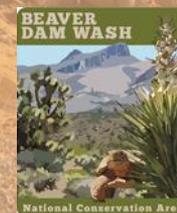


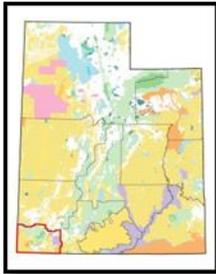
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BLM Utah
Draft Resource Management Plans
Beaver Dam Wash and Red Cliffs National Conservation Areas
Draft RMP Amendment
St. George Field Office**

**Exhibit 6-c-1
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September 22, 2015**



**NATIONAL
CONSERVATION
LANDS**





St. George Field Office Surface Management

Bureau of Land Management

628,790 acres (40%)

Private

262,440 acres (16%)

U.S. Forest Service

423,130 acres (27%)

State of Utah

88,700 acres (6%)

Indian Reservation

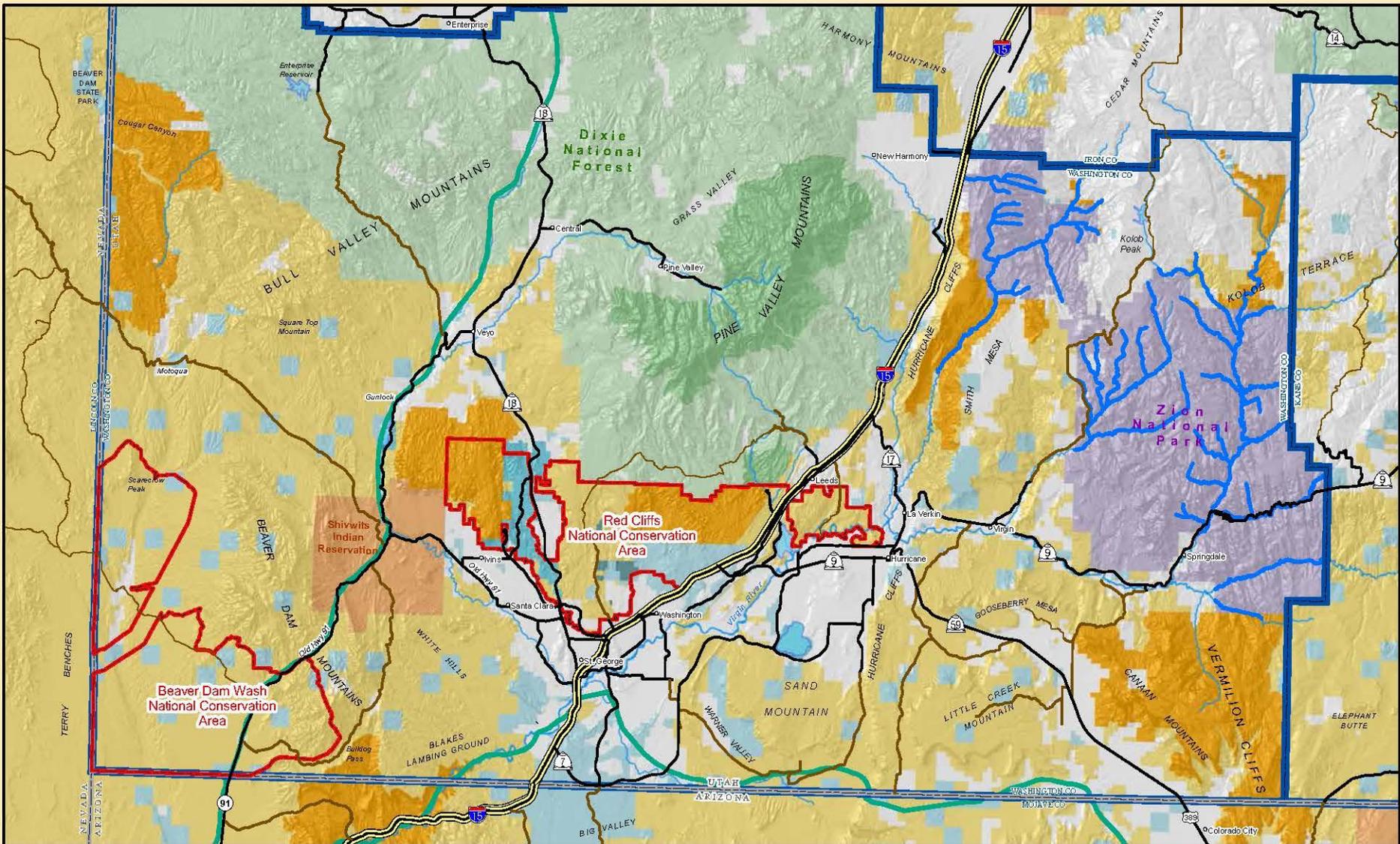
28,830 acres (2%)

