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Introduction



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Project Background: Trail History

In 1968, the National Trails System Act opened the door to federal involvement in long distance trails. Today, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), along with the National Park Service (NPS), the US Forest Service, and the US Fish and Wildlife Service, are responsible for the administration and management of national historic trails (NHT).

National historic trails are trails that have historic significance to the nation and can only

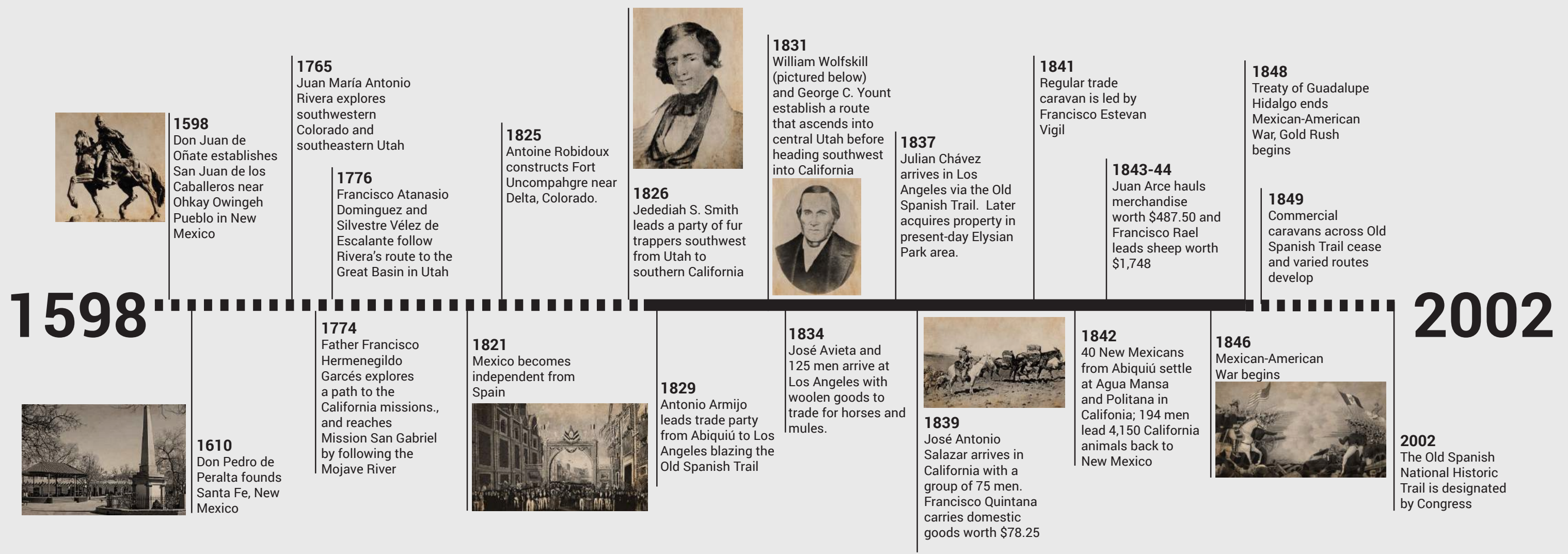
be designated by an act of Congress. There are currently 19 in the United States.

The Old Spanish NHT became the 15th National Historic Trail after Congress adopted Senate Bill 1946 and President George W. Bush signed the legislation in December 2002. Today, the Old Spanish NHT is widely known as the "longest, most arduous, and crookedest pack mule route in America." (Hafen and Hafen, 1993)

From 1829 to 1848, traders knew the trail as the most feasible path between Los Angeles and Santa Fe for traveling caravans. The trail provided a trade route for quality woolen goods produced in New Mexico, traded for a surplus supply of horses and mules raised on California's ranchos.

Trade with American Indians was also prominent along the trail, including an extensive slave trade of American Indian women and children who

were forced to become domestic servants for ranchers in New Mexico and California. Explorers of the Old Spanish NHT established the route along a loose network of American Indian footpaths that crossed the wide expanse of the Rocky Mountains, Colorado Plateau, Mojave Desert, and Transverse Ranges and coastal valleys of southern California.





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Project Description

The purpose of this document is to guide partners in bringing the Old Spanish NHT to life in Grand County so that it becomes a valuable educational and recreational asset for residents and visitors alike.

The Old Spanish NHT has a culturally diverse, unique and rich history. The dramatic, beautiful scenery along the trail is one of a kind. This document identifies ways that the trail could reach full potential and help users enjoy, understand, and connect to past historical events.

This is not a decisional document, but rather a guiding document for future efforts to mark, improve, interpret, and use the trail.



Hiker near Casa Colorado geological formation

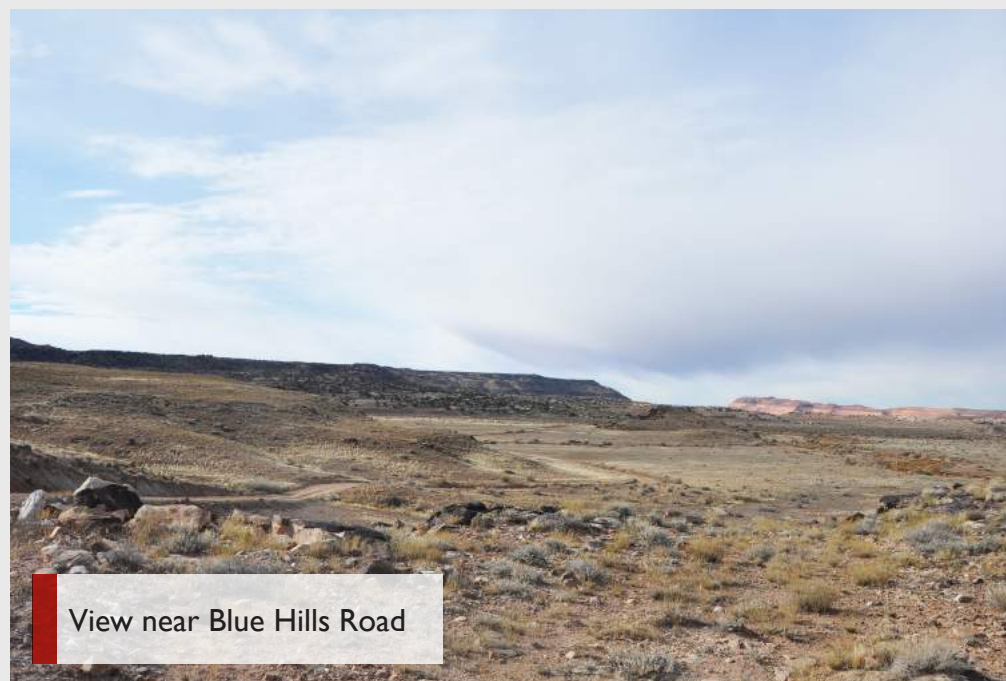
Project Process

In order to accomplish the goal of bringing the Old Spanish NHT to life, local residents, professionals, city and county officials, the Old Spanish Trail Association, and government agencies from various backgrounds met to discuss and visit the trail and identify a recreation route through Grand county.

BLM held a public meeting on February 1st, 2017 in Moab, UT, where draft maps were presented and feedback was collected from attendees. On March 29th, 2017 another meeting was held with partners from Grand County to gather more information about sites and opportunities for interpretation and recreation along the Old Spanish NHT. The National Park Service, Utah BLM State Office, Moab Field Office, and a local historian, David

Vaughn, also visited critical sites along the Old Spanish NHT, including the Green River Gap, Cisco Desert, and Westwater.

One outcome of this discussion and input was the identification of Old Spanish NHT sites and segments that exist through out Grand County that could be developed for the public. Trail sites include proposed trailheads, overlooks, historic inscriptions, and prime interpretive locations. Trail segments include proposed hiking/biking/equestrian trails, 2WD routes, 4WD routes, and ATV routes. The development of these elements within the county will make the trail accessible to the public and provide opportunities for them to interact with and learn about the Old Spanish NHT.



View near Blue Hills Road



The Back Country Horsemen of America traveling the Green River Gap Trail



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Project Process Continued

This strategy includes sites and other points of interest outside of the Old Spanish NHT's period of significance of 1829 through 1848. These areas of interest serve to illuminate local history and add to the overall recreational experience of the public.



Document Sections

The **Introduction** section gives background information about National Historic Trails and the Old Spanish NHT, defines project boundaries, and describes the project's process.

The **Project Overview** sections shows an overview map of the Old Spanish NHT and of the project area.

The **Grand County** section of the document study each trail area individually. Each area is shown on a map and then described in detail. Existing and proposed trail elements, such as inscriptions, trailheads, and waysides, are shown. Connections to other recreational and cultural resources in close proximity to the Old Spanish NHT are also identified.

The **Appendix** section describes typical recreational trail elements, as well as the range of alternative development, from primitive, to rustic, to developed. It also contains a trail chart and examples of the standard authorized signage for the Old Spanish NHT.

Legend

- Proposed NHT site
- Non-NHT point of interest
- Proposed non-motorized trail
- Proposed 2wd route
- Proposed 4wd/ATV route
- Old Spanish NHT alignment

Federal Lands

- BLM
- DOD
- FS
- NPS

Map and Legend Explanation

Proposed NHT Site: Sites that have yet to be developed specifically for the Old Spanish NHT. Suggested development components often include Old Spanish NHT interpretation and signage to be added to a proposed site.

Non-NHT Point of Interest: These are sites that are along, or within close proximity to, the Old Spanish NHT that are not related to the Old Spanish NHT. These sites are developed and ready for visitor access.

Proposed Non-Motorized Trail: Non-motorized trails include biking, hiking, or equestrian trails or any combination. Further explanation of the type of trail is described on Trail Element pages.

Proposed 4WD/ATV route and 2WD route: 4WD/ATV trails or 2WD Auto Tour Routes. Further explanation of the type of trail is described on Trail Element pages.

Federal Lands: Colors indicate different federal agencies that manage a particular parcel, or parcels of public lands.



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Project Overview



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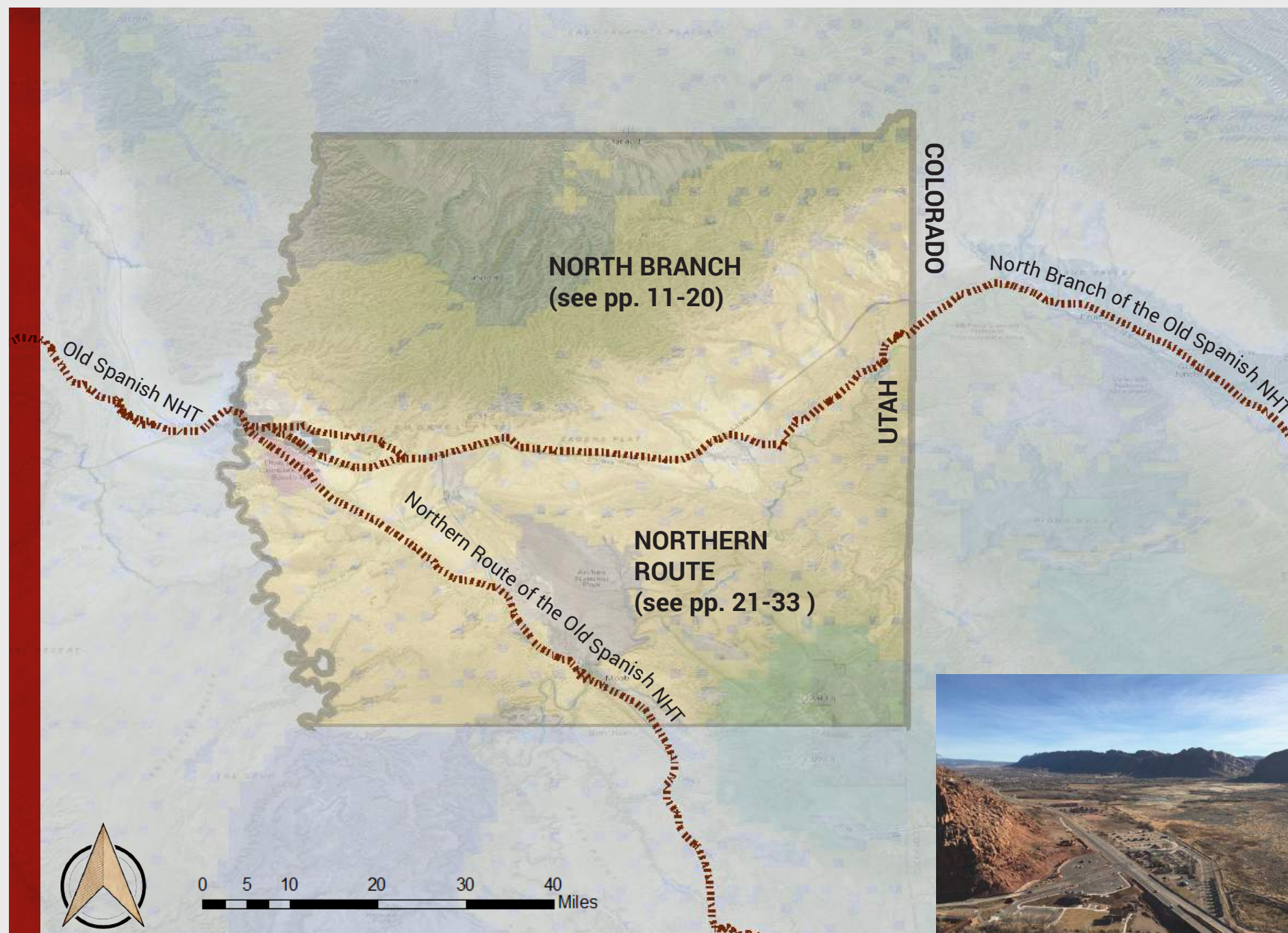
Trail Alignment



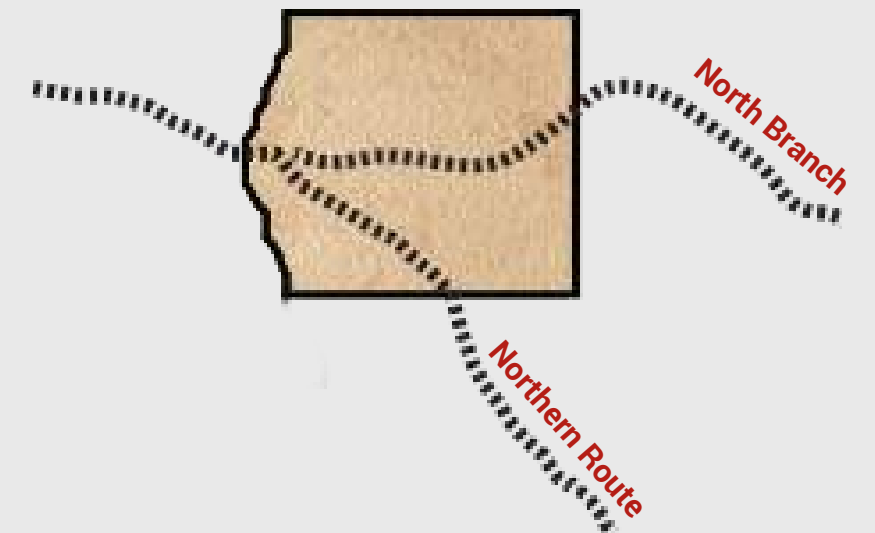


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Regional Context



Grand County is located in eastern Utah on the Colorado border.



