

San Juan County Current BLM Management

These maps show some aspects of the current BLM management plan.

Oil and Gas Leasing Stipulations

Leasing areas and associated stipulations were developed based on concern for various resources such as wildlife, cultural, scenic and recreation values, among others.

Closed – No leasing allowed.

NSO – No Surface Occupancy – Open to leasing with use and/or occupancy of the surface precluded. Exploration and production of minerals must be from off site.

Special – Special stipulations apply to protect wildlife seasonal habitat, cultural resources and scenic values among others.

Visual Resource Management (VRM) Classes

A rating of scenic quality based on the visual appeal of an area as assessed from travel zones or observation points. Ratings are categorized as Class I, II, III or IV with Class I being the most protective of scenic quality.

Class I -The objective of this class is to preserve the existing character of the landscape. This class provides for natural ecological changes; however, it does not preclude very limited management activity. The level of change to the characteristic landscape should be very low and must not attract attention.

Class II -The objective of this class is to retain the existing character of the landscape. The level of change to the characteristic landscape should be low. Management activities may be seen but should not attract the attention of the casual observer. Any changes must repeat the basic elements of form, line, color, and texture found in the predominant natural features of the characteristic landscape.

Wilderness Study Area, Natural Area and Area of Critical Environmental Concern

Wilderness Study Area – A roadless area with wilderness characteristics: 1) appears to have been primarily affected by forces of nature with human imprints substantially unnoticeable, 2) outstanding opportunities for solitude or primitive recreation, 3) usually at least 5000 acres in size and 4) may have ecological, geological or other features of scientific, educational, scenic or historic value.

These areas are managed to protect current wilderness characteristics until Congress acts to designate as wilderness, modify a designation boundary or exclude from further consideration as wilderness. In effect, these areas are managed similarly to wilderness until Congress acts.

Natural Area – Non-WSA lands with wilderness characteristics that are currently managed to preserve those characteristics.

ACEC - An area where special management attention is needed to protect and prevent irreparable damage to important historic, cultural, or scenic values, fish and wildlife resources, or other natural systems or processes.