National Park Service

141,990 acres (9%)

TOTAL in Planning Area

1,573,880 acres



Map #1 - St. George Field Office Planning Area

- National Conservation Area Boundary
- BLM Wilderness Area
- State Parks and Recreation
- Planning Area Boundary
- Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
- State Wildlife Reserve/Management Area
- State Boundary
- Indian Reservation (IR)
- US Forest Service (USFS)
- Wild and Scenic Rivers
- National Park Service (NPS)
- USFS Wilderness Area
- Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- State



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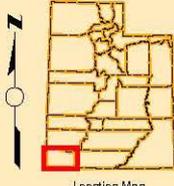
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Location Map

Legislatively-Mandated Planning Processes

Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (OPLMA)

(Title I, Subtitle O – Washington County, Utah)

Land Use Planning Level

Resource Management Plans

- Beaver Dam Wash National Conservation Area (sec. 1975)
- Red Cliffs National Conservation Area (sec. 1974)

Amendment of St. George Field Office RMP (1999)

- Identify areas where biological conservation is a priority and undertake activities to conserve and restore species and natural communities within such areas (sec. 1979)

Implementation Level Planning

Comprehensive Travel and Transportation Management Plan (sec. 1977)

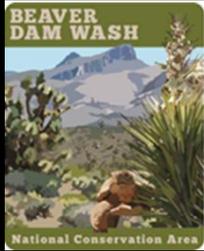
- “...in consultation with appropriate Federal agencies, State, tribal, and local governmental entities (including the County and St. George City, Utah), and the public, identify 1 or more alternatives for a northern transportation route in the County.”

Alternatives – Beaver Dam and Red Cliffs NCAs

<u>Alternative A</u>	<u>Alternative B</u>	<u>Alternative C</u>	<u>Alternative D</u>
No Action Continues management under current St. George FO RMP, as modified by OPLMA withdrawals and designations.	Preferred Balanced approach to management and restrictions on land uses to achieve NCA purposes.	Conservative approach to management and more restrictions on land uses to achieve NCA purposes.	Greatest management flexibility and fewest restrictions on land uses while achieving NCA purposes.

OPLMA withdrew NCAs from operation of:

- Public land laws
- Mining laws (subject to valid existing rights)
- Mineral leasing laws
- Mineral materials laws
- Geothermal leasing laws



Beaver Dam Wash National Conservation Area

Purposes: to conserve, protect, and enhance... the ecological, scenic, wildlife, recreational, cultural, historical, natural, educational, and scientific resources of the National Conservation Area.

OPLMA established Designated Road Areas and designated specific roads for motorized vehicle travel in those areas in Beaver Dam Wash NCA

Bureau of Land Management

63,480 acres

Private

2,127 acres

State of Utah

6,492 acres

Other NLCS Units and Special Designations in the NCA

Old Spanish National Historic Trail (approximately 6 miles)

Joshua Tree National Natural Landmark (1,047 acres)

