



# San Rafael Swell Special Recreation Management Area and Temple Mountain Recreation Management Zone

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## Price Field Office Resource Management Plan Decisions

In October, 2008, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Price Field Office had its Resource Management Plan (RMP) approved. In general, the purpose of the RMP is to provide a comprehensive framework for public land management within the Price Field Office and its allocation of resources (including recreation) according to the multiple-use and sustained yield mandate of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA).

Within the RMP, the San Rafael Swell Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA) was designated. Additionally, within the San Rafael Swell SRMA, the Temple Mountain Recreation Management Zone (RMZ) was created in the RMP. The proposed planning area for the Temple Mountain and Goblin Valley Recreation Area Management Plan falls within the boundary of the San Rafael Swell SRMA and contains a large portion of the Temple Mountain RMZ.

The San Rafael Swell SRMA was designated to enable the Price Field Office to more actively manage the intensity, diversity, and potential incompatibility of recreation uses while protecting the resources that visitors come to enjoy. The Temple Mountain RMZ was created within the SRMA to focus intense management of recreational users to create specific recreation experiences.

The following are objectives and management decisions from the RMP that direct the management of the San Rafael Swell SRMA and the Temple Mountain RMZ:

### San Rafael Swell SRMA:

- Develop a Recreation Area Management Plan (RAMP) for all designated SRMAs.
- Manage all SRMAs to provide the benefits, experiences, and opportunities identified for each.
- Use the Recreation Opportunity Spectrum (ROS) classification system in SRMAs as a guide to decision making on projects with the potential to alter the physical, managerial, or social settings that create the opportunities and experiences.
- Use recreation permitting to direct and manage recreation use.
- REC-14: Conduct all recreation management activities and developments in the SRMA in support of the individual SRMA goals and objectives.
- REC-45: The San Rafael SRMA activity plan will consider campfires, fuel wood gathering, pack stock, dispersed camping and associated access routes, vehicle camping, travel planning, and other relevant issues.



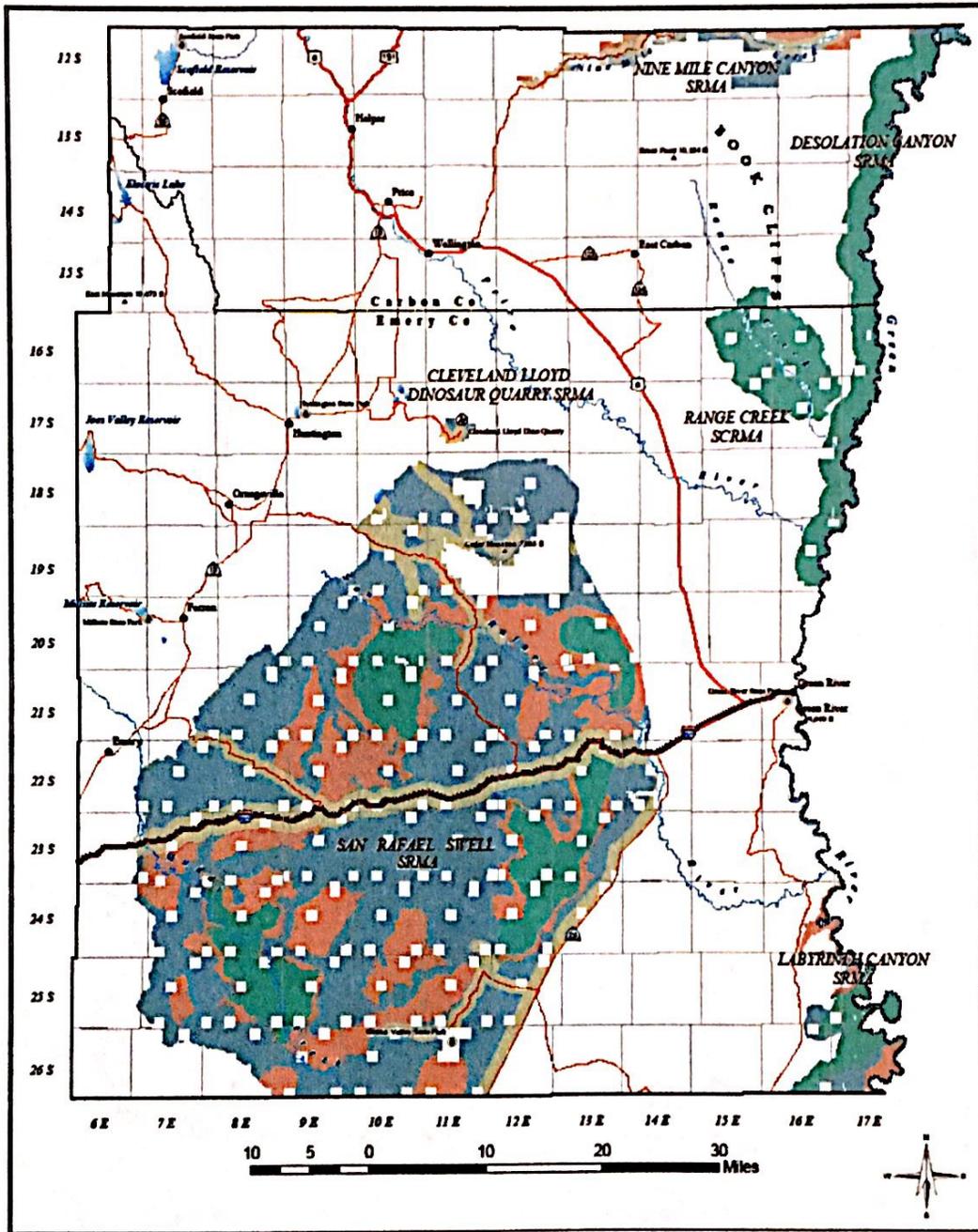
- REC-48: Large group areas will be designated in the San Rafael Swell, developed, and made available through reservation. Large groups could apply for a reservation through a recreation permit process. Large group areas will include:
  - Temple Mountain
  - Hidden Splendor
  - Others as necessary to meet recreation demand and protect resources