Wilderness Study Areas Natural Areas Areas of Critical Environmental Concern

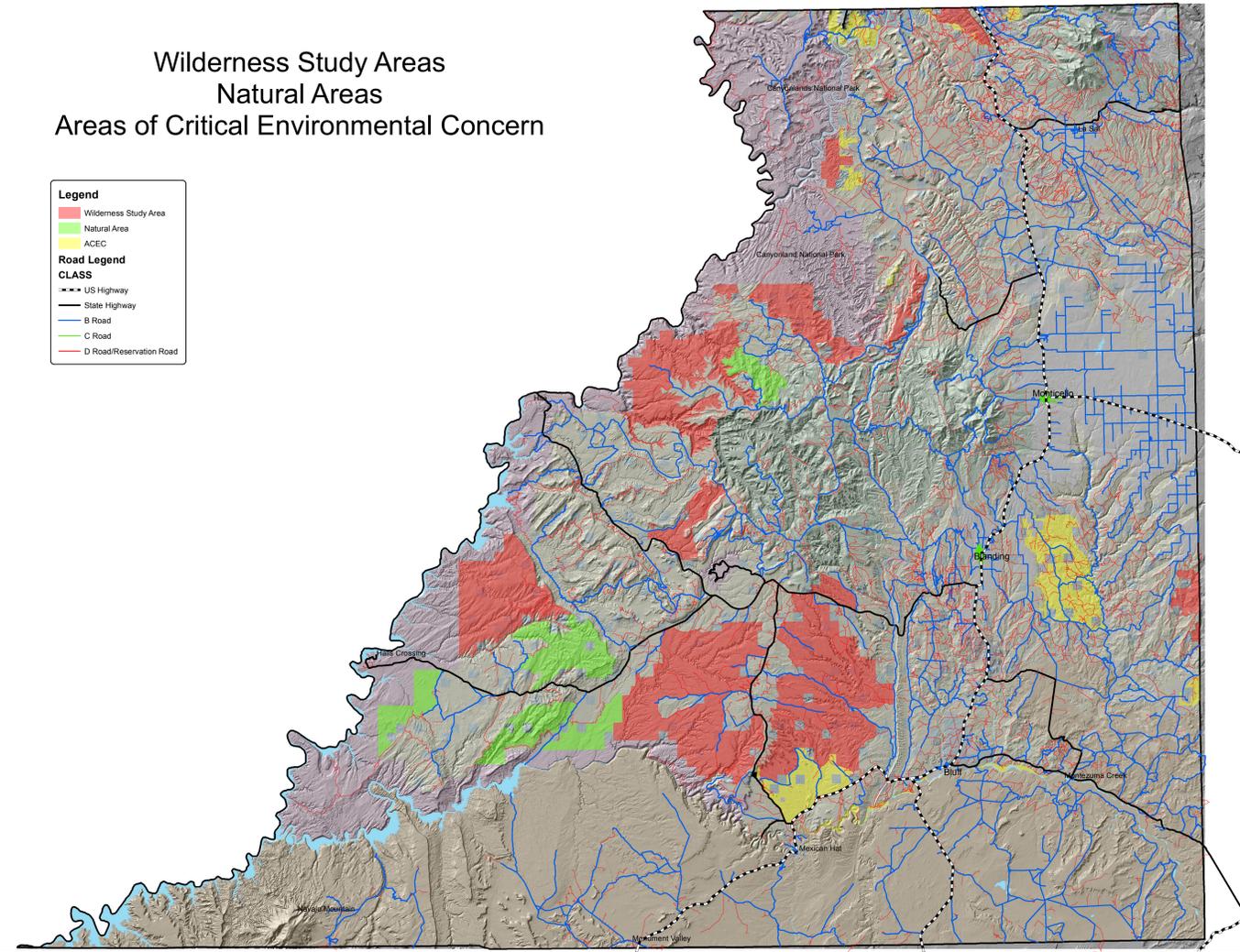
Legend

- Wilderness Study Area
- Natural Area
- ACEC

Road Legend

CLASS

- US Highway
- State Highway
- B Road
- C Road
- D Road/Reservation Road



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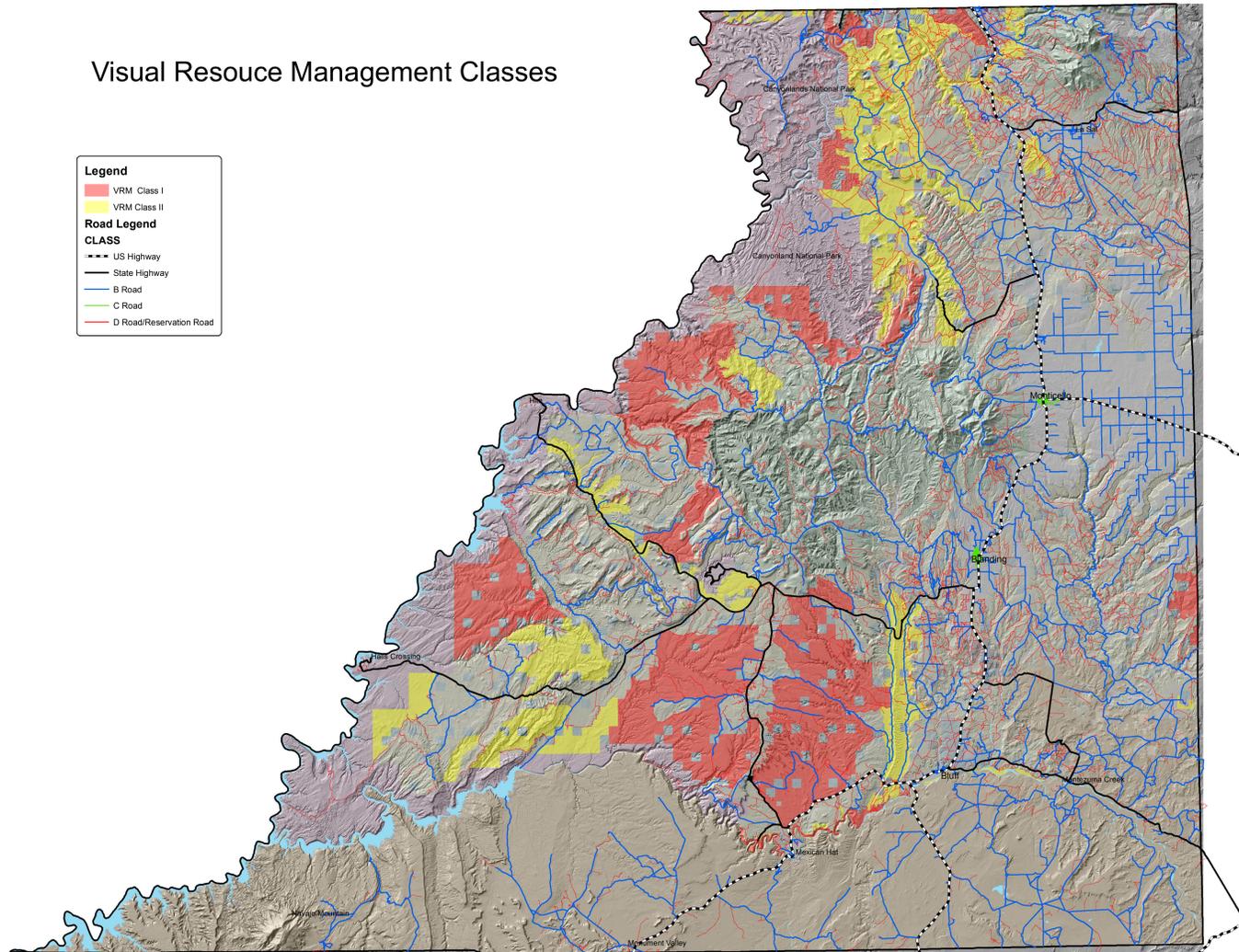
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- VRM Class I
- VRM Class II

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Oil and Gas Leasing Stipulations

Legend

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- NSO
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