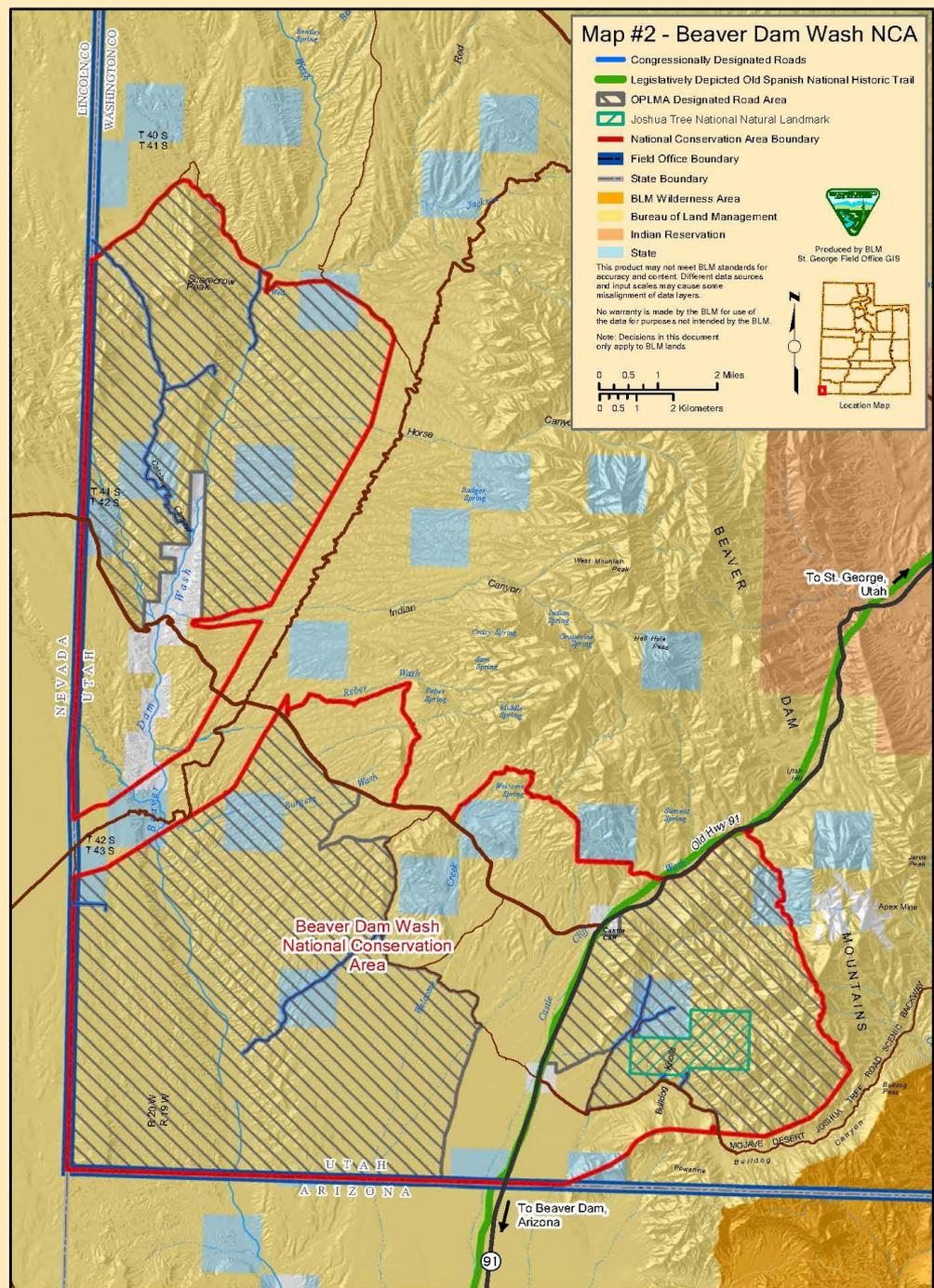
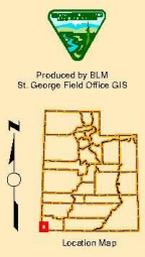
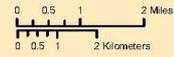
Map #2 - Beaver Dam Wash NCA

-  Congressionally Designated Roads
-  Legislatively Depicted Old Spanish National Historic Trail
-  OPLMA Designated Road Area
-  Joshua Tree National Natural Landmark
-  National Conservation Area Boundary
-  Field Office Boundary
-  State Boundary
-  BLM Wilderness Area
-  Bureau of Land Management
-  Indian Reservation
-  State

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Beaver Dam Wash National Conservation Area

Key Planning Issues

- Special Status Species
- Habitat Conservation, Protection, and Restoration
- Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- Livestock Grazing
- Recreation and Travel Management