### Temple Mountain RMZ

- REC-49: Recreation management will focus on sustaining natural resources while meeting social and economic needs. RMZs will be established to facilitate the provision of recreation amenities.
- REC-50: At sites accessed by motor vehicles, visitors will be required to provide their own fuel-wood.
- REC-51: Gathering wood from standing trees, live or dead, will be prohibited.
- REC-52: At sites accessed by motor vehicles, campers without a BLM-provided fire grill will be required to use a fire pan to contain the fires, ash, and charcoal.
- REC-53: Vehicle Camping will be allowed only in developed and designated sites.
- REC-54: Portable toilets will be required at designated campsites that do not have toilet facilities.
- REC-55: The BLM will retain overall management of RMZs to provide maximum development of recreation opportunities with minimal commercial concessionaire involvement.

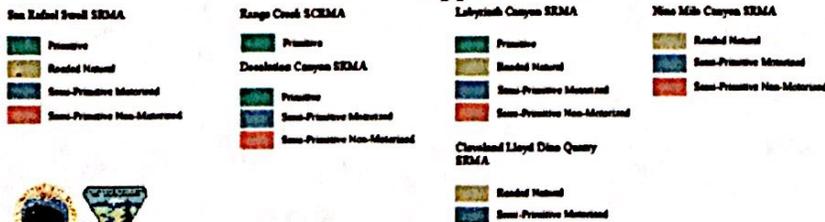
### Other RMP Recreation Management Decisions

- REC-3: Allow dispersed camping throughout the Price Field Office without permit, unless otherwise designated by the BLM. Determine and designate areas for dispersed camping and associated access routes with the cooperation of the counties.
- REC-4: Prohibit rock climbing above or within 300 feet horizontally of cultural sites. Rock climbing activities will be authorized only in areas where there are no conflicts with cliff-nesting raptors.
- REC-6: Close developed recreational sites to grazing and include fencing the site in the development plan when appropriate.
- REC-7: Address non-motorized and motorized recreational trails in activity level plans (e.g., designation and/or development of routes/trail systems, maintenance, how the trails relate to the SRMA, and specific RMZ, etc.).
- REC-8: Allow mountain biking on all routes designated for OHV use...and other routes or areas designated for mountain bike use. Designation of additional mountain bike areas or routes will occur through activity plans.
- REC-10: Develop new sites in response to user demand, amenity value, and critical resource protection needs.
- REC-75: The BLM could require permits and/or charge fees in all special areas.