North Branch and Northern Route:

The North Branch varies from the Northern Route of the Old Spanish NHT. Groups who used the North Branch traveled northeast from Santa Fe to Taos, New Mexico and into Colorado near Great Sand Dunes National Park. This route then traversed what is now the Gunnison National Forest. Large river crossings occurred in current day Grand Junction, Colorado and Green River, Utah. Approximately 64 miles of the North Branch and 49 miles of the Northern Route run through Grand County.

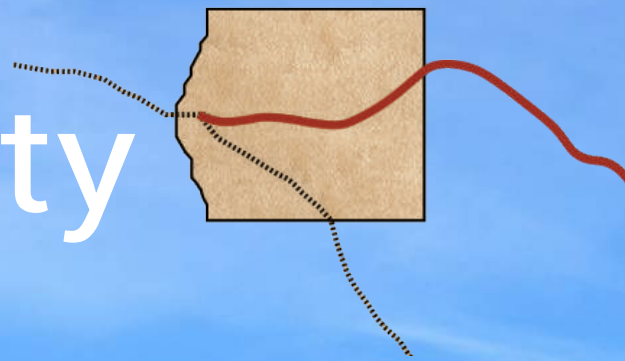


Examples of the typical project area landscape

Grand County

North Branch

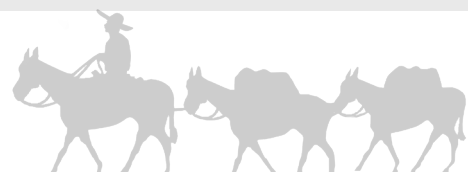
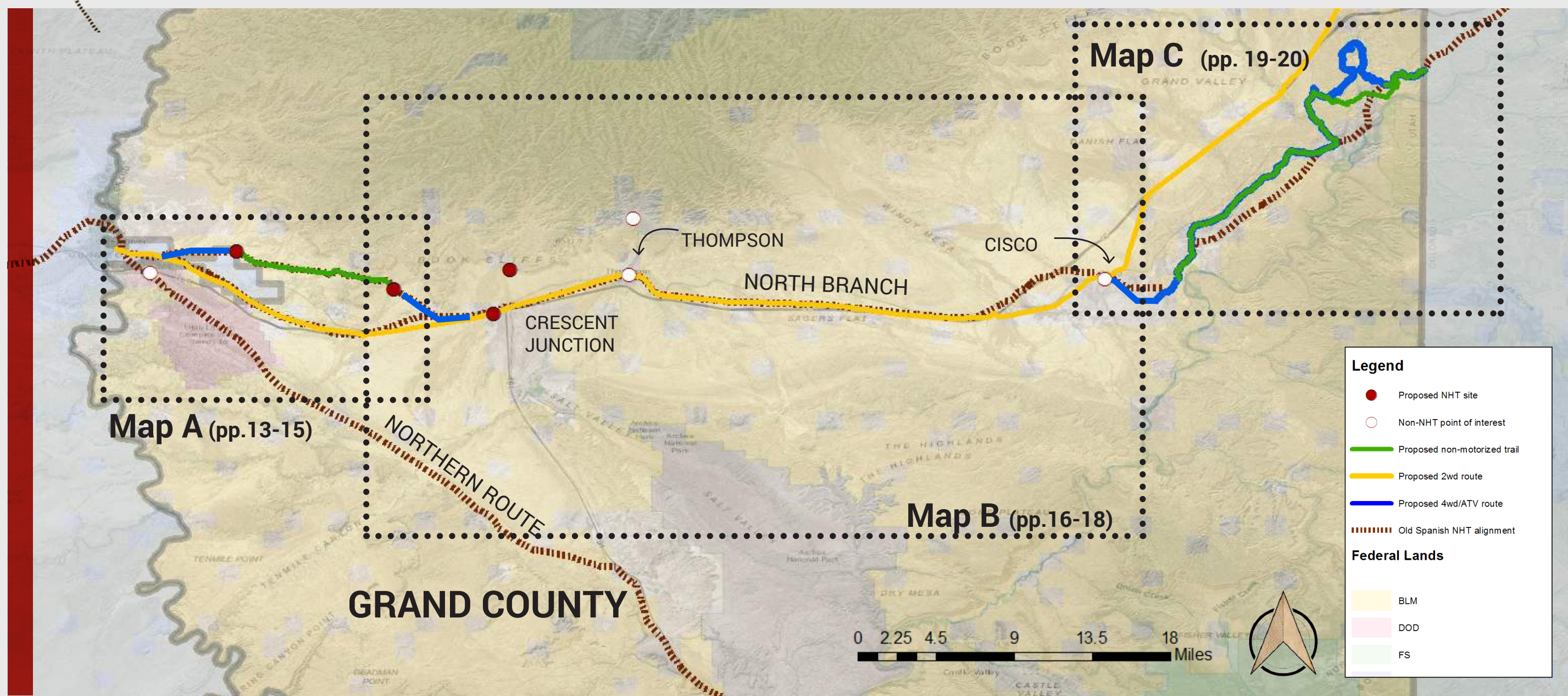
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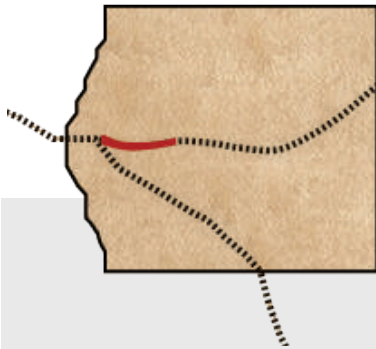




Overview Map of Grand County

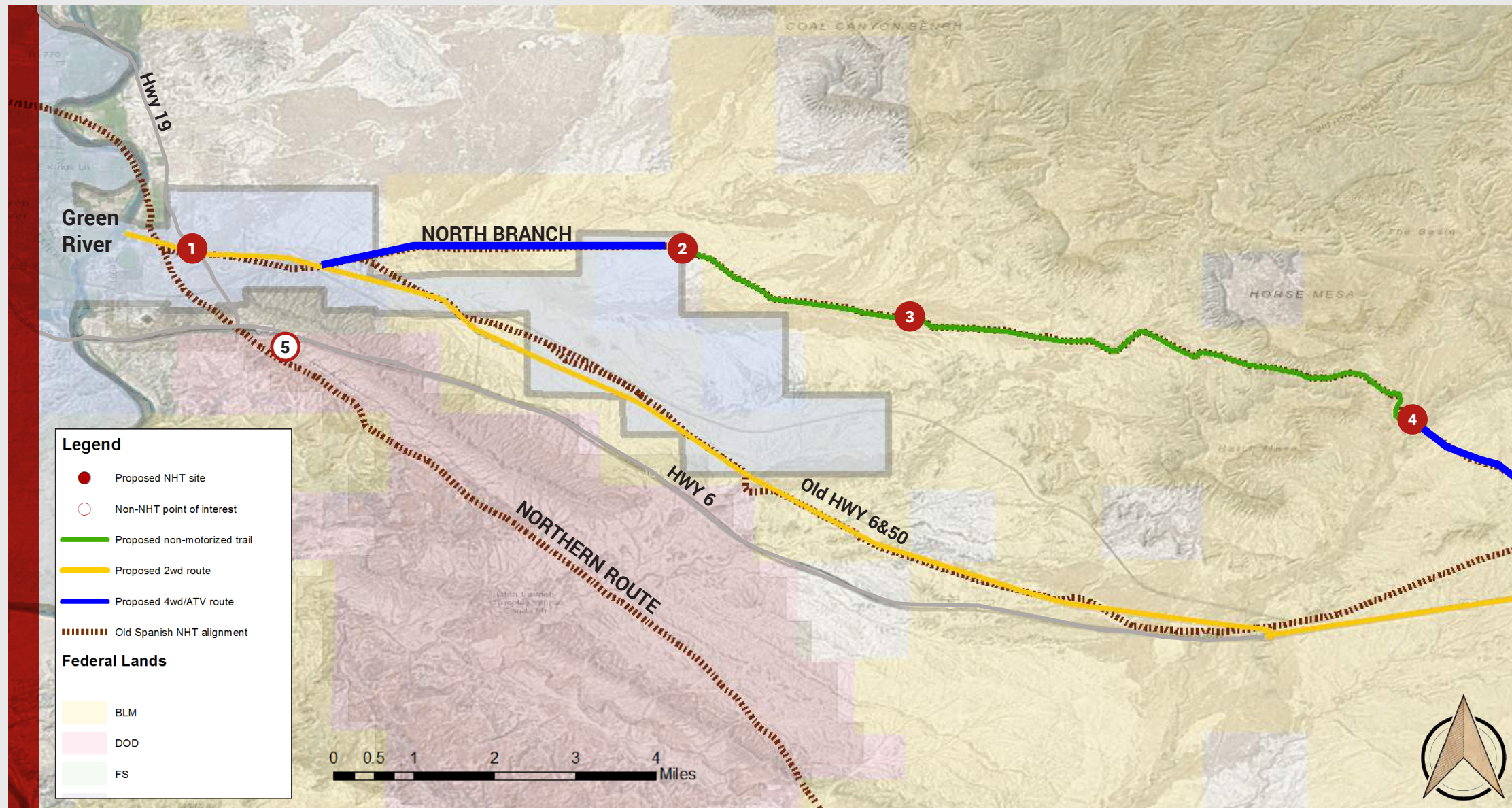
North Branch of the Old Spanish NHT





Grand County- North Branch of the Old Spanish NHT

Map A - Green River Gap



Existing Trail Elements:

None

Proposed Trail Elements:

- 1 Highway 6 Driving Route
- 2 Green River Gap Western Trailhead
- 3 Green River Gap Trail - approximately 8 miles one way
- 4 Green River Gap Eastern Trailhead

Other Points of Interest Along the Trail:

(Non-Old Spanish NHT related)

- 5 Green River Missile Launch Complex

See pp. 14-15 for detailed trail element descriptions





Grand County- North Branch of the Old Spanish NHT

Map A - Green River Gap, Proposed Trail Elements

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Highway 6 Driving Route



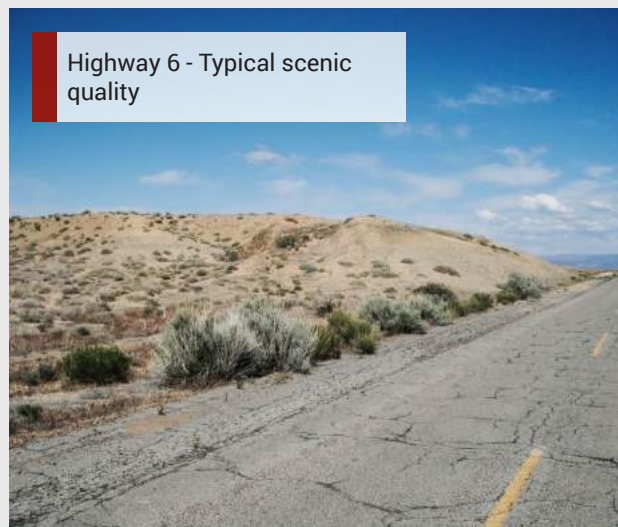
Development Opportunities:

Highway 6, from Green River to just east of Cisco, follows the historic route of the Old Spanish NHT very closely. The landscape and landmarks along this stretch of road remain highly reminiscent of the historic landscape that travelers would have experienced along the trail in the early 1800's. This stretch of road is a very desirable component for the development of the Old Spanish NHT through Grand County.

