

## Shadow Valley Extensive Recreation Management Area (ERMA)

**Management Objective:** Designate this area as an Extensive Recreation Management Area. To manage as a series of trails within the Mojave Adventure Route System, which offers ideal locations for car camping and equestrian activities. This large undeveloped landscape is highly valued by local communities, visitors, and Native American Tribes for its scenic viewshed, cultural, and historic values. Historic resources within the area include mining, ranching, an old town site and maintained cemetery. The area also provides a 4x4 vehicle gateway to the Death Valley National Park. The annual Los Angeles-Barstow-to-Vegas dual sport event (LA-B-to V) course transverses the northern side of the ERMA, with addition routes crossing through the Turquoise Mountain area. (2002 Northern and Eastern Mojave Desert Management Plan)

The Needles Field Office in regards to the 2002 Northern and Eastern Colorado Desert Coordinated Management Plan item 3.8.7 California Back Country Discovery Trails has developed a system of designated trails entitled the Mojave Adventure Routes. These routes are an outstanding network of 4x4 vehicle backcountry touring routes for motorized recreation. These routes were developed for the purpose of traveling to areas not often seen by many people. This network will be shared-use trail system providing recreation opportunities for all persons, including those who use street-legal and non-street legal (Green Sticker) vehicles, hikers, bicyclists, and equestrians. It will also provide a backcountry opportunity for non-traditional trail users such as persons with disabilities, senior citizens, and families with small children.

The Shadow Valley ERMA encompasses the public lands north of I-15, and south of the Kingston Range and Mesquite Mountain wilderness units. This ERMA runs from the western edge of the Needles Field Office, stretching northeasterly across Shadow Valley and separating at the NPS Mojave National Preserve (MNP) boundary. Two corridors one to the north of the Clark Mountain ends at the MNP northeastern boundary. The southern corridor of the ERMA ends west of Bailey Road on the I-15.

### **Primary Activities:**

Back Country Touring, Equestrian, Camping, Rock Hounding, Hunting, and Photography, Star gazing, Permitted commercial and organized events

**Experiences:** The feeling of openness and solitude in a car accessible area

### **Benefits**

*Personal:* Enjoyment outdoor recreation

*Community/Social:* A fuller understanding of the desert environment

*Environmental:* Greater sense of ownership and stewardship for the area.

### **RMZ: Clark Mountain Campground**

**Objective Statement:** Manage and update facilities at the campground and implement a Recreation Use Program. The Clark Mountain Campground is located in a stand of pinion pine and junipers; this unique BLM desert campground is popular for camping, hunting, and hiking. Once a corporate picnic area, with volleyball court, picnic tables and pit barbeque, it now is utilized by the general public. The area provides a spectacular view looking south across the Kokoweef Mountains and the home of the mysterious black sands river. The area is rich in cultural, mining, and ranching history.

**Activities:** Camping, Hiking, Photography, Star Gazing, Walking for Pleasure, Picnicking, Nature Studies

**Experiences:** Historical and Geological Discovery and time spent with family and friends.

**Benefits:**

*Personal:* enjoyment of mountain attributes in a desert environment

*Community/Social:* Increased tourism and revenue for the local economy. Provide ownership in the history of the area.

*Environmental:* Protect the visual resource by designing facilities which blend naturally into the harsh landscape.

**RMZ: Turquoise Mountain**

**Objective Statement:** This high desert area of pinyon pines and junipers will be managed as an outstanding backcountry car camping and equestrian area.

**Activities:** Camping, Hiking, Photography, Star Gazing, Walking for Pleasure, Picnicking, Nature Studies

**Experiences:** Historical and Geological Discovery and time spent with family and friends.

**Benefits:**

*Personal:* enjoyment of mountain attributes in a desert environment

*Community/Social:* Increased tourism and revenue for the local economy. Provide ownership in the history of the area.

*Environmental:* Protect the visual resource by designing facilities which blend naturally into the harsh landscape.

**Recreation and Visitor Services Program:**

- Routine maintenance of the Mojave Adventure Trails System shall occur including installation of routine signs, markers, culverts, ditches, water bars, barriers, gates, or cattle guards on/or adjacent to system roads and trails.
- Issuance of Special Recreation Permits for day use or overnight use up to 14 consecutive nights; that impact no more than 3 staging area acres; and/or for recreational travel along roads and trails designated open in the land use or accompanying activity level plans.
- Any developed recreation sites that would be impacted by renewable energy development would be mitigated through establishment of alternate recreation sites in a similar, suitable location.
- Maintain interpretive developments and material which enhance recreation opportunities and public enjoyment and to better appreciate the significance of this historic site.
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**Acres on BLM Lands:**

No Action	Preferred Alternative
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**Other Programs:**

