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<b>RECREATION — SPECIAL RECREATION MANAGEMENT AREAS (SRMA)</b>					
<b>BLUE MOUNTAIN</b>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blue Mountain (42,729 acres) would be managed as an SRMA.</li> <li>An integrated activity plan would be developed and implemented consistent with overall management objectives.</li> <li>Recreation activities would be identified in the plan; these activities would include but are not limited to hang-gliding (competitive and special events), rock climbing, historic interpretation, and OHV use on designated routes.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> Acreage figures for the Proposed RMP may reflect different sum totals, as calculations were determined using different technology.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blue Mountain (42,758 acres) would be managed as an SRMA.</li> <li>An integrated activity plan would be developed and implemented consistent with overall management objectives.</li> <li>In the recreation portion of the plan the following uses would be emphasized: hang-gliding (competitive and special events), wildlife viewing, small and big game hunting, sightseeing, photography, equestrian use, camping, hiking, rock climbing, historic interpretation, and OHV use on designated routes. (This would not exclude other recreational opportunities).</li> </ul>	An SRMA would not be established for Blue Mountain and an integrated activity plan would not be developed and implemented.	Same as Alternative A.	Unspecified in the current management plans.	Same as Alternative A.
The non-WSA lands with wilderness characteristics in the SRMA would be managed for primitive and non-motorized/non-mechanized forms of recreation, and the settings required to support those types of activities and experiences.	Unspecified in the Draft EIS.	Unspecified in the Draft EIS.	Unspecified in the Draft EIS.	Unspecified in the current management plans.	Same as the Proposed RMP.
<b>BOOK CLIFFS</b>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Book Cliffs would not be designated as an SRMA.</li> <li>Unlimited and unconfined recreation would continue to be provided for.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> To protect high-value, old-growth pinyon pines, special management actions include the following: enhancing habitat utilizing forest manipulation and tree spraying; restricting woodcutting around old growth pinyon; and no surface occupancy (NSO) for old growth pinyon pine area. See Woodlands and Forest Resources, Section 2.1.27.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An SRMA would be established for 273,486 acres in the Book Cliffs.</li> <li>An integrated activity plan would be developed and implemented consistent with overall management objectives considering a frontier mystique of adventure and discovery (unconfined recreation, limited facilities).</li> <li>The recreational portion of the plan would provide for the following uses: wildlife viewing, hunting, hiking, back packing, OHV use, camping, cultural values, including petroglyph viewing, picnicking, mountain biking, photography, back country horse riding, and visits to turn of the century homesteads.</li> </ul>	Same as Alternative D.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An SRMA would be established for 273,486 acres in the Book Cliffs.</li> <li>An integrated activity plan would be developed and implemented consistent with overall management objectives considering a frontier mystique of adventure and discovery (unconfined recreation, limited facilities).</li> <li>The recreational portion of the plan would provide for the following uses: wildlife viewing, hunting, hiking, back packing, OHV use, camping, cultural values, including petroglyph viewing, picnicking, mountain biking, photography, back country horse riding, and visits to turn of the century homesteads.</li> <li>Wolf Point, Bitter Creek drainages, and the head of Sweetwater Canyon would be closed to mineral leasing.</li> </ul>	Unlimited and unconfined recreation would continue to be provided for.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An SRMA would be established for 273,486 acres in the Book Cliffs.</li> <li>An integrated activity plan would be developed and implemented consistent with overall management objectives considering a frontier mystique of adventure and discovery (unconfined recreation, limited facilities).</li> <li>The recreational portion of the plan would provide for the following uses: wildlife viewing, hunting, hiking, back packing, OHV use, camping, cultural values, including petroglyph viewing, picnicking, mountain biking, photography, back country horse riding, and visits to turn of the century homesteads.</li> <li>Wolf Point, Bitter Creek drainages, and the head of Sweetwater Canyon would be closed to mineral leasing.</li> <li>Non-WSA lands with wilderness characteristics in the SRMA would be managed for primitive and non-</li> </ul>

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<b>BROWN'S PARK</b>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brown's Park (18,490 acres) would continue to have an SRMA designation that would provide for outstanding scenic, riparian, fisheries, special status species resource values, water quality, water based recreation, wildlife viewing opportunities, hunting, comprehensive trail system for hiking, biking, horseback riding, and OHV use, camping, cultural and historic interpretation and facility development.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> Acreage figures for the Proposed RMP may reflect different sum totals, as calculations were determined using different technology.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brown's Park (52,720 acres) would be managed as a SRMA to provide for outstanding scenic vistas and enhancement of resources and associated activities such as, riparian, fisheries, special status species, water quality, water-based recreation, hunting, comprehensive trail system for hiking, biking, horseback riding, and OHV use, camping, cultural and historic interpretation and facility development.</li> <li>The south side of the river between Little Hole and Fire Flat extending around the Taylor Flat subdivision to Rye Grass Draw in the east would be managed for primitive recreation values, VRM I, and closed to surface-disturbing activities, except for activities that complement recreation values.