Suggested Actions for Implementation:

- Develop a sign plan to mark the historic route of the Old Spanish NHT
- Order and install signs

Highway 6 - Typical scenic quality



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Green River Gap Western Trailhead



Development Opportunities:

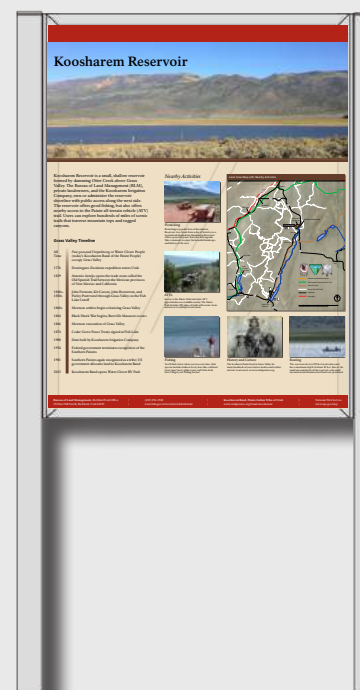
A new trailhead in Floy Wash on the western side of Green River Gap could be developed on BLM land for the proposed Green River Gap trail. Orientation panels and official Old Spanish NHT signage could be placed here to inform visitors of the recreational opportunities that exist in the area.



The Back Country Horsemen of America traveling the Green River Gap Trail

Suggested Actions for Implementation:

- Plan for and construct a new trailhead
- Develop an orientation panel for the trailhead, which would provide trail information and a brief history of the Old Spanish NHT for visitors (this design should be consistent with the orientation panel for the eastern trailhead.)
- Mark the trailhead with an Old Spanish NHT site identification sign and install directional signage, which would help visitors navigate to the trailhead.



Example of an Old Spanish NHT orientation panel



Left: Example of an Old Spanish NHT road sign that could be installed along Highway 6

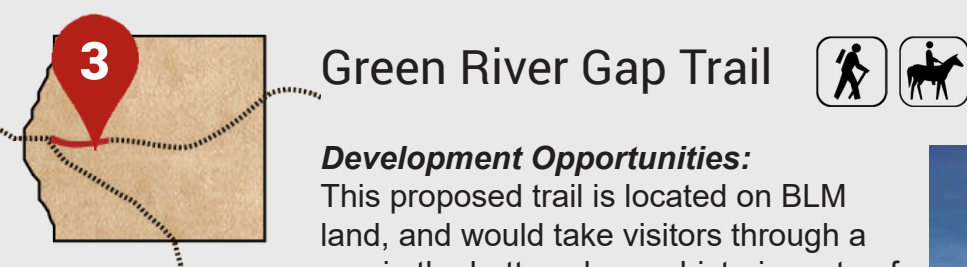


Old Spanish NHT Carsonite stickers and posts - typically used in rural areas along segments of trail.



Grand County- North Branch of the Old Spanish NHT

Map A - Green River Gap, Proposed Trail Elements



Green River Gap Trail

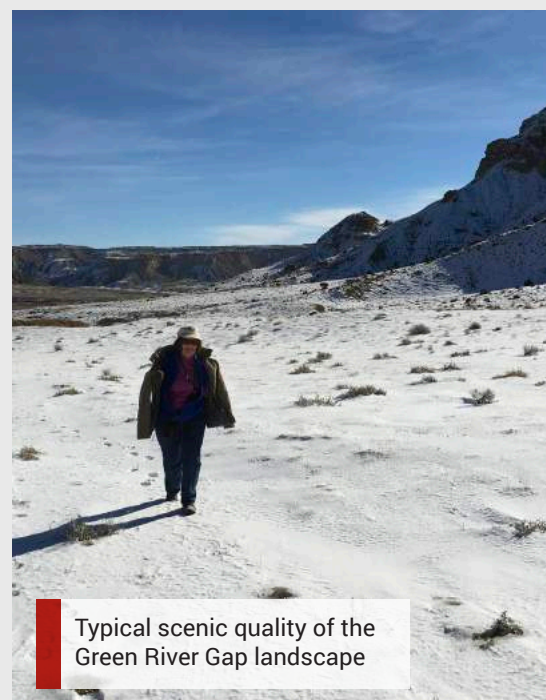


Development Opportunities:

This proposed trail is located on BLM land, and would take visitors through a gap in the buttes along a historic route of the Old Spanish NHT. This trail would be open to both hikers and equestrian users, and would offer visitors a vicarious experience of traveling through the remote foothills of the Book Cliffs, a landscape which remains very similar to the one original trail travelers would have experienced on their journey.

Suggested Actions for Implementation:

- Plan for and construct a sustainable 8-mile trail, which would begin and end at proposed Eastern and Western trailheads.
- Develop a pedestrian sign plan to mark the trail as the historic route of the Old Spanish NHT
- Order and install pedestrian signage



Typical scenic quality of the Green River Gap landscape



Green River Gap Eastern Trailhead

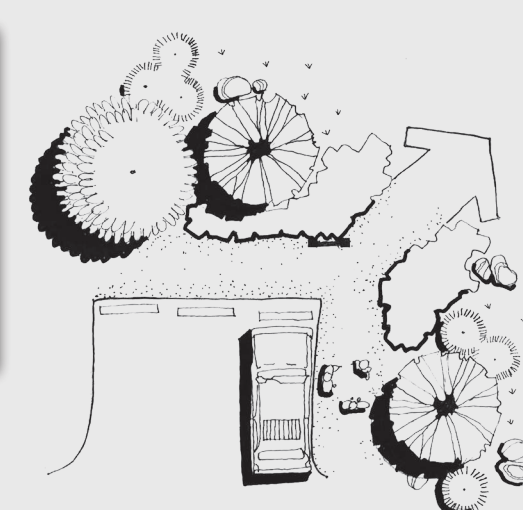


Development Opportunities:

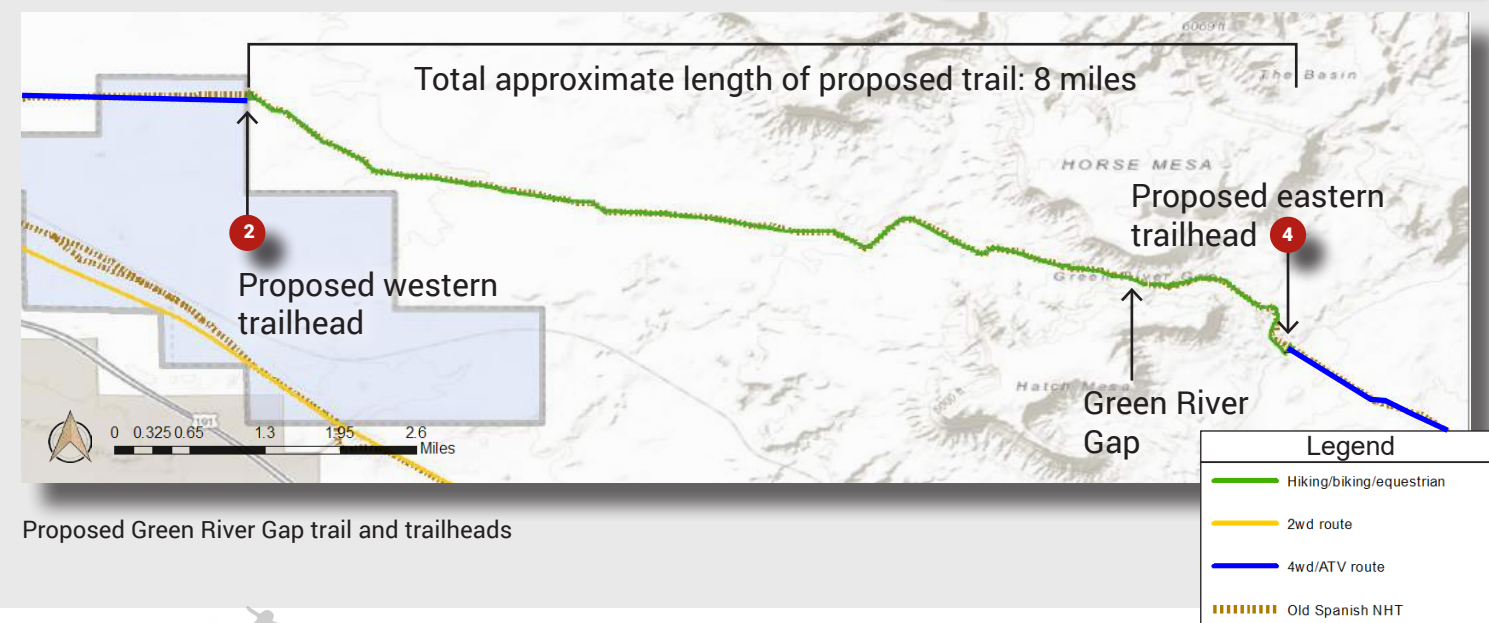
A new trailhead in Floy Wash on the west side of Green River Gap could be developed on BLM land for the proposed Green River Gap trail. This trailhead would be located approximately 1.75 miles from the top of the gap, and would offer visitors the opportunity to do a quick out and back hike to view the spectacular scenery from the top of the hill. An orientation panel could be placed here to inform visitors of the recreational opportunities that exist in the area.



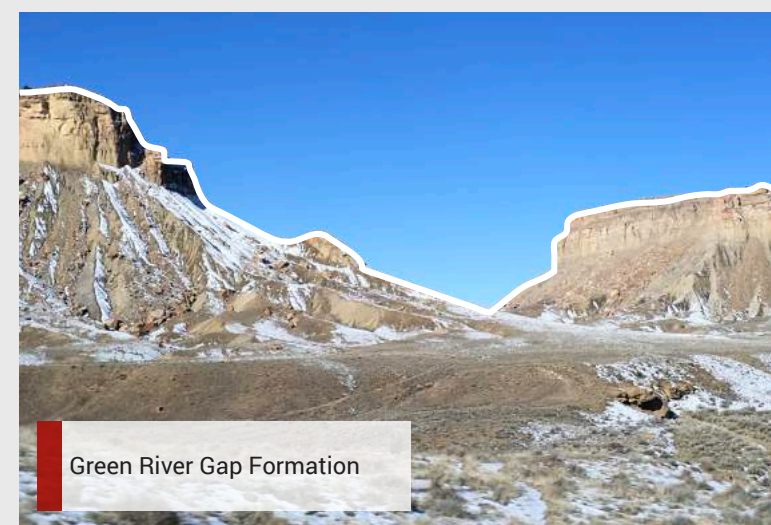
Example of an Old Spanish NHT directional sign



Example of a simple trailhead design that could be implemented at the eastern end of the Green River Gap trail



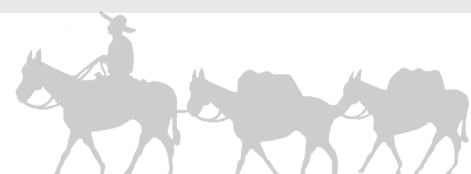
Proposed Green River Gap trail and trailheads



Green River Gap Formation

Suggested Actions for Implementation:

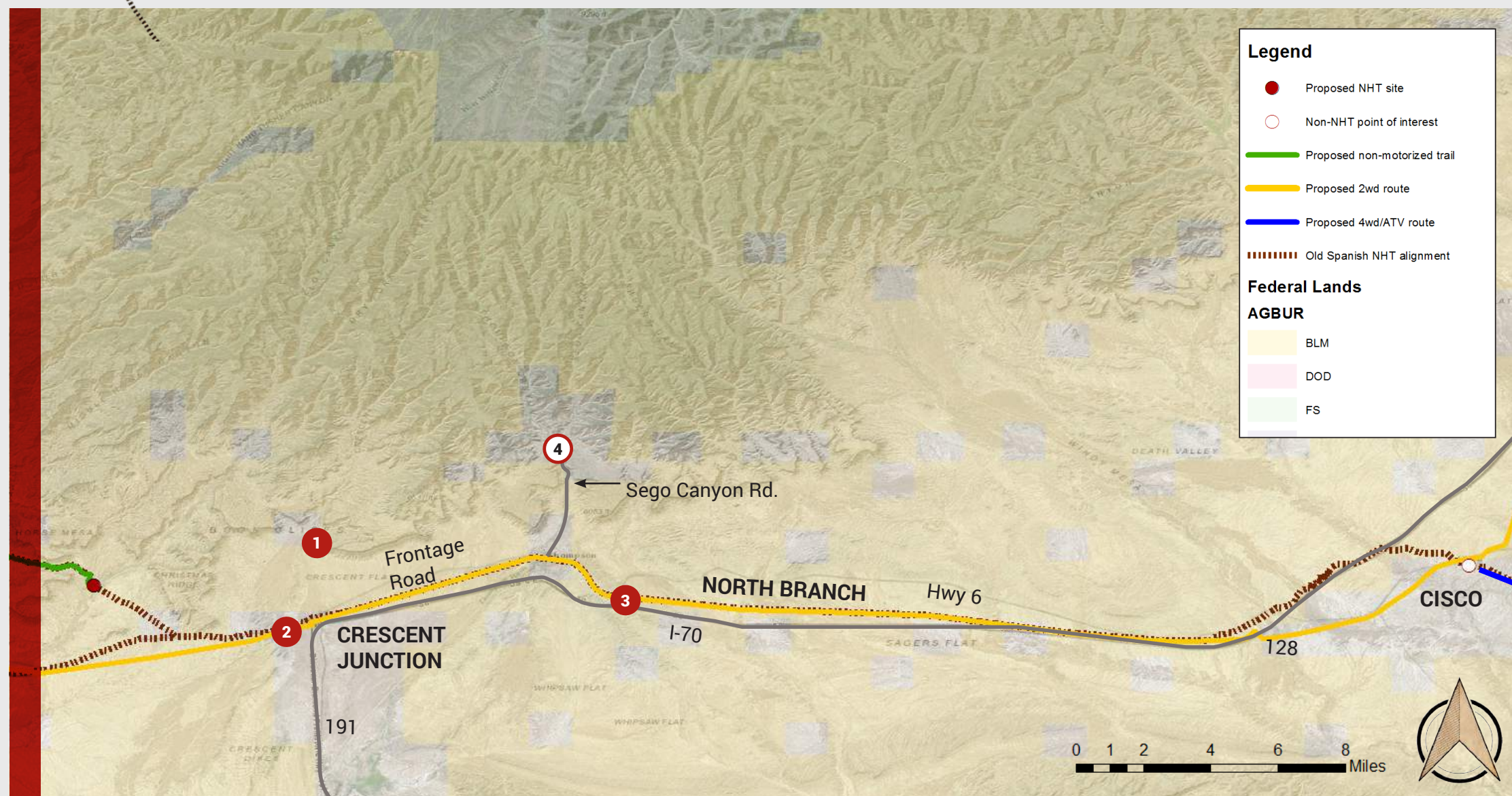
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- Mark the trailhead with a Old Spanish NHT site identification sign and install directional signage, which would help visitors navigate to the trailhead