Visual Resource Management Classes

    Boulders Energy (LA-B-to V) Corridor – Class IV

    Overall ERMA - Class III

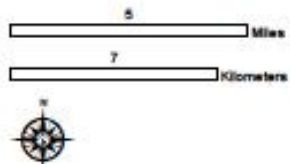
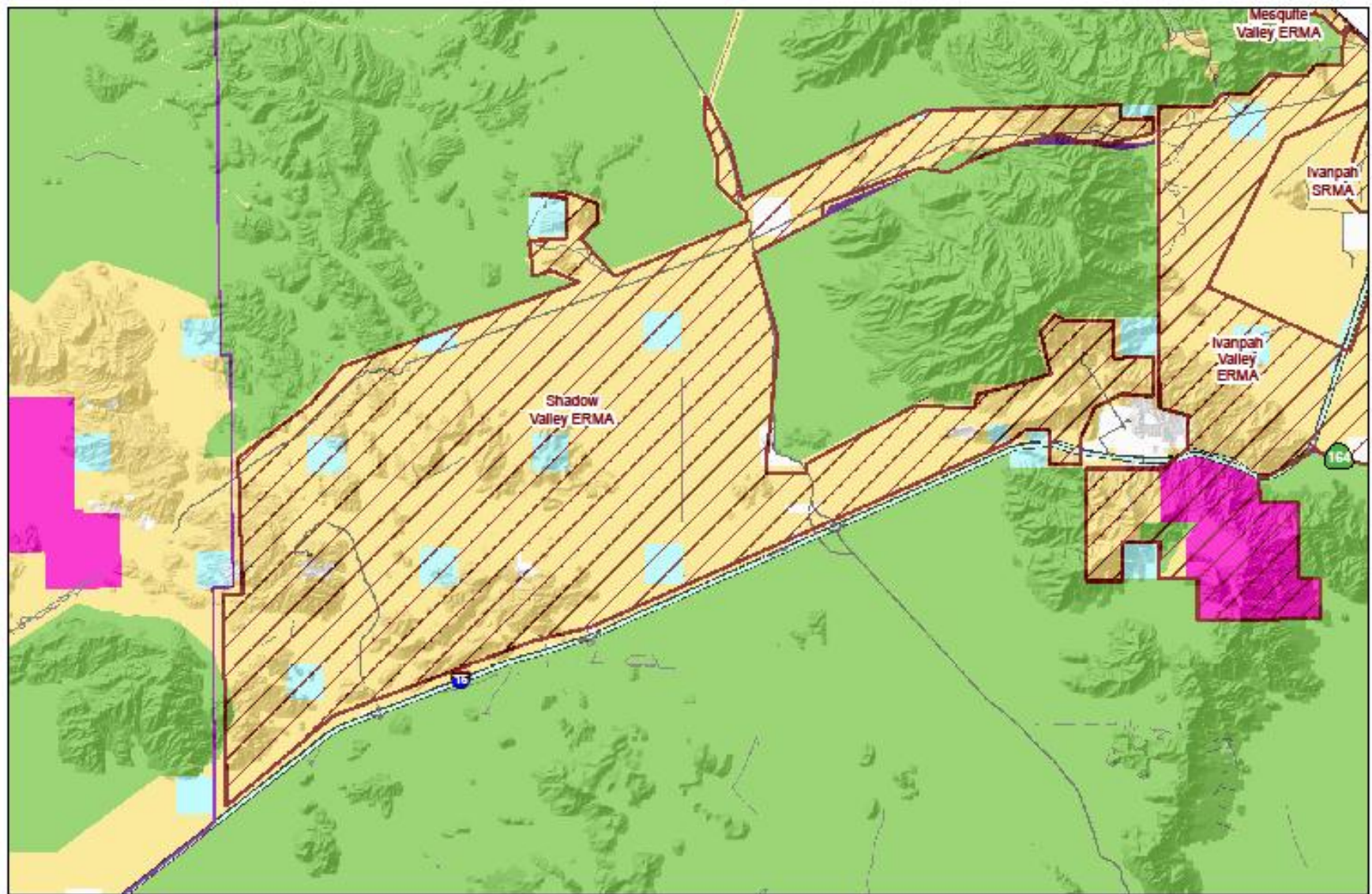
    RMZs - Class II

Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC)

    Clark Mountain ACEC – Class II

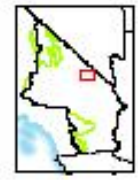
Wildlife Game Guzzler Program

# Shadow Valley ERMA



**Preferred Alternative SRMAs and ERMAs**  
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<b>ACBC Layers</b> Proposed SR MA Design Focus Areas OHV Areas Legislatively and Legally Protected	Cities CDCA Boundary DRECP Boundary BLM Field Office	<b>Land Status</b> Bureau of Land Management State Other Federal Military Private	<b>GTLP</b> Interstate US Hwy CA Hwy County Hwy
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