

anasazi national monument

RESOURCE ASSESSMENT
AND STUDY OF ALTERNATIVES

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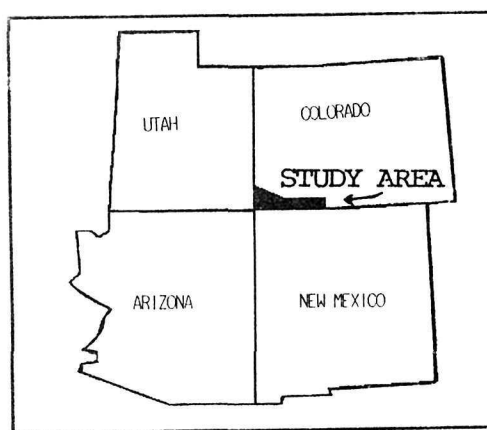
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Archaeologists have long known of significant Anasazi ruins in the Montezuma Valley on lands managed by the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Forest Service, the State of Colorado, and on private lands. Recently, public interest has been piqued by a number of proposals for management and protection of Anasazi sites, and the potential for increased tourism through public visitation and interpretation of the sites. In response to this interest, the National Park Service was directed as part of the house conference report accompanying the Interior Appropriations Bill (P.L. 100-446, 102 Stat. 1174) to prepare a study evaluating various proposals for an Anasazi National Monument located in southwestern Colorado. The study will be carried out by the National Park Service with consultation and participation by the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Forest Service, and the State of Colorado.

The study began in November 1988. It will determine resource significance, evaluate the effect of existing and projected land use on significant resources, and analyze feasible strategies for management, protection,

and use of the area. The study document will be transmitted to the Department of the Interior and the Office of Management and Budget, and then to Congress. Anticipated completion date is September 1989. The study will be limited to alternative evaluations and will not contain a National Park Service recommended course of action. Official decisions concerning the areas will be made later by Congress during hearings and deliberations on the studies.

The study area is bounded by the Colorado border on the west and south; the northern boundary extends from Egnar on the West diagonally to Durango, then easterly along US highway 160 to the eastern border at US highway 84 (see map).



Comments and Ideas: _____

If you would like to receive further information as this project progresses, please give us your name and address:

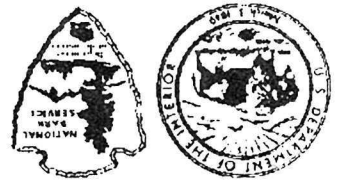
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Both officially recorded and nonrecorded sites covering the entire Anasazi tradition -- including Modified Basketmaker, Developmental Pueblo and Great Pueblo period remains -- will be evaluated concerning their integrity, context to the total story, and level of present protection. Only sites in southwestern Colorado will be included in developing alternatives for the study.

Would you like to learn more about the study?

Please come to the public information workshops scheduled from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in Cortez at the Empire Electric Association, Calvin Denton Room on March 14, and in Durango at Fort Lewis College, Administration building, Kiva Room on March 15. An additional workshop will be held in Denver at the

Custom House (721 19th St.) from 10:00 a.m. to noon on March 17. The purposes of the workshops are to explain the study process, to discuss how resources in the study area fit into the total Anasazi story, and to listen to your comments and thoughts on the project. The meeting locations and times will be confirmed in local papers about two weeks before the meetings. In addition, newsletters such as this one will be sent out in the Spring, when preliminary alternatives are developed, and again in the Fall to summarize the alternatives contained in the study report.

If you are unable to attend the information workshops, please provide us your comments and ideas by returning the postage paid response form by March 20, 1989.

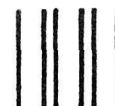
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