

GREEN RIVER RMP

Off-road vehicle travel, including vehicles used for geophysical exploration and fire suppression activities, within that part of the vista that lies outside of the ACEC is limited to designated roads and trails (Table 13).

Human activity, recreation use, etc., is restricted seasonally (usually from February 1 through July 31) to protect nesting raptors. Exception from this restriction may be approved if conditions described in Appendix 7 apply.

Livestock grazing objectives will be evaluated and, as needed, modified to be consistent with the management objectives for this area. Grazing systems will be designed to achieve desired plant communities and proper functioning condition of watersheds (upland and riparian) (Appendix 9-3).

See other resource management prescriptions in this document for other prescriptions and guidance that may apply to management activities in special designation management areas.

Other Management Areas

Monument Valley Management Area (69,940 acres of BLM-administered public lands)

Designation of the area as an ACEC will be deferred until a determination can be made that specific resources meet the ACEC relevance and importance criteria. Although the Monument Valley area has unique scenic features and has the apparent high potential for significant cultural and paleontological resources, there has been little systematic inventory of these features and resources. This lack of information precludes identification of specific resources that meet the ACEC relevance and importance criteria for designation of ACECs. Rather than considering ACEC designation without a more complete appreciation of the values in the area and appropriate management prescriptions, the area will be targeted for additional cultural and paleontological inventory. If specific resources are identified that meet the relevance and importance criteria, the area will then be considered for designation as an ACEC. Further public input will be solicited at that time.

MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVE: The management objective for the Monument Valley area is to provide protection of wildlife, geologic, cultural, watershed, scenic, and scientific values (paleontological and cultural).

MANAGEMENT ACTIONS: A portion of the Monument Valley area overlaps parts of the Adobe Town Wilderness Study Area. Wilderness management recommendations and alternatives for this area are addressed in the *Final Adobe Town-Ferris Mountain Wilderness EIS*.

The area is open to: 1) consideration for mineral leasing, exploration, and development provided mitigation can be applied to retain the resource values; 2) consideration for mineral material sales with the appropriate constraints applied to all surface disturbing activi-

ties; and 3) development and public use with necessary consideration for wildlife, raptors, cultural, watershed, and scientific values (see Table 7 and Table 8).

The area is a priority area for future cultural and paleontological inventory. A paleontological survey is required prior to surface disturbing activities. The standard Section 106 compliance process will apply to cultural resource management.

The oil shale withdrawal will remain in effect until a comprehensive study is completed for the area. If necessary, needed withdrawals for any of these lands will be identified and will be pursued for protection of their scientific or other resource values before the oil shale withdrawal is terminated (Table 4).

Surface disturbing activities, including rights-of-way, will be managed to avoid slopes greater than 25 percent and highly erosive areas unless a plan can be developed to mitigate adverse effects to the resource values (Table 2).

Off-road vehicle travel is limited to designated roads and trails. A transportation/road plan will be prepared to manage public use of the area and to keep the miles of roads and trails to a minimum.

The entire area will be managed consistent with the Class II visual resource management classification. All management actions will be designed and located to blend into the natural landscape and to not be visually apparent to the casual viewer.

No new recreation sites will be developed in the area and limited interpretive signing will be accomplished (mostly for roads and access routes).

Livestock grazing objectives and management practices will be evaluated and, as needed, modified to be consistent with the management objectives of this area. Grazing systems will be designed to achieve desired plant communities and proper functioning condition of watersheds (upland and riparian) (Appendix 9-3).

Wild horse herd management will be consistent with the wild horse herd management plan for the area. Construction of wild horse traps and range improvements will be allowed provided the management objectives of the area can be met. Areas with highly erosive soils or slopes are not suitable for wild horse traps and range improvements. Improvements will be considered with protection provided for slopes, raptors, cultural, scientific, scenic, and watershed resources.

Pine Mountain Management Area (64,200 acres of BLM-administered public lands)

The area is not designated as an ACEC, but will be maintained as a geographic management unit (see Glossary). The Pine Mountain management area is not recommended as part of the Greater Red Creek ACEC because Pine Mountain does not contain the same sensitivity of resources

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