Livestock Grazing Management

	Alternative A No Action	Alternative B Preferred	Alternative C	Alternative D
Acres Available for Grazing	61,995 acres (all or portions of 3 allotments)	Same as Alternative A	0 acres	Same as Alternative A
AUMs	3,099	1,861	0	Same as Alternative A
Voluntary Relinquishment	No applicable planning decision.	When grazing permits and preference are voluntarily relinquished, the allotment or portion of the allotment within the NCA would no longer be available for grazing over life of RMP.	NCA lands unavailable for grazing over life of the RMP.	Same as Alternative A

Recreation and Transportation

	Alternative A No Action	Alternative B Preferred	Alternative C	Alternative D
Dispersed Camping	The Bureau shall restrict vehicle-based camping in the Desert Wildlife Management Area (DWMA) or ACEC to within 50 feet of designated routes	Designate 38 sites for dispersed camping in the Frontcountry and Backcountry Zones	Designate 30 sites for dispersed camping in the Frontcountry and Backcountry Zones	Designate 46 sites for dispersed camping in the Frontcountry and Backcountry Zones
SRPS	Limit SRPs for motorized recreation activities to roads and primitive roads authorized for use by the public.			
Metal Detecting	No similar action.	Prohibit all recreational metal detecting activities.	Same as Alternative B	Only allow recreational metal detecting that results in minimal surface disturbance.
OHV Areas	OPLMA established Designated Road Areas and designated specific roads for motorized vehicle travel in those areas; remainder of NCA managed as Limited to Designated Roads.			

Red Cliffs National Conservation Area

Purposes: (1) to conserve, protect, and enhance... the ecological, scenic, wildlife, recreational, cultural, historical, natural, educational, and scientific resources of the National Conservation Area; and (2) to protect each species that is listed as threatened or endangered...