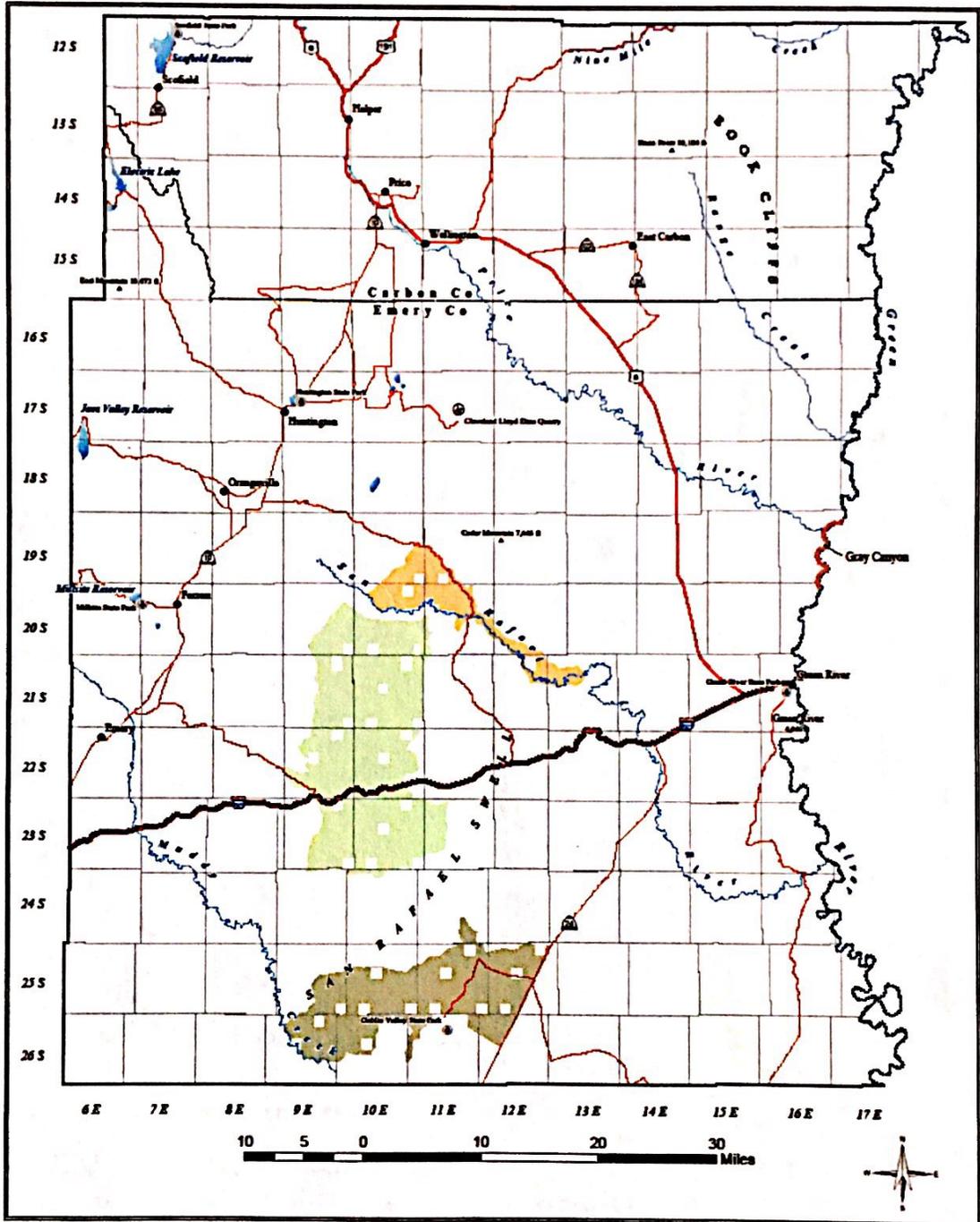


**Special Recreation Management Areas  
(Recreation Opportunity Spectrum)  
Approved RMP**

Map R-14



Source: BLM Price Field Office



Recreation Management Zones  
Approved RMP

Map R-15

- Buckhorn / Wedge
- Gray Canyon
- Sinbad / Swaseys Cabin / Sids Mountain
- Temple Mountain





