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<b>CULTURAL RESOURCES</b>					
<b>INTRODUCTION</b>					
The VPA encompasses a large and diverse assemblage of prehistoric archaeological sites, historical archaeological sites and localities, and sites with traditional cultural values.					
<b>GOALS AND OBJECTIVES</b>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preserve and protect a representative array of significant cultural resources, including but not limited to traditional cultural properties, traditional use areas, rock art, and ceremonial sites, and ensure that they are available for appropriate uses by present and future generations.</li> <li>Preserve and protect cultural resources in accordance with existing laws, regulations, and Executive Orders (EO), in consultation with designated contacts from Native American tribes and the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to ensure that they are available for appropriate uses by present and future generations.</li> <li>Preserve and conserve cultural resources by conducting activities in a way that protect values and provide for the following benefits: education, research, public use, conservation for future use, and interpretation.</li> </ul>					
<b>MANAGEMENT COMMON TO THE PROPOSED RMP AND ALL ALTERNATIVES</b>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Protect burial sites, associated burial goods, and sacred items in accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act and the Archaeological Resources Protection Act.</li> <li>Evaluate cultural resources according to National Register criteria (36 CFR Part 60.4) and assign cultural resources to appropriate use categories as the basis for management decisions.</li> <li>Encourage public/volunteer involvement in the management of cultural resources by establishing site stewardship and other programs.</li> <li>Specific plans would be developed for culturally sensitive areas unless included in other integrated activity plans. Such plans would include protective measures, Native American Consultation, and regulatory compliance. These plans would also include but not be limited to developing a site monitoring system; identifying sites in need of stabilization, restoration, and protective measures (e.g., fences, surveillance equipment); developing research designs for selected sites/areas; designating sites/areas for interpretive development; identifying areas for cultural inventory where federal undertakings are expected to occur; and developing specific mitigation measures. The plan would designate sites, districts, landmarks, and landscapes that would be nominated for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places.</li> <li>Limit land-disturbing activities within selected Native American traditional cultural and religious sites for continued use by tribes. Traditional cultural sites would be selected in consultation with interested Native American tribes and communities.</li> <li>Consult with Native American tribes for the protection of areas and items of traditional life-ways and religious significance that includes but is not limited to burials, rock art, traditional use areas, religiously active areas, and sacred sites.</li> <li>Pursue appropriate National Register designation, including but not limited to currently eligible sites under current policy and guidance.</li> <li>Conduct an inventory according to professional standards commensurate with the land-use activity, environmental conditions, and the potential for cultural resources.</li> <li>Pro-actively reduce hazardous fuels or mitigate the potential hazard around archaeological and cultural sites that are susceptible to destruction by fire from prescribed fire activities.</li> <li>Conduct consultation process to identify both the resource management concerns and the strategies for addressing them through an interactive dialogue with appropriate Native American communities.</li> <li>Reduce or eliminate imminent threats from natural or human-caused deterioration or conflict with other resource uses.</li> <li>Identify priority geographic areas for new field inventory based upon a probability for unrecorded significant resources.</li> <li>Ensure that all authorizations for land and resource use would comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, consistent with and subject to the objectives established in the RMP for the proactive use of cultural properties in the public interest.</li> <li>The BLM, in coordination with the appropriate county, would continue to identify, evaluate, and nominate historic routes for inclusion into the National Register of Historic Places.</li> <li>When new sites are discovered, interim protection may be applied, if warranted.</li> <li>Provide for legitimate field research by qualified scientists and institutions.</li> <li>Allow for reconstruction, stabilization, maintenance, and interpretation of selected sites for public enjoyment and education.</li> <li>Continue to implement, maintain, and revise as necessary the Nine Mile Canyon Recreation/Cultural Management Plan that includes developing interpretive facilities at appropriate archeological and cultural sites at Nine Mile Canyon in cooperation with the Price Field Office, the Nine Mile coalition team, and the counties. Promote collaborative partnerships to assist in meeting management goals and objectives for cultural resources.</li> <li>Should National Register-eligible cultural resources be found during an inventory, impacts to them would be mitigated, generally through avoidance. Should it be determined the cultural resources cannot be avoided; consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) would be initiated. A program on mitigation would be developed via consultation between VFO, the SHPO, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.</li> <li>VFO would continue to allocate cultural sites, including ethnographic properties, to one of six management categories: experimental, discharged, public, scientific, traditional, and conservation.</li> <li>Implement regular patrols as feasible to monitor and protect known cultural sites.</li> <li>Establish and implement protective measures for sites, structures, objects, and traditional use areas that are important to Native American tribes with historical and cultural connections to the land, in order to maintain the view shed, intrinsic values, and the auditory, visual, and aesthetic settings of the resources. Protection measures for undisturbed cultural resources and their natural setting would be developed in compliance with regulatory mandates and Native American consultation.</li> <li>Nominate eligible sites, districts, landscapes, and traditional cultural properties for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. Manage National Register listed and eligible sites for their local, regional, and national significance.</li> </ul>					
<b>JOHN JARVIE HISTORIC SITE</b>					
Revise the 1989 plan for John Jarvie Historic Site to provide for:					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintaining the integrity of the National Historic District through reconstruction, stabilization and restoration of important cultural features, and the elimination or separation of other features that are not culturally significant.</li> <li>Providing adequate protection and management of site.</li> <li>Managing the site for public education and enjoyment by developing educational and interpretive programs and keeping the site open for public viewing during normal visitor use periods.</li> </ul>					
On- and off-site interpretive facilities would be developed at appropriate archeological, historical, and cultural sites in a manner that would not	Same as the Proposed RMP.	On- and off-site interpretive materials would be developed at appropriate archeological, historical, and cultural sites only when considered mitigation for	On- and off-site interpretive facilities would be developed for all appropriate archeological, historical, and cultural resources only if it would not adversely	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interpretive facilities would be developed at the Old Rock Saloon and Nine Mile Canyon archeological sites.</li> </ul>	On- and off-site interpretive facilities would be developed for all appropriate archeological, historical, and cultural resources only if they would not

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adversely impact the site.		authorized or permitted activities.	impact the site.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A facility would be developed in Nine Mile Canyon to interpret and manage use once the Nine Mile Canyon National Register District is established.</li> <li>A self-guided tour would be developed for important historic structures and locations in Brown's Park area.</li> </ul>	adversely impact the site or conflict with other resource objectives.