Grand County- North Branch of the Old Spanish NHT

Map B - Cisco Desert



Existing Trail Elements:

None

Proposed Trail Elements:

- 1 SLS Inscription & Rock Art Site
- 2 Crescent Junction Rest Area Waysides
- 3 Thompson Springs Rest Area

Other Points of Interest:

(Not related to the Old Spanish NHT)

- 4 Sego Canyon Petroglyphs

See pp. 17-18 for detailed trail element descriptions



Grand County- North Branch of the Old Spanish NHT

Map B - Cisco Desert, Proposed Trail Elements



SLS Inscription & Rock Art Site

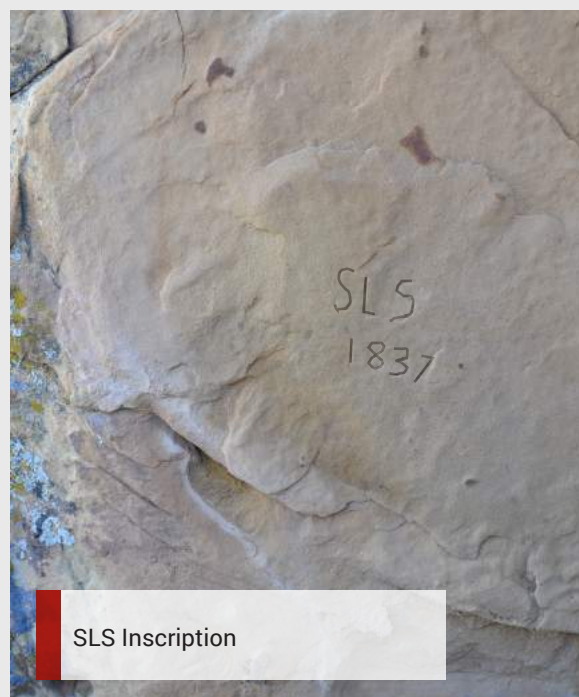


Development Opportunities:

Located on BLM land just north of the Old Spanish NHT, against the Book Cliffs, a traveler or trader inscribed the initials “SLS” on a rock, along with the date “1837”. This person carved the inscription on a rock in a small field of boulders. There are also several panels of prehistoric rock art on the site. This site is currently not advertised to the public, and no facilities exist. Opportunities exist for the development of this site for public visitation and enjoyment that could include a small parking lot, sustainable loop trail, and interpretation, and cultural resource protection.

Suggested Actions for Implementation:

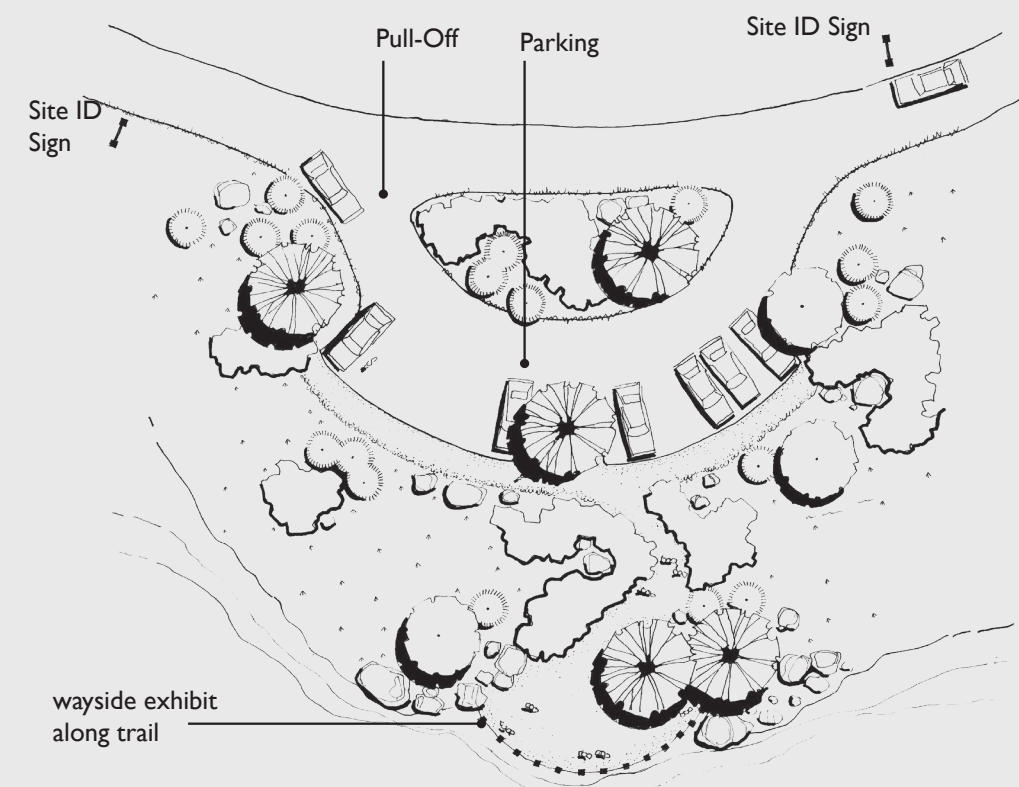
- Create a conceptual level plan for the site that would address parking, visitor circulation, cultural resource protection concerns, and interpretation
- Explore funding and grant opportunities for plan implementation



SLS Inscription



SLS Inscription and Rock Art Site



Typical wayside example



Rendering of what SLS Inscription signage may look like

Grand County- North Branch of the Old Spanish NHT

Map B - Cisco Desert, Proposed Trail Elements

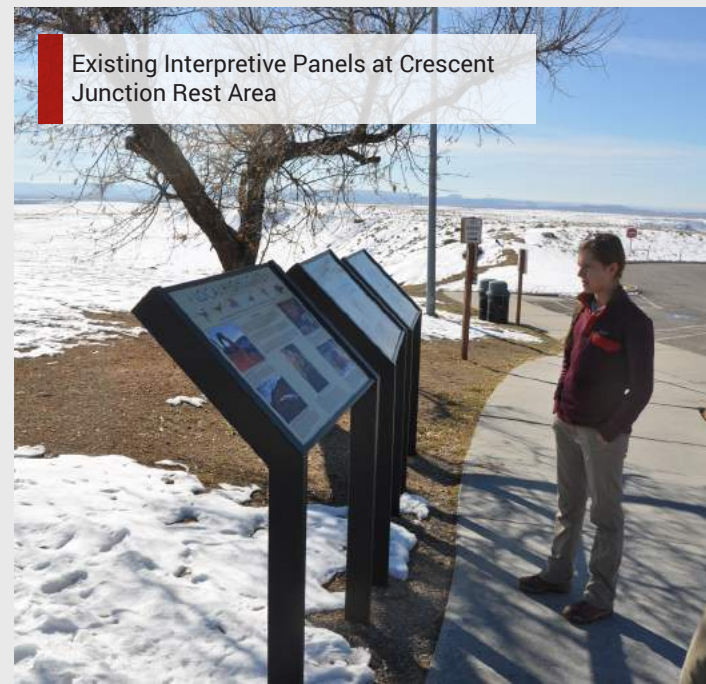


Crescent Junction Rest Area Wayside



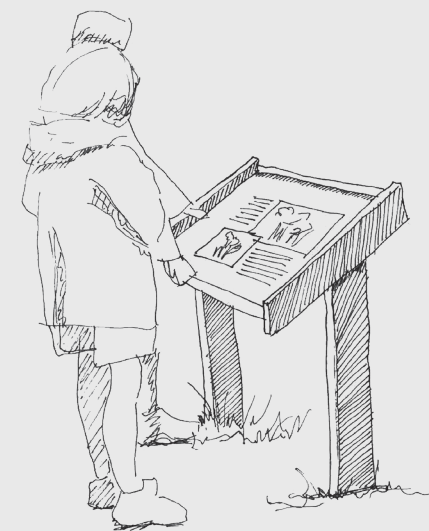
Development Opportunities:

The Crescent Junction Rest Area is managed by the Utah Department of Transportation, and is located on the Old Spanish NHT. Existing interpretive panels on-site provide information about the history of the area, but do not mention the Old Spanish NHT. The opportunity exists for additional interpretive panels here that would inform visitors about the history of the Old Spanish NHT and trail sites that can be visited in the area.



Suggested Actions for Implementation:

- Plan for and fabricate 1-2 wayside exhibits to be placed at or near the existing shade structure.



Thompson Springs Rest Area Site

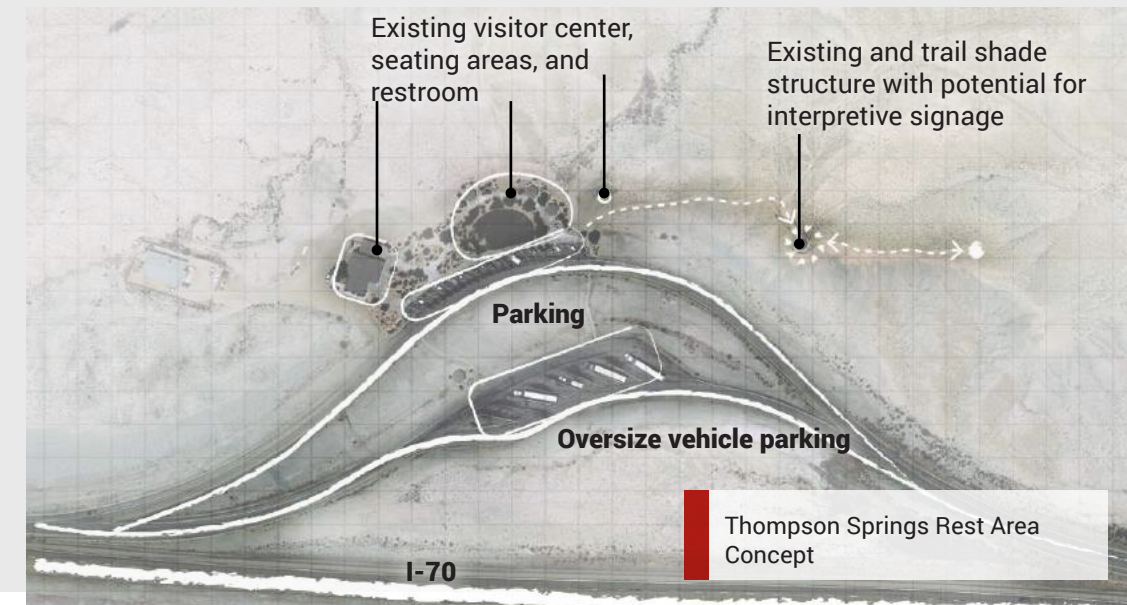
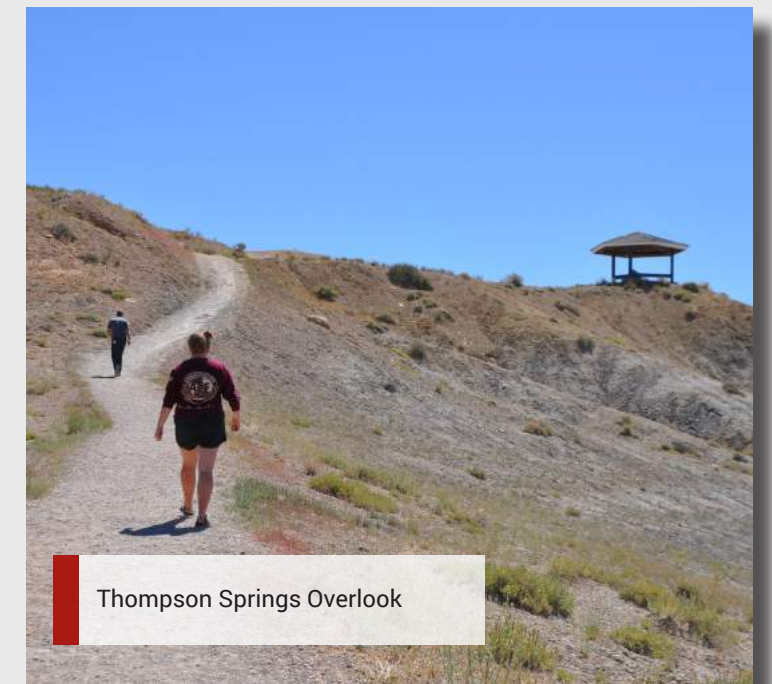


Development Opportunities:

This potential site is a current rest area located just off of I-70 Westbound. The rest area currently has a trail, shade structure, restroom, and visitor center on site. The shade structure, overlook, and trail would be good locations to place wayside exhibits that would interpret the Old Spanish NHT. The overlook and trail also offer an opportunity to interpret the history of Thompson Springs and the ghost town of Sego.