Bureau of Land Management

44,859 acres

Private

2,631 acres

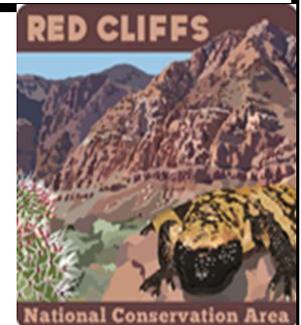
State of Utah

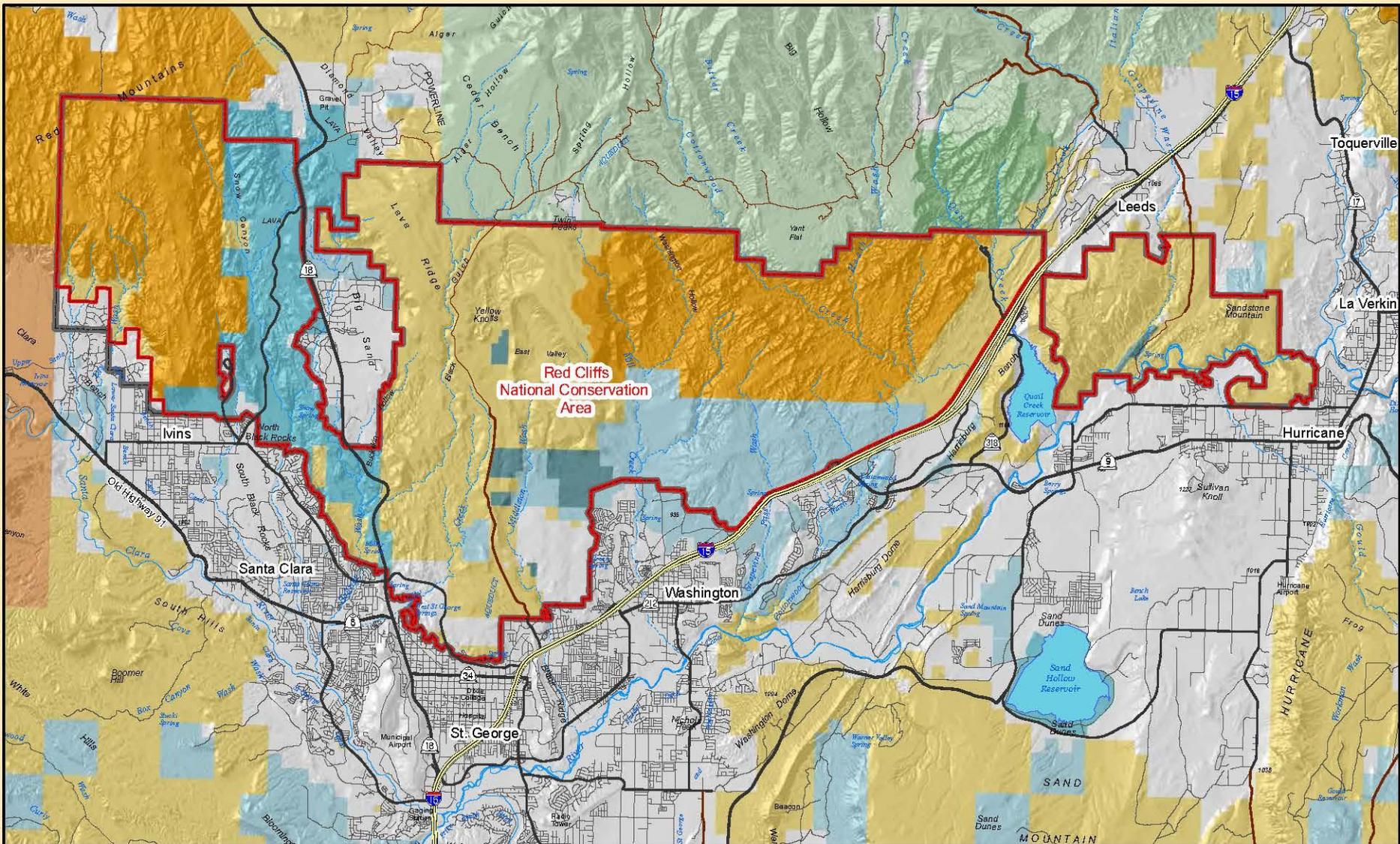
13,735 acres

Other NLCS Units in the NCA

Cottonwood Canyon Wilderness (11,668 acres)

Red Mountain Wilderness (8,321 acres in NCA)





Map #7 - Red Cliffs National Conservation Area

- National Conservation Area Boundary
- Red Cliffs Desert Reserve Boundary
- BLM Wilderness Area
- Bureau of Land Management
- Indian Reservation
- State
- State Parks and Recreation
- State Wildlife Reserve/Management Area
- US Forest Service (USFS)
- USFS Wilderness Area

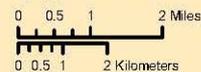


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Location Map

Red Cliffs National Conservation Area

Key Planning Issues

- Special Status Species
- Habitat Protection and Restoration
- Recreation
- Lands and Realty (Northern Transportation Route)

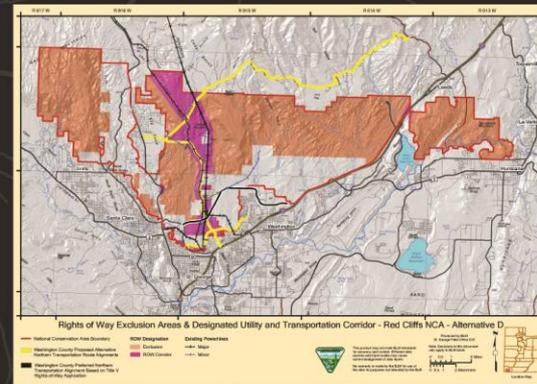
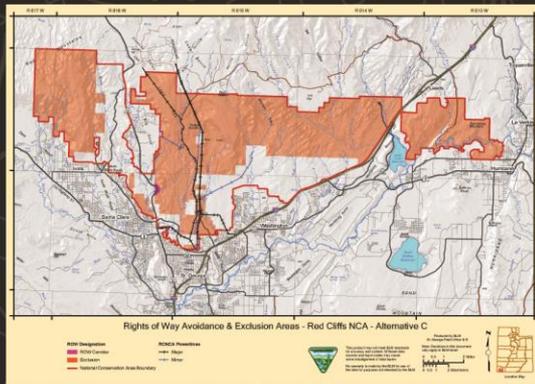
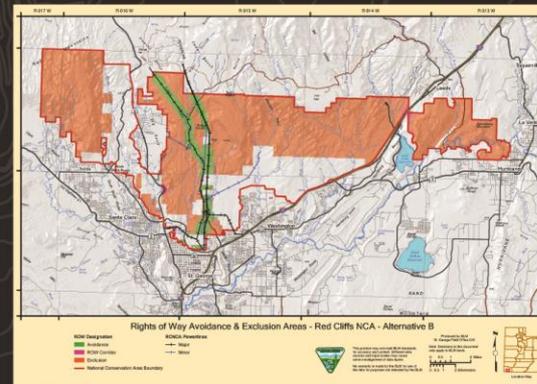
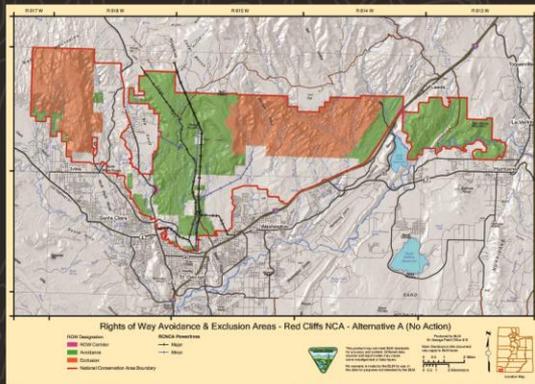
Lands and Realty Management