**Specific Recreation Management Direction for the San Rafael Swell SRMA**

<b>Market Strategy</b>	Undeveloped Recreation-Tourism with Portions that are Destination Strategy Associated with OHV Routes
<b>Market</b>	National, regional, and local visitors seeking a high-quality sight-seeing adventure in an expansive, undisturbed, and uninhabited natural setting located in a region of well-known national parks.
<b>Niche</b>	The San Rafael offers visitors the chance to experience remote, expansive, intact landscapes with little interaction and few restrictions. Attractions include scenery dominated by the geology of the San Rafael Swell and paleontological sites. The SRMA also offers heritage tourism of cultural sites including Prehistoric Indian sites and prolific Fremont and Barrier Canyon-style rock art. There are also remnants of settlements, bootlegging, and the outlaw era. There is also a wealth of historic mining artifacts including significant uranium mining related to the development of nuclear weapons and the Cold War.
<b>Management Goals</b>	Integrate management between the BLM and other agencies to provide outstanding recreation opportunities and visitor experiences while protecting natural and cultural resource values.
<b>Management Objectives</b>	Complete a SRMA plan to manage for visitors' activities and experiences within 5 years from the signing of the ROD.

**TARGETED OUTCOMES**

<b>Primary Activities</b>	<b>Experiences</b>	<b>Benefits</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Driving for pleasure</li> <li>• ATV trail riding</li> <li>• Dispersed Camping (motorized and non-motorized)</li> <li>• Rock art viewing</li> <li>• Cultural site visitation</li> <li>• Heritage tourism</li> <li>• Backcountry hiking and backpacking</li> <li>• Canyoneering</li> <li>• Horseback riding</li> <li>• Wilderness therapy and education</li> <li>• Scenic overlooks</li> <li>• River-running on the San Rafael and Muddy Rivers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family togetherness</li> <li>• Learning about nature</li> <li>• Introspection</li> <li>• Nostalgia</li> <li>• Exercise/physical fitness</li> <li>• Physical rest</li> <li>• Escape physical pressure</li> <li>• Escape social pressure</li> <li>• Teaching others</li> <li>• Sense of place</li> <li>• Achievement and stimulation</li> <li>• Sense of leadership</li> <li>• Risk taking</li> </ul>	<p><i>Personal:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Psychological (mental health maintenance)</li> <li>• Personal development and growth</li> <li>• Personal appreciation and satisfaction</li> <li>• Improved physical health</li> </ul> <p><i>Household and Community:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater household awareness of and appreciation for cultural heritage</li> <li>• Reduced numbers of at-risk youth</li> <li>• Enhanced lifestyle</li> </ul> <p><i>Economic:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Positive contributions to local-regional economic stability</li> <li>• Increased local job opportunities</li> <li>• Greater diversification of local job offerings</li> <li>• Increased local tourism revenue</li> <li>• Reduced health maintenance costs</li> </ul> <p><i>Environmental:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintenance of distinct recreation setting character</li> <li>• Reduce looting and vandalism of historic and prehistoric sites</li> <li>• Sustaining community's cultural heritage</li> <li>• Increased awareness and protection of natural landscapes and open spaces</li> </ul>



### Specific Recreation Management Direction for the Temple Mountain RMZ

<b>Market Strategy</b>	Destination Recreation-Tourism	
<b>Market</b>	National, regional, and local visitors seeking a high-quality sight-seeing adventure in an expansive, undisturbed, and uninhabited natural setting located in a region of well-known national parks.	
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<b>Management Goals</b>	Integrate management between the BLM and National Park Service (NPS) to provide outstanding recreational opportunities and visitor experiences while protecting natural and cultural resource values.	
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