Suggested Actions for Implementation:

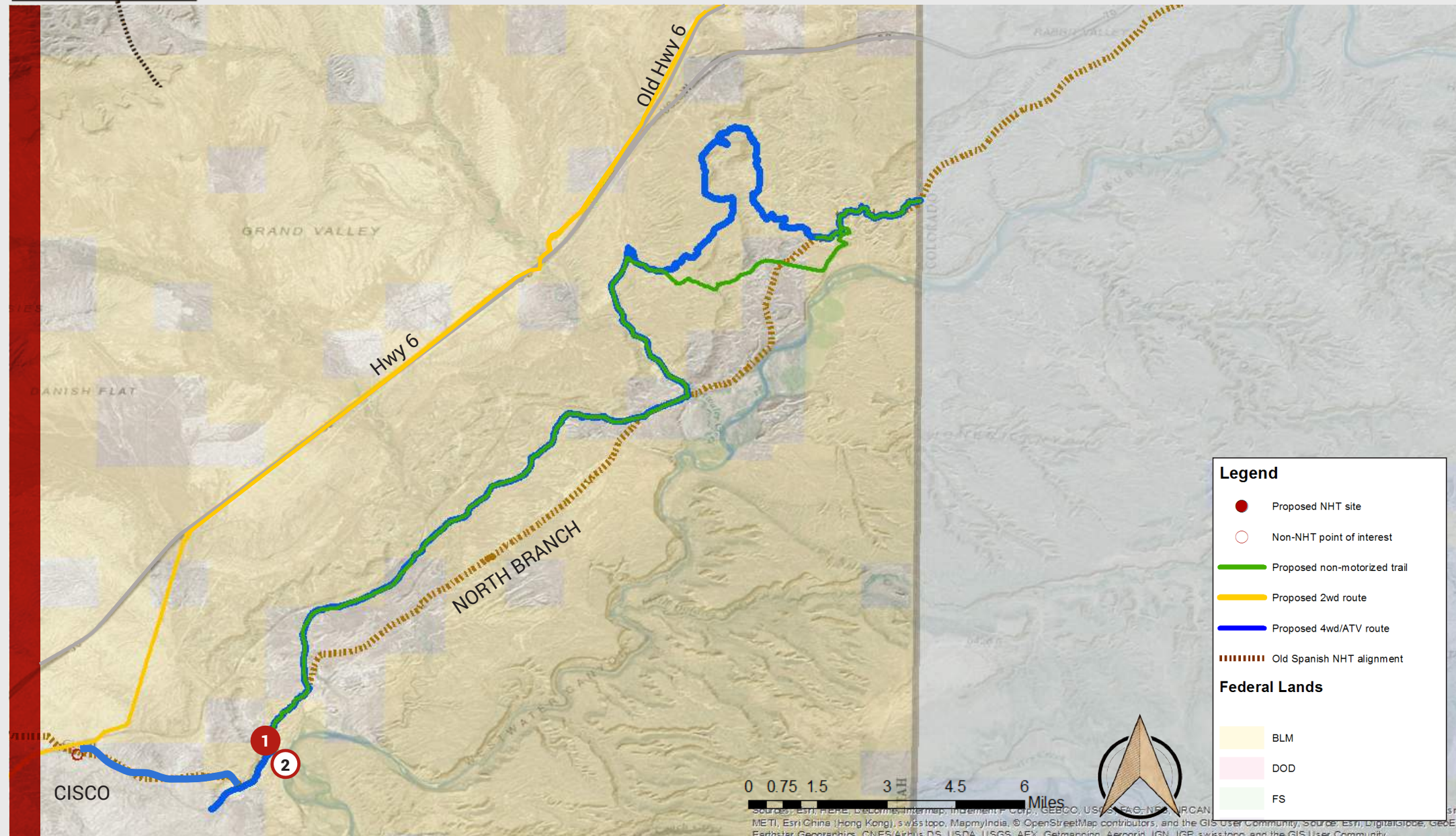
- Plan for and fabricate 1-2 wayside exhibits to be placed along the existing trail and/or at the shade structure.





Grand County- North Branch of the Old Spanish NHT

Map C - Utah Rims



Existing Trail Elements:

None

Proposed Trail Elements:

- 1 Kokopelli's Trail and Proposed Trailhead

Other Points of Interest:

(Non-Old Spanish NHT related)

- 2 Cisco Boat Ramp and Rock Art

See p. 20 for detailed trail element descriptions





Grand County- North Branch of the Old Spanish NHT

Map C - Utah Rims, Proposed Trail Elements



Kokopelli's Trail Proposed Trailhead - Retracement Trail



Development Opportunities:

The Kokopelli's Trail runs parallel and in some parts the same location as the

historic route of the Old Spanish NHT. Currently this developed trail offers mountain biking, OHV, and hiking opportunities to visitors, but makes no mention of its connection to the Old Spanish NHT. An opportunity exists to sign the trail as being a part of the Old Spanish NHT. Interpretation could also be developed at the existing parking area and trailhead, providing history and context about the trail. Signs used to mark the ATV route would be slightly larger so visitors traveling the trail in ATVs could see them.

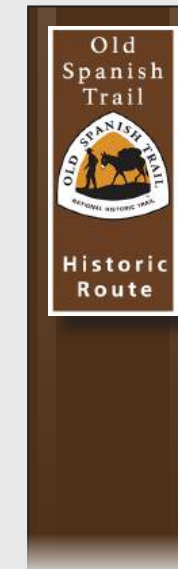
Suggested Actions for Implementation:

- Develop a pedestrian sign plan to mark the trail as historic route or Old Spanish NHT (See sign example to the right).
- Order and install pedestrian and 4WD signage
- Plan for and fabricate 1 wayside exhibit to be placed at the existing parking lot and trailhead.



Kokopelli's Trail

Old Spanish
NHT 16"X24"
signage -
typically used
along low speed
roads



Old Spanish NHT
fiberglass posts stickers
and posts - typically
used in rural areas along
segments of trail.



Kokopelli's Trail - Old
Spanish NHT Remnants



Grand County

Northern Route

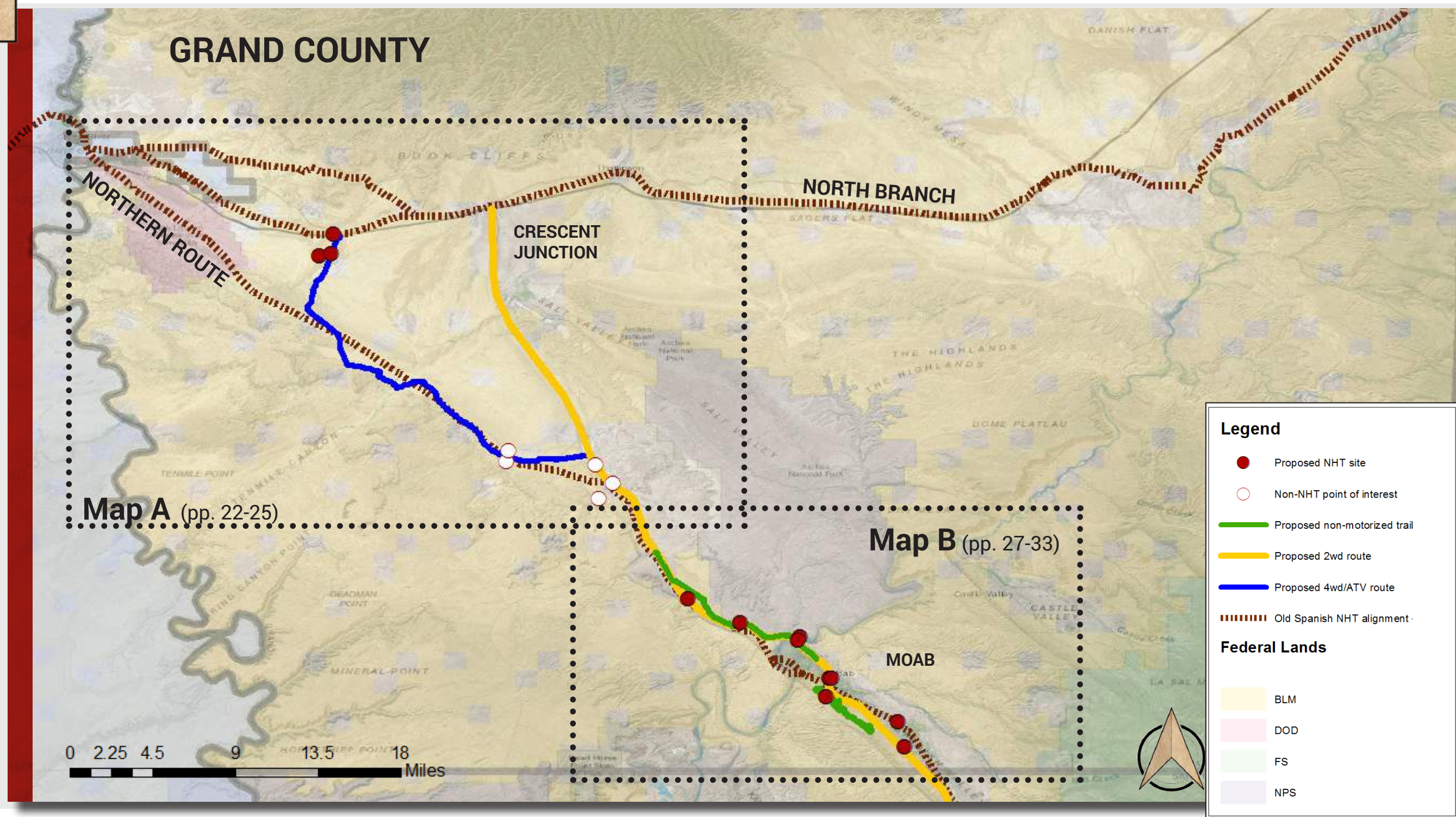
Trail Segment Details





Overview Map of Grand County

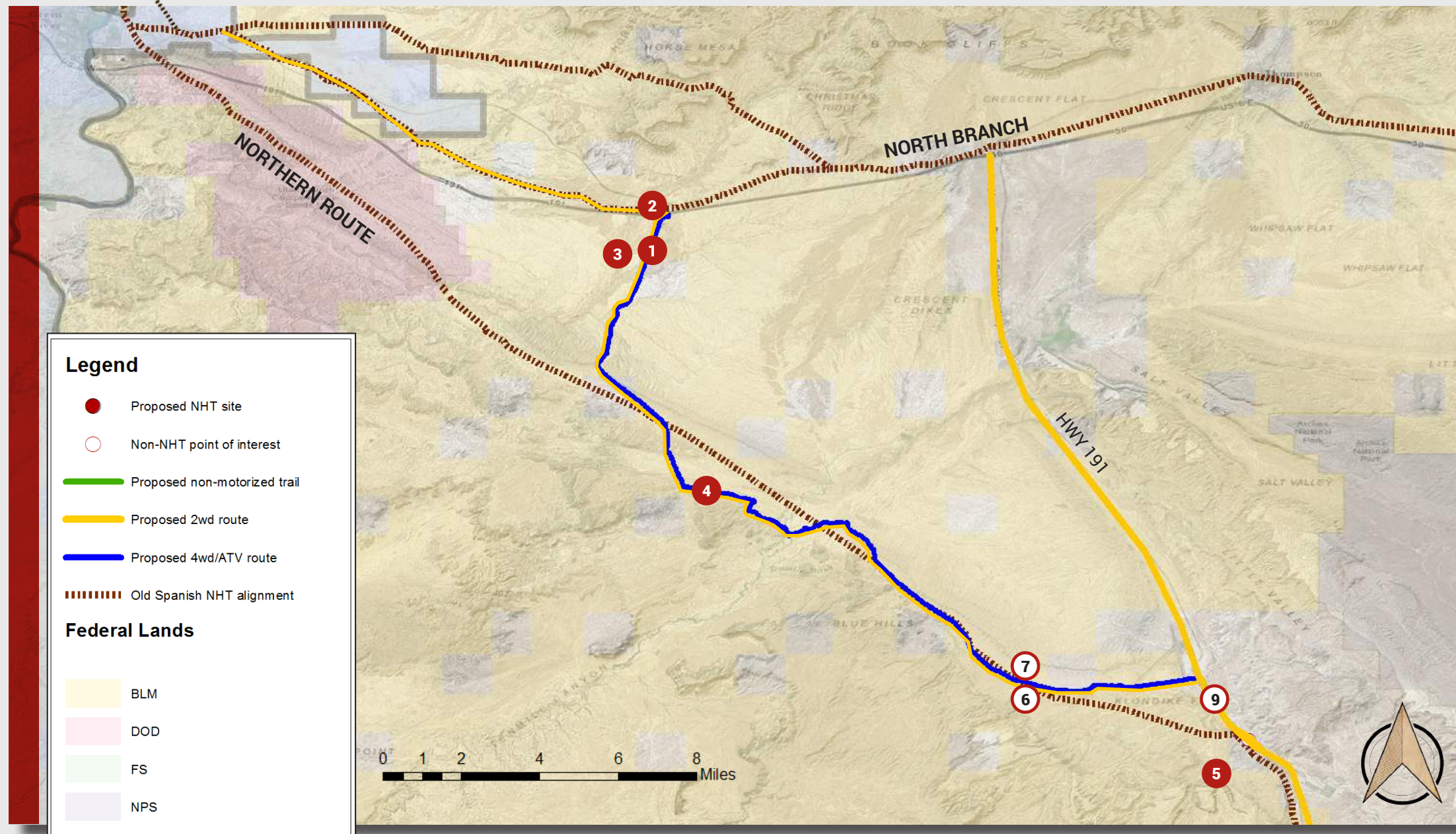
Northern Route of the Old Spanish NHT





Grand County- Northern Route of the Old Spanish NHT

Map A - Blue Hills



Existing Trail Elements:

None

Proposed Trail Elements:

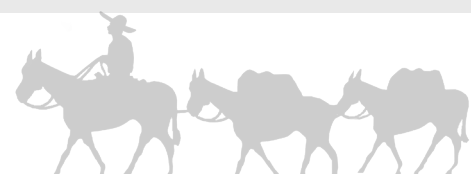
- 1 BLM Kiosk
- 2 Floy Wayside
- 3 Spring and Gunnsion Camp Wayside
- 4 2WD/ATV Route - Green River to Moab
- 5 Halfway Stage Station and spring

Other Points of Interest:

(Not Related to the Old Spanish NHT)

- 6 Mill Canyon Dinosaur Trail
- 7 Mill Canyon Dinosaur Track Site
- 9 Internment Camp

See pp. 23-25 for detailed trail element descriptions



Grand County- Northern Route of the Old Spanish NHT

Map A - Blue Hills, Proposed Trail Elements

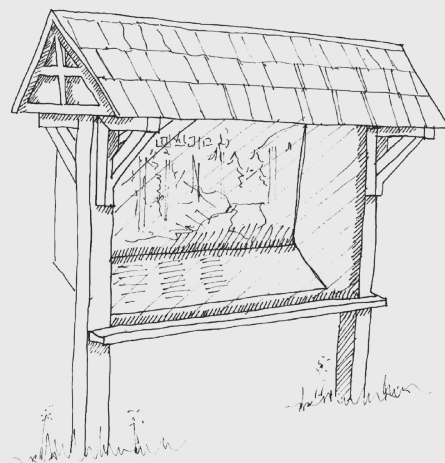
1 BLM Kiosk

Development Opportunities:

This existing kiosk, south of the I-70 Floy Wash exit on Blue Hills Road, could be used to interpret the Old Spanish NHT and provide information to visitors about trail related sites and segments to experience in the area.

Suggested Actions for Implementation:

- Plan for and fabricate one interpretive panel to be placed in the existing BLM kiosk.



2 Floy Wayside

Development Opportunities:

This proposed wayside would be located at an existing parking lot and trailhead near the Floy Wash exit on BLM land. This wayside could interpret the Gunnison and Loring Expeditions that followed the Old Spanish NHT.

Suggested Actions for Implementation:

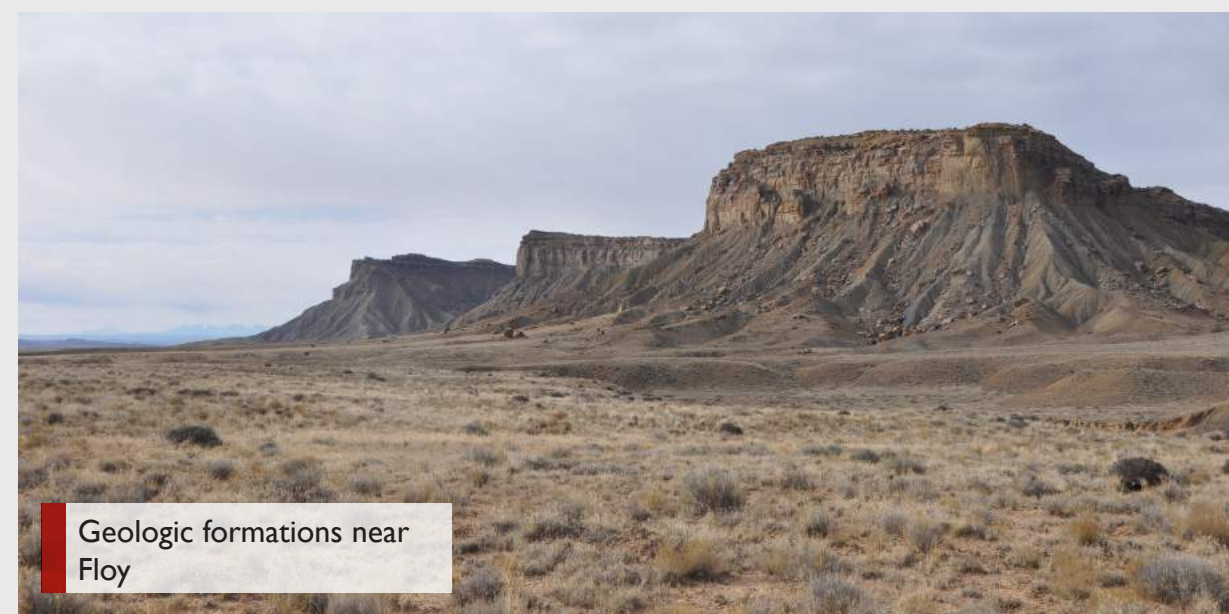
- Plan for and fabricate one wayside exhibit to be placed at the existing parking lot and trailhead.



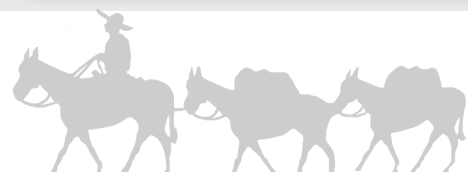
Example of an Old Spanish NHT low-profile wayside exhibit



Example of existing BLM kiosk



Geologic formations near Floy





Grand County- Northern Route of the Old Spanish NHT

Map A - Blue Hills, Proposed Trail Elements



Spring and Gunnison Camp Wayside

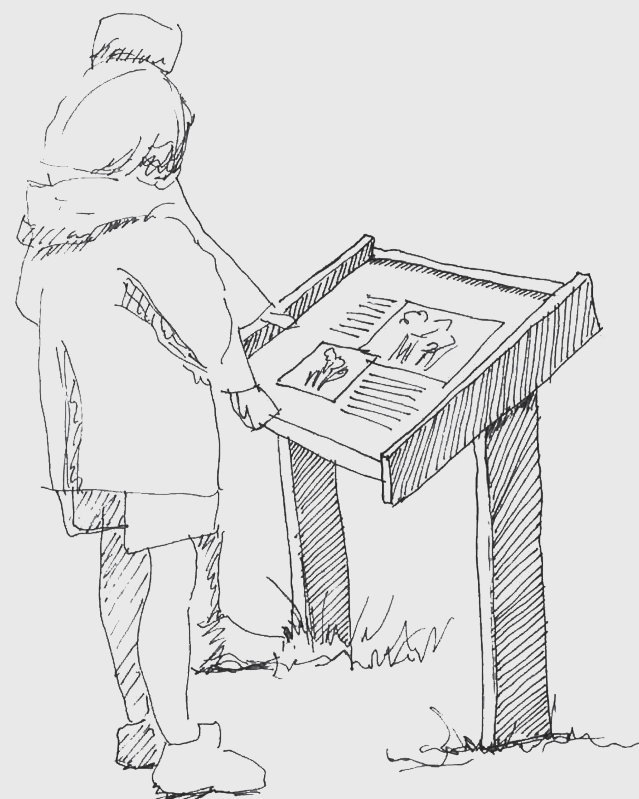
Development Opportunities:

This proposed wayside would be located along Blue Hills Road, just off of the Old Spanish NHT. Topics for interpretation could include the Spring and Gunnison camp that aided historians in verifying the route of the Old Spanish NHT. In 1853, the War Department commissioned John W. Gunnison, Captain of the Army Corps

of Topographical Engineers, to undertake a railroad survey across the West along the 38th and 39th parallels of latitude. The Gunnison report and maps have helped provide information about the location of the Old Spanish NHT across the Green River, the San Rafael Swell, and the Wasatch Plateau.

Suggested Actions for Implementation:

- Plan for and fabricate one wayside exhibit to be placed off of Blue Hills Road.



2WD/ATV Route - Green River to Moab

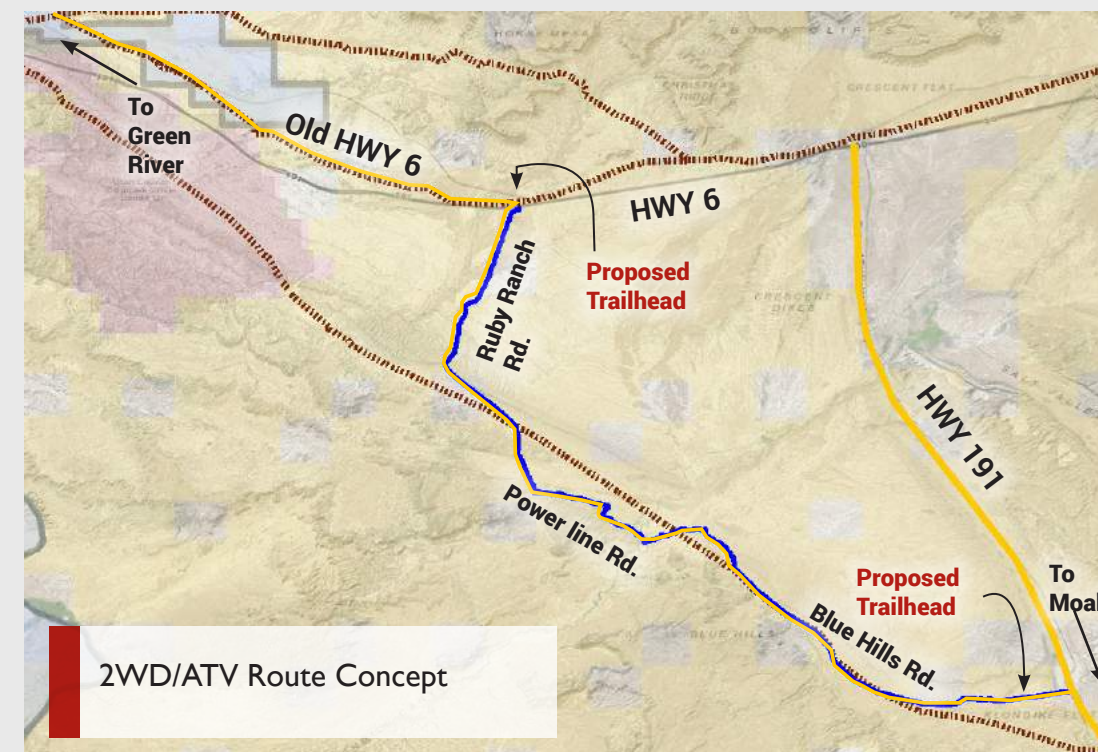
Development Opportunities:

This 2wd/ATV route would follow the Old Spanish NHT to the extent practicable along existing roads from the town of Green River, Utah to the intersection of Blue Hills Rd. and Highway 191. There are two potential areas for trailheads along this route. The first could be at the area near the

dinosaur track site. The second could be located at the beginning of Ruby Ranch Rd., just off of Old Highway 6.

Suggested Actions for Implementation:

- Develop a road sign plan to mark the Old Spanish NHT historic route
- Order and install signage
- Create a conceptual level plan for the trailheads that would address parking, visitor circulation, and interpretation
- Explore funding and grant opportunities for plan implementation





Grand County- Northern Route of the Old Spanish NHT

Map A - Blue Hills, Proposed Trail Elements



Halfway Stage Station and spring

Development Opportunities:

Just east of the Mill Canyon Dinosaur Trail, there are remains of the Halfway Stage Station. This is a point of interest along the Old Spanish NHT that offers an opportunity to interpret the nearby spring sources that Old Spanish NHT travelers would have used, as well as the stage route that followed the same alignment as the trail.

Suggested Actions for Implementation:

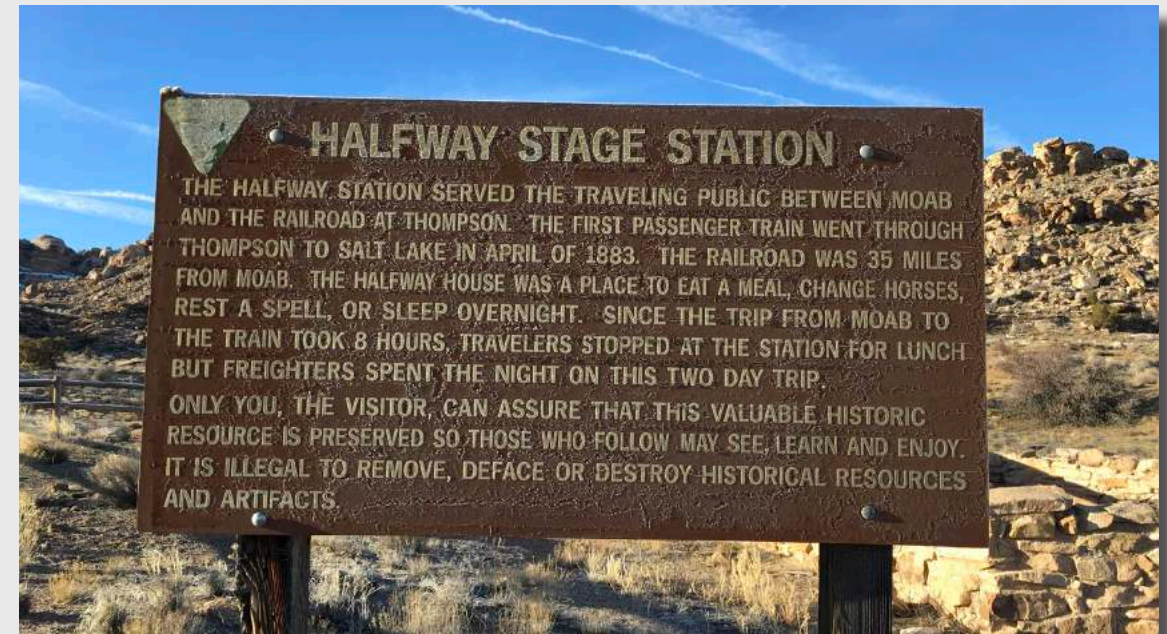
- Plan for and fabricate one wayside exhibit to be placed at the stage station.