</li> <li>The area would be closed to OHV use.</li> <li>The historic wagon route in Sears Canyon would be evaluated and analyzed along with other routes (i.e., Crouse Canyon and Rye Grass), to determine if an opportunity exists to provide a loop route for OHV use.</li> </ul>	Same as Alternative D.	Same as Alternative A.	<p>Brown's Park (17,000 acres) would continue to have an SRMA designation that would provide for outstanding scenic, riparian, fisheries, special status species resource values, water quality, water based recreation, hunting, comprehensive trail system for hiking, biking, horseback riding, and OHV use, camping, cultural and historic interpretation and facility development.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brown's Park (52,720 acres) would be managed as a SRMA to provide for outstanding scenic vistas and enhancement of resources and associated activities such as, riparian, fisheries, special status species, water quality, water-based recreation, hunting, comprehensive trail system for hiking, biking, horseback riding, and OHV use, camping, cultural and historic interpretation and facility development.</li> <li>The south side of the river between Little Hole and Fire Flat extending around the Taylor Flat subdivision to Rye Grass Draw and in the east would be managed for primitive recreation values, VRM I, and closed to surface-disturbing activities, except for activities that complement recreation values.</li> <li>The area would be closed to OHV use.</li> <li>The historic wagon route in Sears Canyon would be evaluated and analyzed along with other routes (i.e., Crouse Canyon and Rye Grass), to determine if an opportunity exists to provide a loop route for OHV use.</li> <li>Non-WSA lands with wilderness characteristics in the SRMA would be managed for primitive and non-motorized/non-mechanized forms of recreation, and the settings required to support those types of activities and experiences.</li> </ul>
<b>FANTASY CANYON</b>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fantasy Canyon (69 acres) would be managed as an SRMA.</li> <li>An activity management plan would be developed and implemented consistent with overall management objectives.</li> <li>In the recreation portion of the plan,</li> </ul>	An activity management plan would be prepared for Fantasy Canyon (69 acres) to protect the unique geological formations and to address health and human safety consideration.	Fantasy Canyon would not be managed as an SRMA nor have an activity management plan prepared for it.	Fantasy Canyon (69 acres) would be managed as a SRMA to provide for the following uses: guided or self-guided tours, hiking, and interpretation.	Unspecified in the current management plans.	Same as Alternative C.

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the following uses would be emphasized: protection of the unique geological formations, health and human safety considerations, guided or self-guided tours, hiking, and interpretation.					
<b>NINE MILE CANYON</b>					
<p>Nine Mile Canyon (44,168 acres) would continue to have an SRMA designation and recreational opportunities would be managed to protect high-value cultural resources and scenic vistas.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Acreage figures for the Proposed RMP may reflect different sum totals, as calculations were determined using different technology.</p>	<p>Nine Mile Canyon (81,168 acres) would be managed as a SRMA to protect high-value cultural resources and scenic vistas.</p>	Same as Alternative D.	Same as Alternative A	<p>Nine Mile Canyon (44,181 acres) would continue to have an SRMA designation and recreational opportunities would be managed to protect high-value cultural resources and scenic vistas.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nine Mile Canyon (81,168 acres) would be managed as a SRMA to protect high-value cultural resources and scenic vistas.</li> <li>Non-WSA lands with wilderness characteristics in the SRMA would be managed for primitive and non-motorized/non-mechanized forms of recreation, and the settings required to support those types of activities and experiences.</li> </ul>
<b>WHITE RIVER</b>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The White River (2,831 acres) would be managed as an SRMA from where the river exits the White River non-WSA land with wilderness characteristics and to where the river leaves Section 18, T10S, R23E.</li> <li>An integrated activity plan would be developed and implemented consistent with overall management objectives.</li> <li>Recreational activities would be identified in the activity plan. These activities would include but are not limited to canoeing, rafting, primitive camping, and hiking.</li> <li>NSO would be within line of sight from the centerline, up to one-half mile either side of the river from where the river enters Section 28, T10S, R23E, to where it leaves Section 18, T10S, R23.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>24,183 acres along the White River from where the river enters Section 12, T10S, R24E, to where it leaves Section 18, T10S, R23E, would be managed as a Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA).</li> <li>An integrated activity plan would be developed and implemented.</li> <li>In the recreational portion of the plan, some of the following uses would be provided for canoeing, rafting, camping, wildlife viewing, hunting, fishing, historic interpretation, and day hiking. (This would not exclude other recreational opportunities.)</li> </ul>	Same as Alternative D.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The White River (47,130 acres) would be managed as an SRMA along the White River from where the river enters Utah to the reservation boundary.</li> <li>An integrated activity plan would be developed and implemented consistent with overall management objectives.</li> <li>In the recreational portion of the plan, some of the following uses would be provided for canoeing, rafting, camping, wildlife viewing, hunting, fishing, historic interpretation, and day hiking. (This would not exclude other recreational opportunities.)</li> </ul>	Recreational use with minimal management oversight would continue to be provided for.	Same as Alternative C except the non-WSA lands with wilderness characteristics in the SRMA would be managed for primitive and non-motorized/non-mechanized forms of recreation, and the settings required to support those types of activities and experiences.