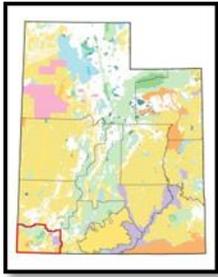
	Alternative A No Action	Alternative B Preferred	Alternative C	Alternative D
ROW Exclusion	19,989 acres (Designated Wilderness)	41,023 acres	44,809 acres	38,325 acres
ROW Avoidance	24,686 acres	3,652 acres	0 acres	
Designated Utility/Transportation Corridors	Retain two designated corridors: 183 acres (along SR 18 and Interstate I-15)		Retain SR 18 corridor: 50 acres Revoke I-15 corridor through NCA, subject to valid existing rights.	Retain two corridors: 183 acres Designate new corridor (6,345 acres) for new utility ROWs and any of the northern transportation route alignments.



Red Cliffs Wash National Conservation Area Lands and Realty: ROWs

Alternatives for Linear ROWs			
Alternative A (No Action)	Alternative B (Preferred)	Alternative C	Alternative D
Retain the existing designated ROW corridors along SR 18 and I-15 (total of 183 acres) through the NCA.		Retain the existing designated ROW corridor along SR 18 through the NCA (50 acres). Revoke the existing designated ROW corridor along I-15 through the NCA (133 acres), subject to valid existing rights.	Retain the existing designated ROW corridors along SR 18 and I-15 (total of 183 acres) through the NCA. Designate a new 6,350 acre utility and transportation ROW corridor.
Avoidance area: 24,686 acres Exclusion area: 19,989 acres	Avoidance area: 3,652 acres Exclusion area: 41,023 acres	Avoidance area: 0 acres Exclusion area: 44, 808 acres	Avoidance area: 0 acres Exclusion area: 38,324 acres





St. George Field Office RMP Amendment

- Identify areas where biological conservation is a priority and undertake activities to conserve and restore species and natural communities within such areas (sec. 1979)
 - Biological ACECs
 - Identification of the Bull Valley Mountains Multi-Species Management Area
- Modification of current OHV area designations to conform with 43CFR

Alternatives – RMP Amendment

Alternative A No Action

Relies on laws, regulations, policies, and management decisions from RMP to satisfy biological conservation mandate from OPLMA.

Continues OHV area designations from RMP, except where modified by OPLMA designations.

Alternative B Preferred

Proposes special designations and management changes to achieve biological conservation, **only** where current RMP decisions are not adequate.

Balances resource protection, recreation and access in OHV area designations.

Alternative C

Relies on special designations and changes to current management to achieve biological conservation.

Emphasizes resource protection in OHV area designations.

Alternative D

Relies on laws, regulations, policies, and management decisions from RMP to satisfy biological conservation mandate from OPLMA.