Halfway Stage Station
artifacts



Halfway Stage Station



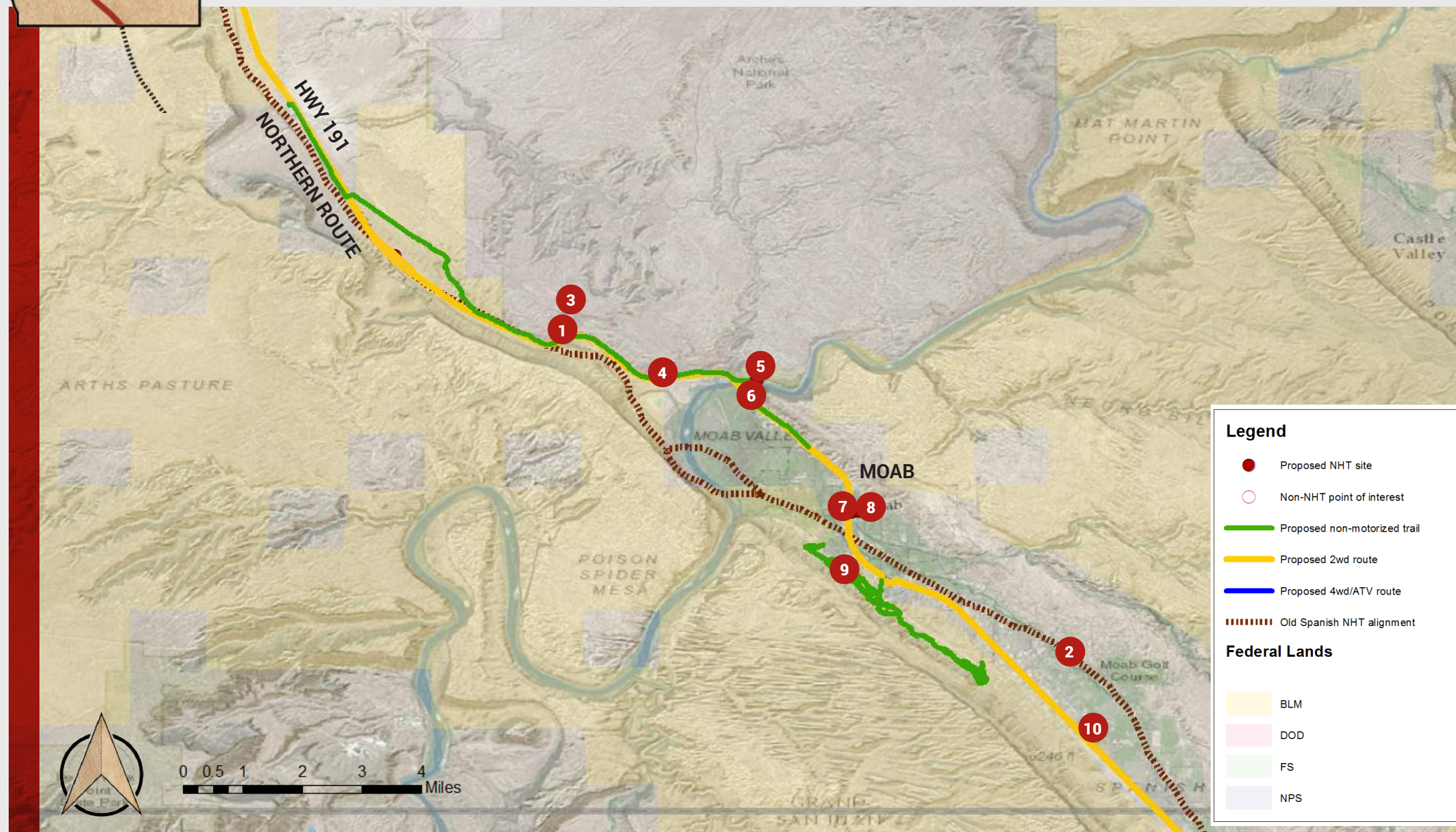
Halfway Stage Station





Grand County- Northern Route of the Old Spanish NHT

Map B - Moab



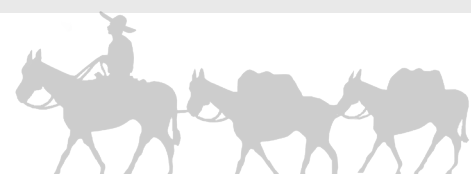
Existing Trail Elements:

- 1 Arches National Park Visitor Center
- 2 Old City Park

Proposed Trail Elements:

- 3 Jump-off Point
- 4 Moab Canyon Pathway
- 5 Lion's Tail Trailhead and Trail
- 6 Lion's Trail Hub Park
- 7 Moab Information Center
- 8 Museum of Moab
- 9 Pipe Dream Trailhead(s) and Trail
- 10 Old Spanish Trail Arena

See pp. 28-33 for detailed trail element descriptions





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Map B - Moab, Existing Trail Elements



Arches National Park Visitor Center

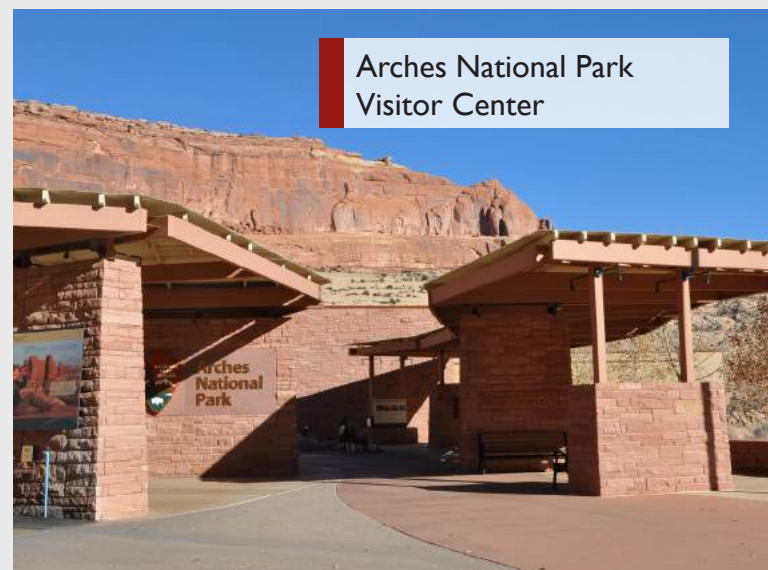
Development Opportunities:

The Arches National Park Visitor Center displays

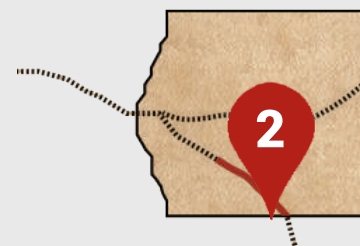
interpretive panels about the Old Spanish NHT and its travelers. In addition to this, the visitor center is one location along the length of the trail where visitors can get their Old Spanish NHT passport stamp. Located on the historic route of the trail, this visitor center is an excellent location for visitors to get information and maps and to learn about the trail.

Suggested Actions for Implementation:

- Continue to provide Old Spanish NHT materials to the visitor center.



Arches National Park Visitor Center



Old City Park

Development Opportunities:

The Old Spanish NHT likely passed through

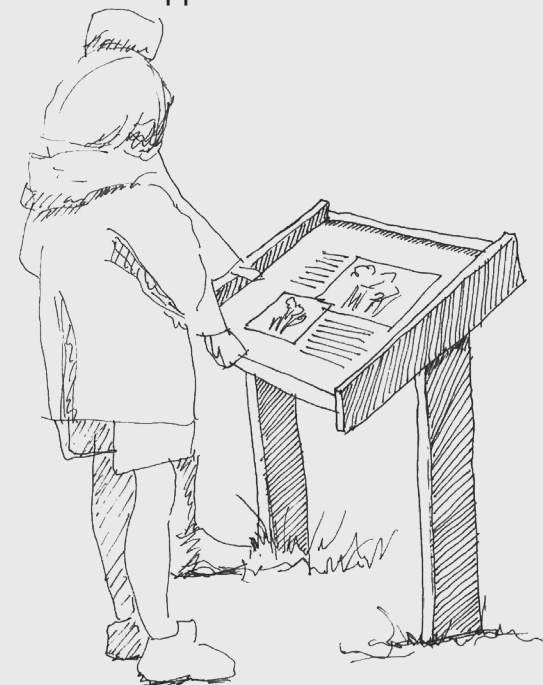
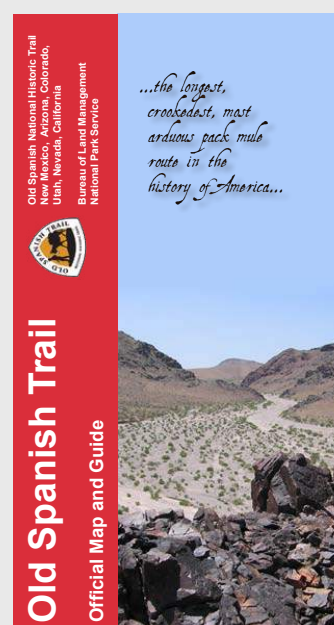
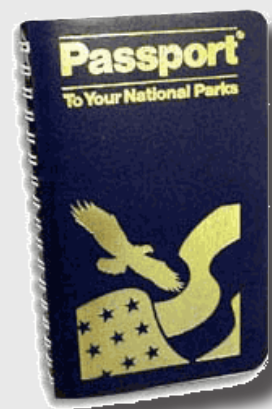
Old City Park as travelers replenished their water supplies at the generous spring here. Today, the park has an informative plaque about the trail. Further interpretation of the site could be developed to connect this space to the Old Spanish NHT.

Suggested Actions for Implementation:

- This site is developed and ready for visitor access. In the future it could be listed as a "site to see" on NPS and BLM websites, as well as be incorporated into future Old Spanish NHT mobile applications and brochures.



Old City Park





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Map B - Moab, Proposed Trail Elements



Jump-off Point

Development Opportunities:

Just north of Arches National Park Visitor Center, off of Highway 191, is where Old Spanish Trail travelers negotiated the steep slopes of Moab Canyon. The Moab Canyon Pathway offers direct views of the trail as it heads to the river.

Opportunities exist to point out historic trail remnants and to interpret this site for people who are traveling along the Moab Canyon Pathway.

Suggested Actions for Implementation:

- Plan for and fabricate one wayside exhibit to be placed on the Moab Canyon Pathway.



Jump-off Point - View from the
Moab Canyon Pathway



Moab Canyon Pathway

Development Opportunities:

This 12.7 mile paved pathway follows the historic route of the Old Spanish NHT, and is open to bicyclists and pedestrians. Starting just north of downtown Moab, the trail crosses the Colorado River, runs past Arches National Park, and continues up the canyon paralleling

Highway 191. There are many opportunities that exist along this trail to increase visitors awareness and knowledge of the Old Spanish NHT, including installing national historic trail signage and interpretation along the trail.

Suggested Actions for Implementation:

- Develop a pedestrian sign plan to mark the trail as the Old Spanish NHT historic route.
- Order and install pedestrian signage
- Plan for and fabricate wayside exhibits to be placed along the trail and at key trailheads



Old Spanish NHT pedestrian signage and/or logo tiles embedded in the trail surface could be installed along the pathway marking it as the historic route of the Old Spanish NHT



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Proposed Lion's Tail Trailhead and Trail



Development Opportunities:

The proposed Lion's Tail Trail is located on Grand County and National Park Service land. The trail would begin at the north side of the Colorado River, just east of the pedestrian bridge. If developed, this trail would offer hikers spectacular views of the confluence of Courthouse Wash and the

Colorado River. The Old Spanish NHT travelers would have crossed the Colorado River near this confluence. An interpretive panel could be installed at the Lion's Park to orient people to the hiking trail and to provide a general context of the Old Spanish NHT.

Suggested Actions for Implementation:

- Plan for and construct a sustainable trail, which would begin at the Lion's Park and end at an overlook of the Colorado River and historic trail corridor
- Order and install pedestrian signage
- Plan for and fabricate one wayside exhibit to be placed at the Lion's Park. This panel could interpret the historic river crossing as well as provide trail orientation.

