

Upper Johnson Valley Yucca Rings

Description/Location: Located along the southwestern slope of the Fry Mountains in San Bernardino County, California. Access is provided from State Highway 247 by a series of dirt roads.

Nationally Significant Values:

Ecological: Designated to provide protection of an Unusual Plant Assemblage, the yucca rings present within the unit are the largest and oldest Mojave Yucca rings known, with an estimated age up to 2,250 years. The uniqueness, high research value.

Scientific: The uniqueness of the age of the yucca rings represents high research value.

Special Designations/Management Plan/Date: ACEC Plan 46/1982

Relevance and Importance Criteria: Designated to provide protection of an Unusual Plant Assemblage, the yucca rings present within the ACEC are the largest and oldest Mojave Yucca rings known, with an estimated age up to 2,250 years. The uniqueness, high research value, and susceptibility to damage from intensive recreational uses are the principle reasons for designation.

Goals: To increase protection of sensitive biological resources while continuing use of lands for compatible recreational opportunities.

For NLCS Lands: Where this ruleset differs from the plan-wide NLCS rulesets, the more restrictive rules will apply.

Designation and Acreage by Alternative:

Alternative	BLM Acres of NLCS within ACEC or Wildlife Allocation	BLM Acres within ACEC	BLM Acres within Wildlife Allocation	ACEC Disturbance Cap
No Action	0	300	0	NA
Preferred Alternative	0	300	0	1%
1	0	300	0	1%
2	0	300	0	1%
3	0	300	0	1%
4	0	300	0	1%

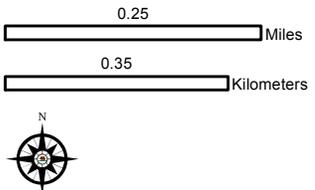
* Acreage values are for BLM managed lands

Alternatives:

All Alternatives: this ACEC would continue to be managed as it currently is.

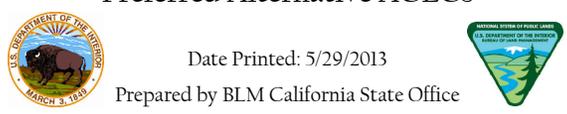
Objectives (desired future conditions)/Allowable Uses/Management Actions	Resource
<p>Objective: Protect sensitive yucca rings</p> <p>Management Action 1: Fence a specific group of yucca rings covering approximately 7 acres</p> <p>Management Action 2: Prohibit harvest of vegetation</p> <p>Management Action 3: Post interpretive signs</p> <p>Management Action 4: Provide continued opportunities for research by BLM, scientific institutions, and individuals</p> <p>Management Action 5: Implement a monitoring program to evaluate protective measures</p>	Vegetation - Including special status species
<p>Objective: Protect yucca rings from impacts associated with vehicle traffic</p> <p>Allowable Uses: Closed to all vehicle use</p> <p>Management Action: Maintain enclosure fencing</p>	Trails and Travel Management
<p>Not an allowable use. Renewable energy development is not compatible with NLCS and ACEC unit values and criteria</p> <p>Geothermal: Area is closed to geothermal leasing and development</p>	Renewable Energy
<p>Objective: Protect creosote rings from impacts associated with mining activities</p> <p>Allowable Uses: No mining claims; No locatable, leasable, or saleable minerals</p> <p>Management Action: Propose withdrawal</p>	Locatable Minerals Mineral Materials Non-Energy Leasables

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Preferred Alternative ACECs

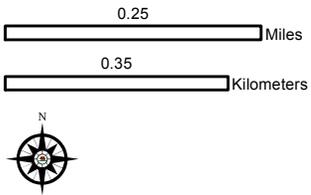
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- | ACEC Layers | | Land Status | | GTLF | |
|---|-------------------------------------|---|---------------------------|---|---------------|
|  | Existing ACEC |  | Bureau of Land Management |  | Interstate |
|  | Proposed ACEC |  | State |  | US Hwy |
|  | Proposed NLCS |  | Other Federal |  | CA Hwy |
|  | Design Focus Areas |  | Military |  | County Hwy |
|  | Legislatively and Legally Protected |  | Private | | |
|  | Cities |  | OHV Areas |  | CDCA Boundary |
|  | DRECP Boundary |  | BLM Field Office | | |



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Alternative 1 ACECs
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ACEC Layers

-  Existing ACEC
-  Proposed ACEC
-  Proposed NLCS
-  Design Focus Areas
-  Legislatively and Legally Protected

-  Cities
-  OHV Areas
-  CDCA Boundary
-  DRECP Boundary
-  BLM Field Office

Land Status

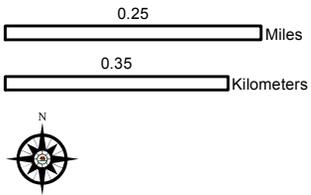
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-  State
-  Other Federal
-  Military
-  Private

GTLF

-  Interstate
-  US Hwy
-  CA Hwy
-  County Hwy



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Alternative 2 ACECs
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ACEC Layers

-  Existing ACEC
-  Proposed ACEC
-  Proposed NLCS
-  Design Focus Areas
-  Legislatively and Legally Protected

-  Cities
-  OHV Areas
-  CDCA Boundary
-  DRECP Boundary
-  BLM Field Office

Land Status

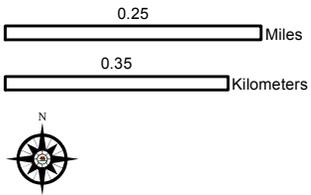
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-  Military
-  Private

GTLF

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ACEC Layers

-  Existing ACEC
-  Proposed ACEC
-  Proposed NLCS
-  Design Focus Areas
-  Legislatively and Legally Protected

-  Cities
-  OHV Areas
-  CDCA Boundary
-  DRECP Boundary
-  BLM Field Office

Land Status

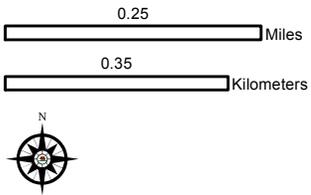
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Alternative 4 ACECs
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ACEC Layers

- Existing ACEC
- Proposed ACEC
- Proposed NLCS
- Design Focus Areas
- Legislatively and Legally Protected

- Cities
- OHV Areas
- CDCA Boundary
- DRECP Boundary
- BLM Field Office

Land Status

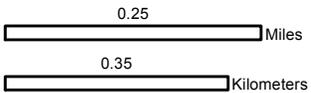
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No Action ACECs

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ACEC Layers

Existing ACEC

OHV Areas

Legislatively and Legally Protected

Cities

CDCA Boundary

DRECP Boundary

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Land Status

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State

Other Federal

Military

Private

GTLF

Interstate

US Hwy

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