To protect cultural sites that include lithic scatters, burials, tool manufacturing sites, structures, and rock shelters in the Uinta Foothills area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The area would be open for oil and gas leasing, subject to timing and controlled surface-use stipulations or No Surface Occupancy (NSO).</li> <li>OHV travel would be limited to designated routes.</li> </ul>	Same as the Proposed RMP.	Same as the Proposed RMP.	To protect high-density cultural site areas that include burial sites, petroglyphs, task sites, pictographs, and villages in the Uinta Foothills area would be closed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oil and gas leasing.</li> <li>OHV travel.</li> </ul>	The Uinta Foothills would be open to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oil and gas leasing.</li> <li>OHV travel.</li> </ul>	Same as Alternative C.
To protect cultural sites that include lithic scatters, burials, tool manufacturing sites, structures, and rock shelters in the Little/Devils Hole areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The area would be open for oil and gas leasing, subject to CSU stipulations.</li> <li>OHV travel would be limited to designated routes.</li> </ul>	To protect cultural sites that include lithic scatters, burials, tool manufacturing sites, structures, and rock shelters in the Little/Devils Hole areas, OHV travel would be limited to designated routes.	Same as Alternative A.	To protect high-density cultural sites that include lithic scatters, burials, tool manufacturing sites, structures, and rock shelters in the Little/Devils Hole areas that would be closed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oil and gas leasing.</li> <li>OHV travel.</li> </ul>	The Little/Devils Hole areas would be open to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oil and gas leasing.</li> <li>OHV travel.</li> </ul>	Same as Alternative C.
To protect high-density cultural sites that include pictographs, petroglyphs, burials, and storage crypts and to preserve the unique representation of the Archaic period in the Upper Willow Creek area of the Book Cliffs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The area would be open for oil and gas leasing, subject to timing and CSU stipulations.</li> <li>OHV travel would be limited to designated routes.</li> </ul>	Same as the Proposed RMP.	Same as the Proposed RMP.	Same as the Proposed RMP.	The Upper Willow Creek area would be open to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oil and gas leasing.</li> <li>OHV travel.</li> </ul>	Same as Alternative C.
To protect traditional sacred properties in the Four Mile Wash area (Section 18, T10S, R19E): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The area would be open for oil and gas leasing, subject to timing and CSU or No Surface Occupancy (NSO) stipulations.</li> <li>OHV travel would be limited to designated routes.</li> </ul>	Same as the Proposed RMP.	To protect traditional sacred properties in the Four Mile Wash area (Section 18, T10S, R19E): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The area would be open for oil and gas leasing, subject to standard stipulations.</li> <li>OHV travel would be limited to designated routes.</li> </ul>	To protect traditional sacred properties in the Four Mile Wash area (Section 18, T10S, R19E) would be closed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oil and gas leasing.</li> <li>OHV travel.</li> </ul>	The Four Mile Wash area would be open to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oil and gas leasing.</li> <li>OHV travel.</li> </ul>	Same as Alternative C.
Excavation of cultural sites in non-WSA lands that are managed for wilderness	Unspecified in the Draft EIS.	Unspecified in the Draft EIS.	Unspecified in the Draft EIS.	Unspecified in the current management plans.	Excavation of cultural sites in non-WSA lands with wilderness characteristics

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characteristics would be permitted when compatible with the goals and objectives for management of the non-WSA lands with wilderness characteristics.					would be permitted when compatible with the goals and objectives for management of the non-WSA lands with wilderness characteristics.