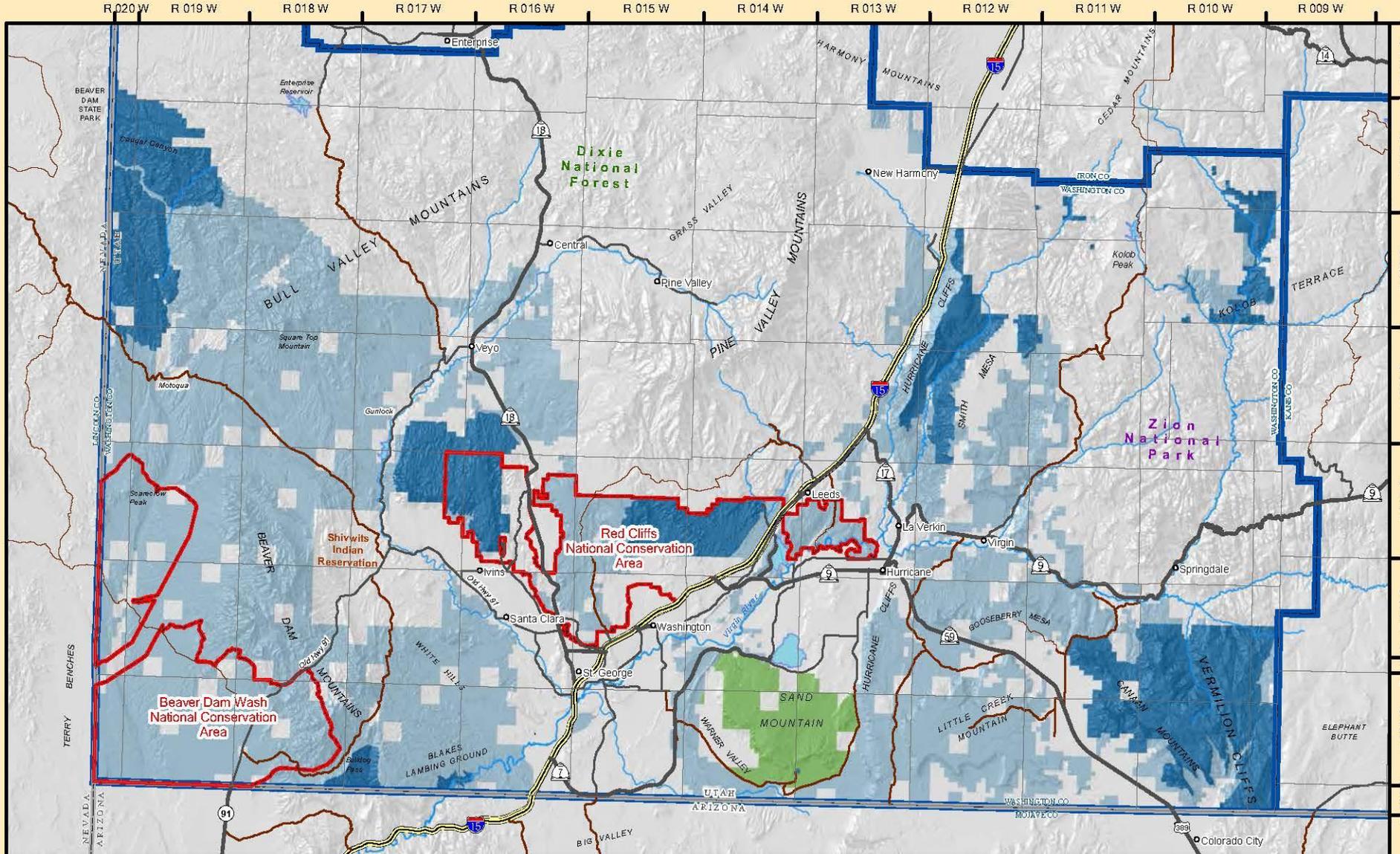
Emphasizes recreation and access in OHV area designations, in concert with resource protection.

