

BLM Grand Junction Field Office
(Including Dominguez-Escalante and McInnis Canyons NCAs)
Recreation Management Area Summary – Activities and Benefits

| Area Name | Management Objectives |
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| | Hiking and Horseback riding |
| Rabbits Ear Mesa, Wildhorse Mesa, McDonald Creek (MCNCA) | Manage for hiking and horseback riding (horseback riding on Wildhorse Mesa and part of McDonald Creek) where visitors enjoy backcountry outings that include learning about the past cultures, experiencing solitude, and a sense of discovery |
| Devils Canyon (MCNCA) | Manage for hiking, dog walking, running, and horseback riding where family and friends come together to enjoy close-to-home exercise and to get away from everyday life |
| Mica Mine (Bangs Area 3) | Manage for hiking and educational outdoor classroom learning opportunities to enhance appreciation and protection of geology, wildlife, plants, and cultural resources |
| Bangs Canyon (Bangs Area 4) | Manage for primitive backcountry hiking, horseback riding, hunting and wildlife viewing in a relatively undeveloped natural setting where visitors experience quiet adventures enjoying wildlife and scenic views |
| Black Ridge West (MCNCA) | Manage for wilderness backpacking, hiking, hunting, and photography where visitors test abilities, experience solitude, and connect with the natural world |
| Black Ridge East (MCNCA) | Manage for hiking, horseback riding, running, and backpacking where visitors enjoy canyon country scenery while escaping everyday life and engaging in strenuous exercise |
| Ninemile Hill (DENCA) | Manage for opportunities to participate in horseback and hiking trail activities along with dispersed camping |
| | Mountain Biking, Hiking, Running |
| Lunch Loops (Bangs Area 1) | Manage for community-based, non-motorized mixed-use trail opportunities (mtn. biking, hiking, trail running) for a range of skill levels where visitors experience close-to-home opportunities to enjoy trail-based outings with friends and family |
| North Fruita Desert (18 Road) | Manage as a destination attraction with a family-focused environment where friends and family come together to enjoy camping and singletrack mountain biking opportunities that accommodate a range of skill levels |
| Palisade Rims | Manage for non-motorized trail-based recreation with an emphasis on the area's scenery, cultural heritage educational opportunities and stewardship of cultural and natural resources |
| Kokopelli Loops (MCNCA) | Manage for mountain bicycling on single track trails where visitors enjoy canyon country scenery while testing abilities and living a more active outdoor lifestyle |
| Old Spanish Trail (Gunnison River Bluffs) | Manage to support local community partnerships to protect and promote trail-based hiking, dog walking, trail running, mountain biking and horseback riding, and highlight the area's history |
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| | OHV Riding |
| Third Flats/Windmill Road (Bangs Zone 2) | Manage for community-based, motorized OHV trail opportunities accommodating a range of skill levels where visitors experience close-to-home opportunities for adventure and exploration with friends and family |
| Grand Valley OHV (Open Area) | Manage for unconfined cross-country motorized OHV recreation and opportunities for time with family and friends, including camping and event venues that support OHV recreation and local OHV businesses |

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| Cactus Park (DENCA) | Manage for ATV and motorcycle riding and associated camping activities where family and friends come together to enjoy natural surroundings, and youth learn about and practice outdoor recreation skills. |
| Barrel Spring | Manage for long-distance ATV/UTV riding and big game hunting |
| North Desert | Manage for motorized OHV recreation on long-distance routes linking desert terrain on the north side of the Grand Valley from Grand Junction to the Utah state line |
| 34 & C Road OHV Area (Horse Mountain Zone 2) | Manage for unconfined day-use motorized OHV recreation |
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| | Mixed Motorized and Non-Motorized Trail Use |
| Rabbit Valley (MCNCA) | Manage for motorcycle riding, ATV riding, mountain bicycling and camping where visitors experience canyon country scenery, and opportunities for skill development and testing abilities |
| Horse Mountain (Horse Mountain Zone1) | Manage for a variety of motorized and non-motorized trail-based recreation with easy access and connectivity between Palisade and East Orchard Mesa |
| Hunting Ground (DENCA) | Manage for opportunities to participate in motorized and non-motorized trail-based activities and dispersed camping |
| Sawmill Mesa | Manage for hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking, OHV trail riding, big game hunting, dispersed camping and backcountry auto touring |
| Wagon Park | Manage for hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking, OHV trail riding, big game hunting and dispersed camping |
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| | Scenic Touring, Wildlife Viewing, Learning about the Area |
| Dolores River Canyons | Manage for educational opportunities for visitors to experience the history, culture, geology and scenic diversity of this area |
| Trail Through Time, Fruita Paleo Area, Dinosaur Hill (MCNCA) | Manage for opportunities to view and learn about paleontological resources |
| Escalante Canyon (DENCA) | Manage for youth education, watchable wildlife and auto touring where visitors learn about wildlife resources and connect with the history of the area |
| Rattlesnake – Mee Canyon Access (MCNCA) | Manage for viewing arches, day-use hiking, and undeveloped camping along Black Ridge where visitors enjoy solitude, canyon country scenery, unique geology, and getting away from everyday life |
| Gateway | Manage for motorized exploration, scenic touring and heritage tourism along the mesas and side canyons surrounding the Dolores River and the town of Gateway |
| East Creek (DENCA) | Manage for opportunities to participate in scenic auto touring and rock climbing. |
| High North (north of I-70 (MCNCA) | Manage for wildlife viewing and undeveloped camping (focused around 6 & 50 Reservoir) |
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| | Target Shooting |
| Grand Valley Shooting Ranges | Manage for recreational target shooting at a developed shooting range in close proximity to Grand Junction |
| 34 & C Road Shooting Area (Horse Mountain Zone 3) | Manage for day-use recreational target shooting in close proximity to the Grand Valley, while protecting the property and personal safety of private residences in the area |
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| | River Boating |
| Colorado River (MCNCA) | Manage for overnight camping, rafting, canoeing and kayaking where visitors come together with family and friends to enjoy exploring scenic canyon country and getting away from everyday life |
| Gunnison River (DENCA) | Manage for non-motorized boating opportunities where family and friends come together to enjoy canyon country scenery and develop a stronger sense of stewardship for the area's natural resources |

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