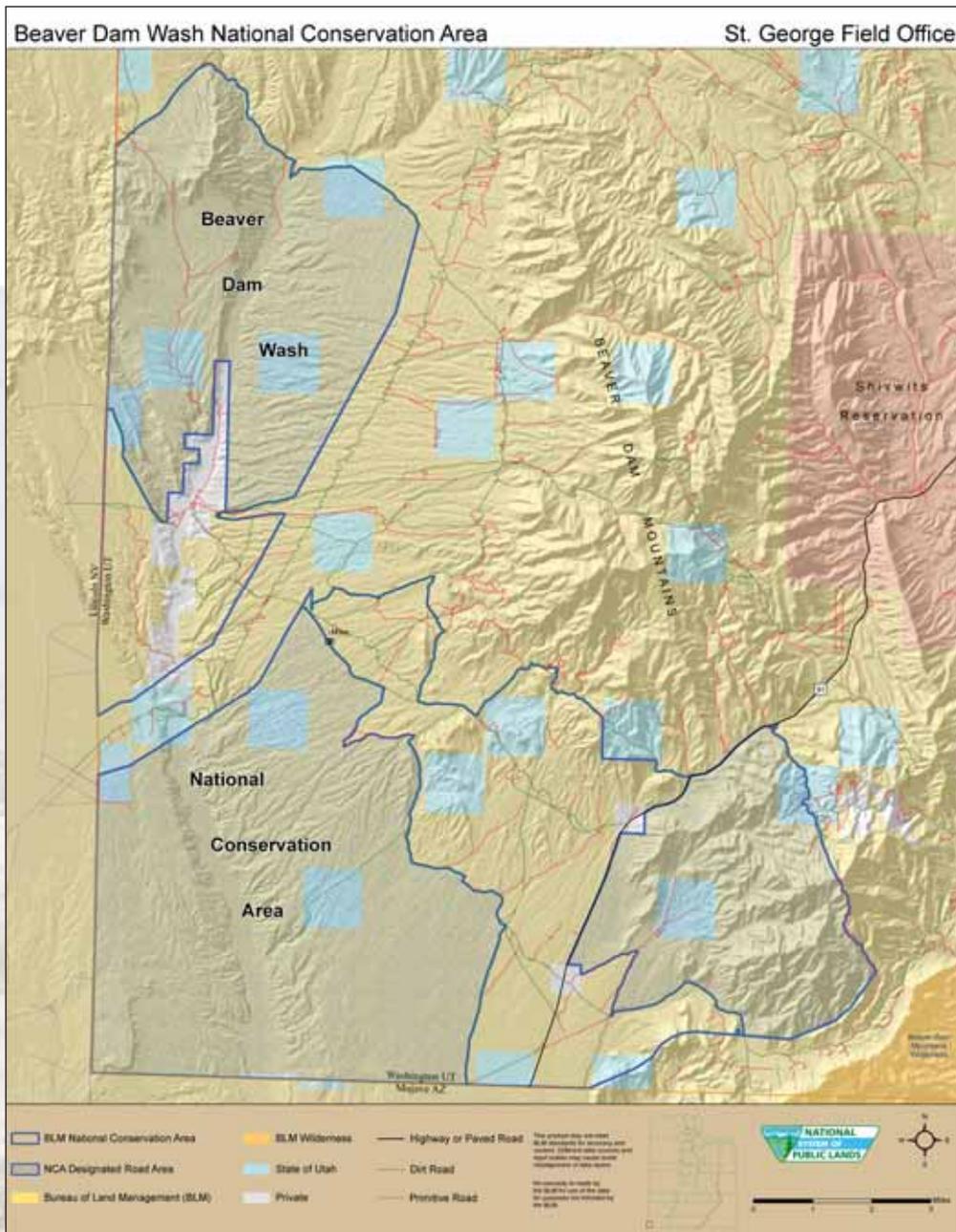


Beaver Dam Wash NCA Plan



Beaver Dam Wash National Conservation Area Resource Management Plan

Through the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009, Congress designated the 63,500 acre 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. Three areas of the NCA were identified by Congress as “designated road areas,” where all public motorized vehicle travel, including off-highway vehicles, is restricted to the specific roads shown on the map.

Unique Values and Special Features

This NCA is within an ecological transition zone between the Mojave Desert and the Great Basin. Creosote bush, white bursage, and other desert shrubs grow at lower elevations and provide habitat for desert bighorn sheep and the Mojave Desert tortoise, a threatened species listed under the Endangered Species Act. Joshua trees and dense stands of blackbrush cover the slopes of the Beaver Dam Mountains, along the eastern boundary of the NCA. 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.

