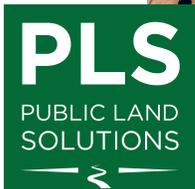
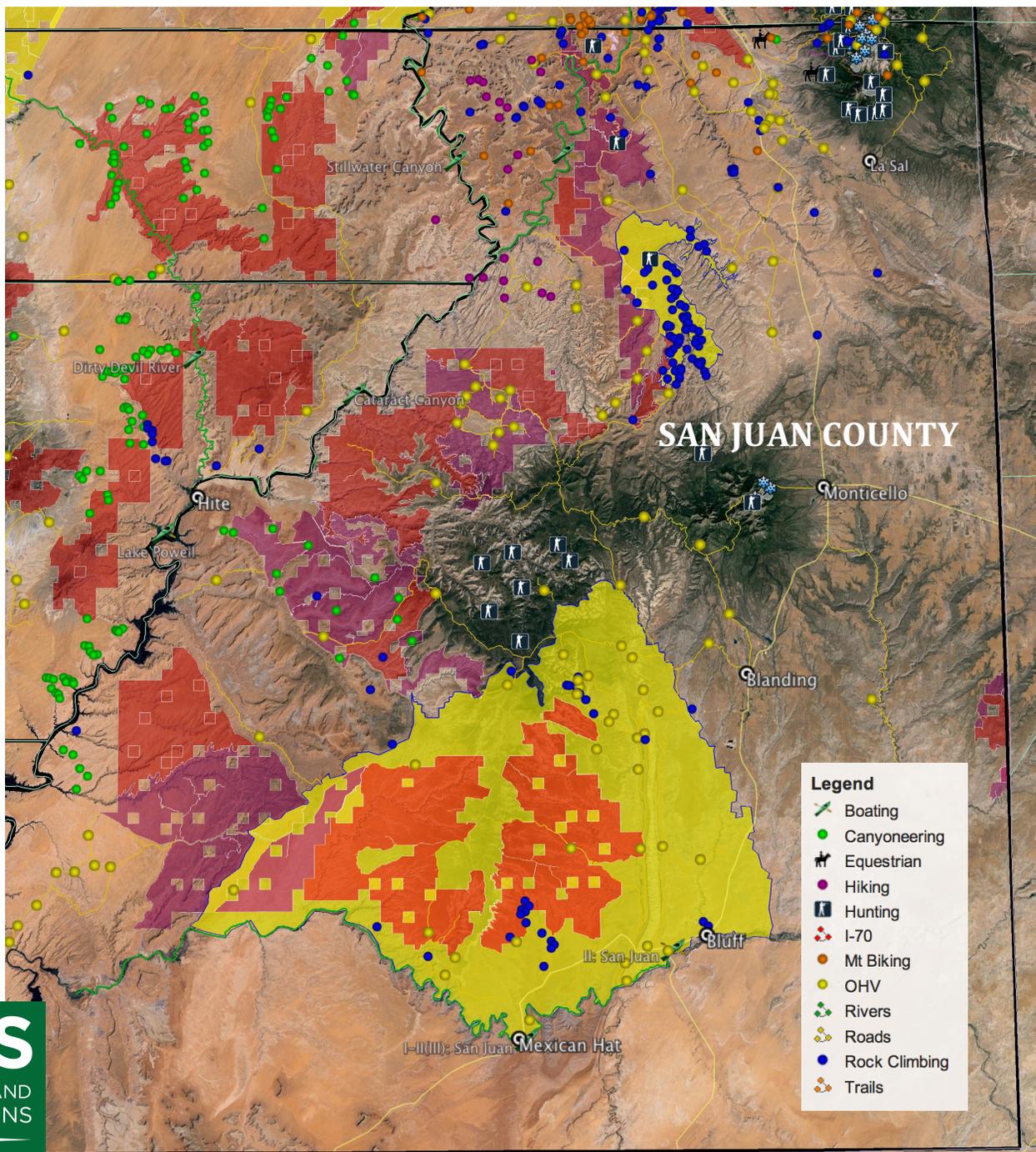


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Public Land Solutions generally supports the **San Juan County Lands Council Alternative C** as a framework that serves as a starting point for additional special management designations, including National Conservation Areas, National Recreation Areas, and more Wilderness. Also, the bill should adjust a few WSA/Citizens proposal boundaries to accommodate high value recreation areas. We support:

- Designate all current WSAs as Wilderness
- Designate select areas from Citizens proposal as Wilderness
- Designate National Conservation Areas at Cedar Mesa, Indian Creek
- Designate Wild and Scenic Rivers for portions of the San Juan and Colorado Rivers, Dark Canyon
- Adjust 3 WSA/Citizen’s Proposal boundaries (Bridger Jack, Road Canyon, and Hunter Canyon)
- Designate the Amasa Back-Kane Creek-Hunter Cn area a Nat’l Recreation Area

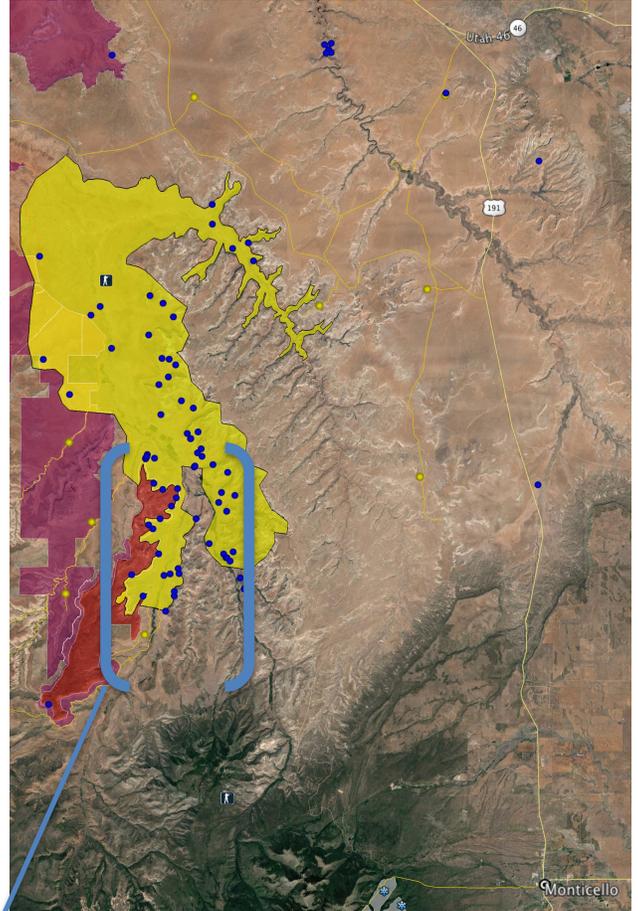
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Bridger Jack Boundary Adjustment. One important requested boundary adjustment important to the recreation community includes rock climbing on [Bridger Jack Mesa](#) and the use of fixed anchors. Designating wilderness over the top of highly popular climbing that frequently relies on fixed anchors for descent will create management problems. The wilderness proposal boundary should remain at the WSA boundary at the top of the cliff (above most fixed anchors) surrounding the Bridger Jack Mesa and Bridger Jack Butte.



The proposed Wilderness boundary shown here on the left for Bridger Jack Mesa (including LWC assessed lands) should not be designated as Wilderness in the proposal for San Juan County because such would cause management problems related to recreation. The polygon on the right shows the 1990 WSA, and so long as the boundary is established at the top of the cliff there would be no conflict with climbing. The additional LWC lands could instead be included in an Indian Creek National Conservation Area.