Priority Biological Conservation Areas

	Alternative A No Action	Alternative B Preferred	Alternative C	Alternative D
Current ACECs	Retain 8 existing ACECs (100,084 acres) and current management prescriptions			
New ACECs	Do not designate new ACECs	Designate 3 new biological ACECs (3,881 acres)	Designate 14 new biological ACECs (14,243 acres)	Same as Alternative A
Priority Biological Conservation Area	Continue management under current RMP goals, objectives, and decisions	Establish the Bull Valley Mountains Multi-Species Management Area (87,031 acres) as a priority biological conservation area to protect crucial habitats and seasonal migration corridors for mule deer, bighorn sheep, and predators.		
Land Tenure	87,031 acres available for land transfer	Retain 87,031 acres in federal ownership		
ROWs	71,468 acres open to new ROWs	72,423 acres Avoidance	72,423 acres Exclusion	Same as Alternative A
Mineral Materials: Open Open with Stipulations Closed	58,647 acres 19,457 acres 8,981 acres	0 acres 78,104 acres 8,981 acres	0 acres 0 acres 87,031	Same as Alternative A

Transportation and Access

OHV Area Designation	Alternative A	Alternative B	Alt C	Alt D
Open	80,668 acres	21,442 acres	19,803 acres	24,094 acres
Limited to Existing Routes	297,042 acres	0 acres	0 acres	0 acres
Limited to Designated Routes	26,937 acres	386,563 acres	385,033 acres	384,209 acres
Closed	115,786 acres	112,427 acres	115,591 acres	112,129 acres



Map #12 - OHV Area Designations - St. George Field Office - Alternative B

- Closed to Motorized Vehicles
- Limited to Designated Roads & Trails
- Open to All Vehicles
- Field Office Boundary
- State Boundary
- National Conservation Area Boundary (Outside Plan Amendment Area)



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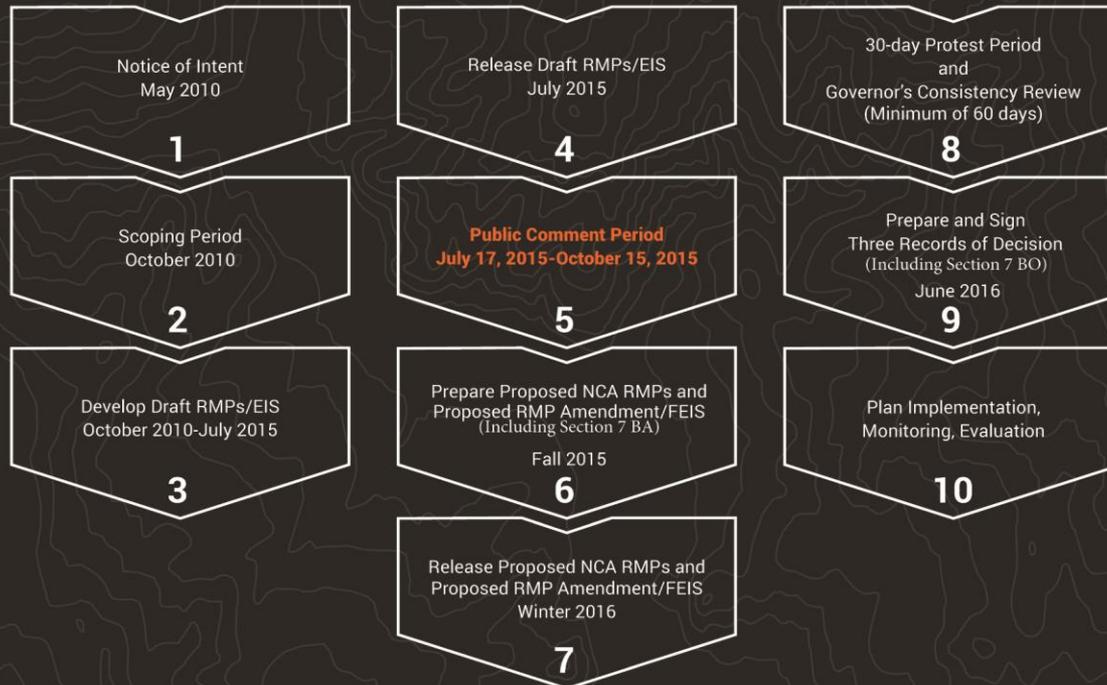
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Location Map

Steps in the Planning Process



— Scoping Workshops in 2010 —

