

CEDAR MESA SPECIAL RECREATION MANAGEMENT AREA (S.R.M.A)

McLloyd Canyon-Moonhouse Recreation Management Zone

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McLloyd canyon-Moonhouse (1607 acres) is a Recreation Management Zone (RMZ) within the Cedar Mesa Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA), due to its accessibility and the unique architecture of the Moonhouse ruin. From a scientific perspective, Moonhouse ruin is world renowned, unique to the region, and is a significant cultural treasure. Restrictions and management prescriptions are intended to minimize conflict between recreational use and cultural resources.

The RMZ occurs within the Fish Creek Canyon Wilderness Study Area and is managed under the Interim Management Plan (IMP).

In addition to this management, the following prescriptions will be applied to the McLloyd Canyon/Moonhouse RMZ:

- Entry into the Moonhouse SRMA requires a special permit available **ONLY** at the Kane Gulch Ranger Station during the high use season. Day and annual permits do not apply.
- The McLloyd canyon-Moonhouse Recreation Management Zone **IS CLOSED to ALL PACK ANIMALS and PETS.**
- McLloyd canyon is closed to overnight use from the head of the canyon to UTM 607100E 4143496N.
- Public access will be limited via a permit system for day visits.
- Access to Moonhouse ruin is limited to 20 people per day. Limitations on visitation may change based on the monitoring of impacts of visitation.
- One commercial group per day. The number of people is included in the day use number of 20.
- Access to the interior corridor of Moonhouse ruin is limited to 4 people at any one time.
- Visitors are not allowed to enter the Moon Room and adjoining rooms within Moonhouse ruin.
- Entering any area marked as closed to entry, or physically closed to entry is a violation of stipulations.
- The use of ropes and other climbing aids will not be allowed for access to cultural sites or archaeological resources as defined in ARPA.
- Human waste must be packed out.
- Camping is limited **only** to the designated primitive camp and park area south of the Snowflat road. Camping is prohibited outside this primitive camp area. **Camping is not allowed along or at the end of the spur road going north of the Snowflat road, (including the parking area).**
- The Management area is CLOSED to OHV use.