Length of Trail: 3 miles round-trip

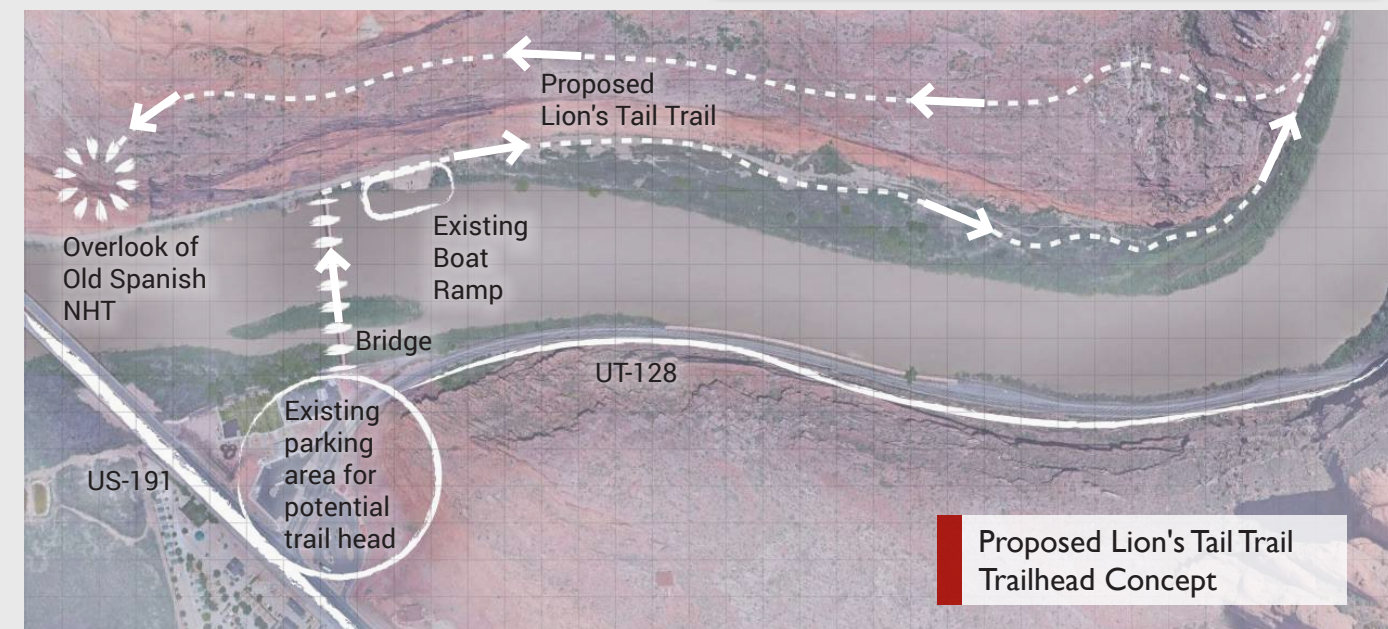
Trail Description: This trail would climb above the Colorado River offering a view of the confluence of Courthouse Wash and the Colorado River, where the Old Spanish Trail travelers would have crossed the river. It also offers nice views of the historic trail corridor and the city of Moab.



Proposed Lion's Tail Trail



Lion's Tail Trail Overlook



Proposed Lion's Tail Trail Trailhead Concept





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Lion's Park

Development Opportunities:

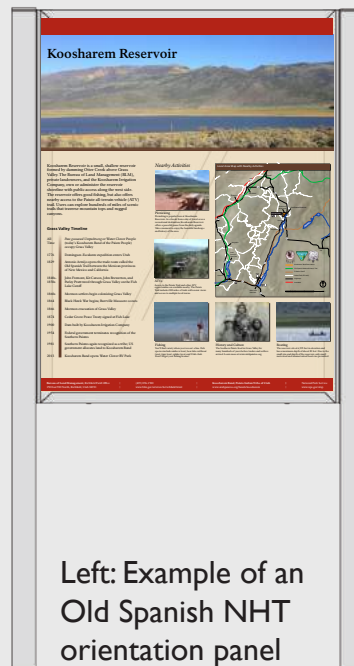
In close proximity to the historic route of the Old Spanish NHT Lions Park is a prime location to develop the trail for visitors. Picnic tables, parking, recreational space, restrooms, and a pedestrian bridge over the Colorado River already exist at this site. The park offers excellent an excellent opportunity for interpretation of the Old Spanish NHT as well as a launching point for the Old Spanish NHT. Visitors can explore the Moab Canyon Pathway and many other nearby trails by foot or bike.

Suggested Actions for Implementation:

- Plan for and fabricate one orientation panel to be placed at the park



Lion's Park



Left: Example of an Old Spanish NHT orientation panel



Museum of Moab

Development Opportunities:

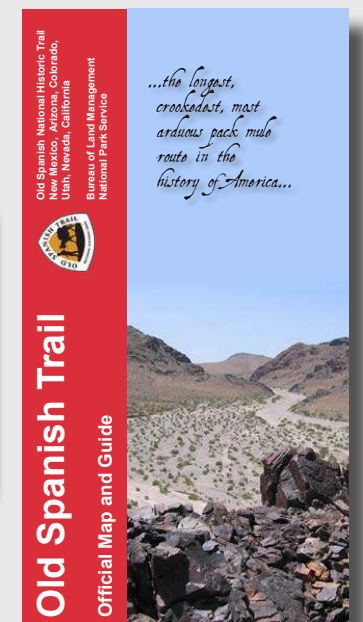
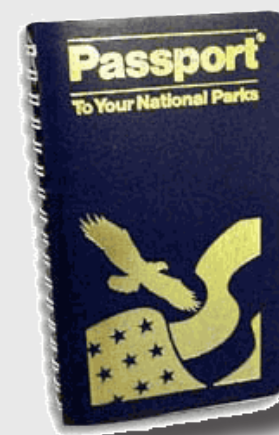
The Museum of Moab is located at 118 E. Center Street, Moab near the historic route of the Old Spanish NHT and has an exhibit describing the history of the OST in Moab and Grand County.

Suggested Actions for Implementation:

- Continue to provide Old Spanish NHT materials to the center as they are developed
- The museum is redesigning its current OST exhibit in the Center Street Facility and at its future Courthouse Wash site which is within a mile of where the OST crossed the Colorado, proposes to develop an OST Discovery Center to interpret the trail for hiking, biking and equestrian users.



Dan O'Laurie Museum



Above: Examples of Old Spanish NHT materials that could be provided to the museum.



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Moab Information Center



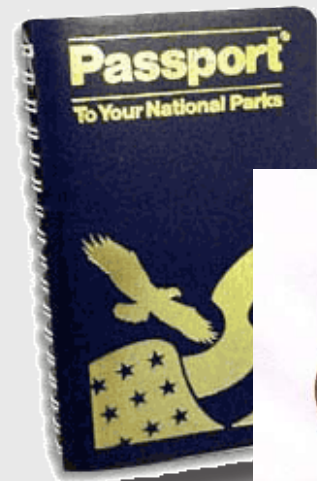
Development Opportunities:

Located on the corner of Main and Center Streets in Moab, the Moab Information Center is an

excellent place to provide information for visitors who are looking to explore the Old Spanish NHT.

Suggested Actions for Implementation:

- Continue to provide Old Spanish NHT materials to the center as they are developed



Above: Examples of Old Spanish NHT materials that could be provided to the information center



Moab Information Center



Pipe Dream Trailhead(s) and Trail



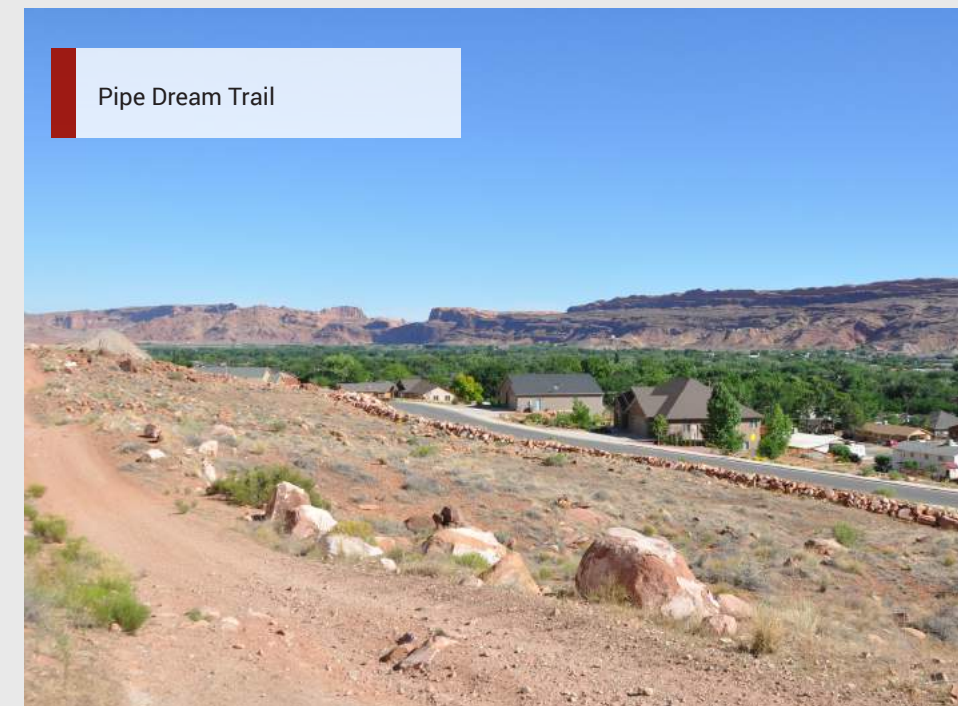
Development Opportunities:

The Pipe Dream trail is an existing network of trails southwest of downtown Moab, this trail could potentially be a connecting trail to historic sites and recreation trails associated with the Old Spanish NHT. This area

would be an excellent place for hikers and bikers to learn about the Old Spanish NHT. The opportunity exists to mark the trail as Old Spanish NHT, which would provide a non-motorized Old Spanish NHT retracement trail experience for visitors in the city of Moab.

Suggested Actions for Implementation:

- Develop a pedestrian sign plan
- Order and install pedestrian signage
- Plan for and fabricate orientation panel(s) to be placed at Pipe Dream trailhead(s).



Pipe Dream Trail



Above: Old Spanish NHT Carsonite sticker and post, which could be used to mark the Old Spanish NHT along this section of trail





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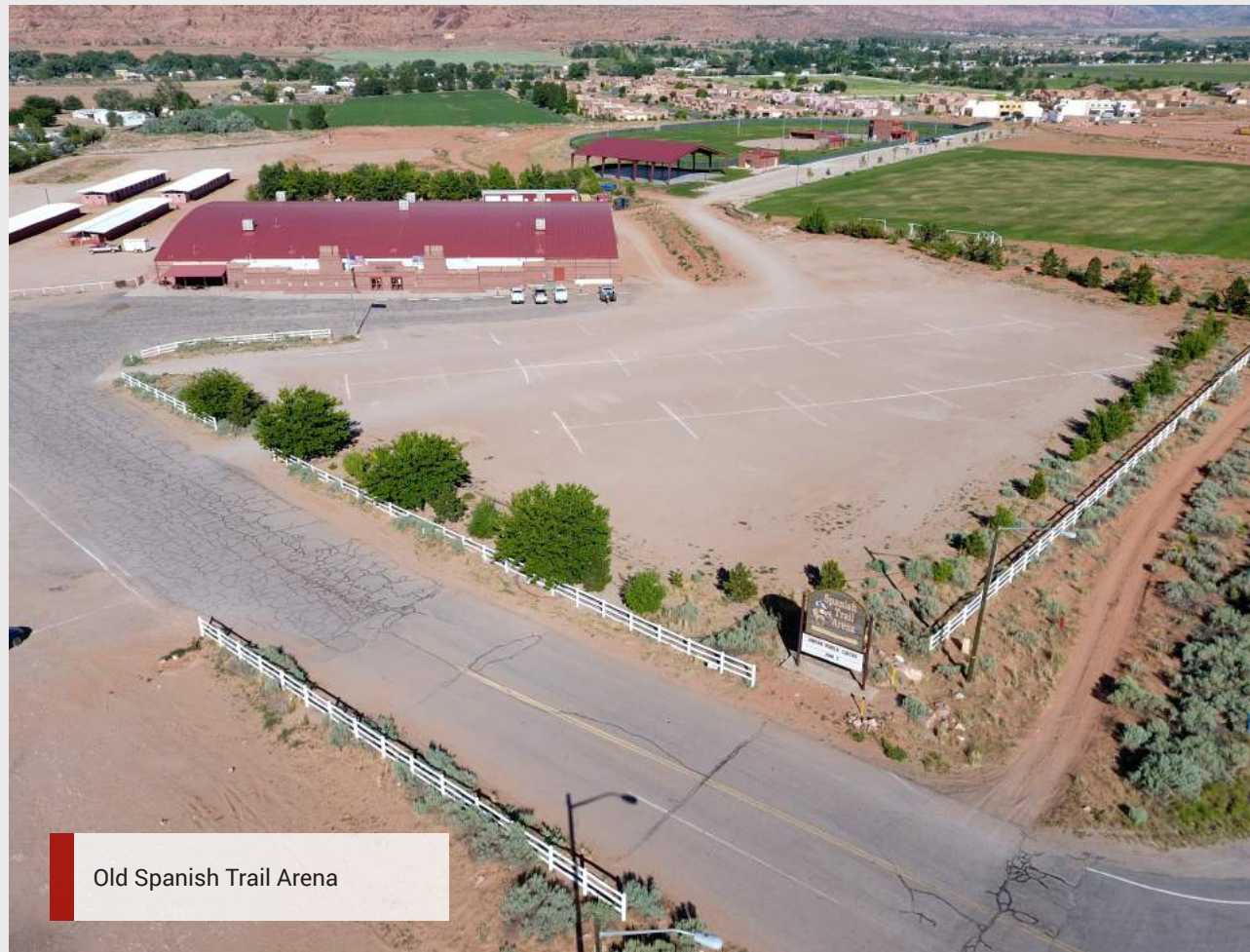
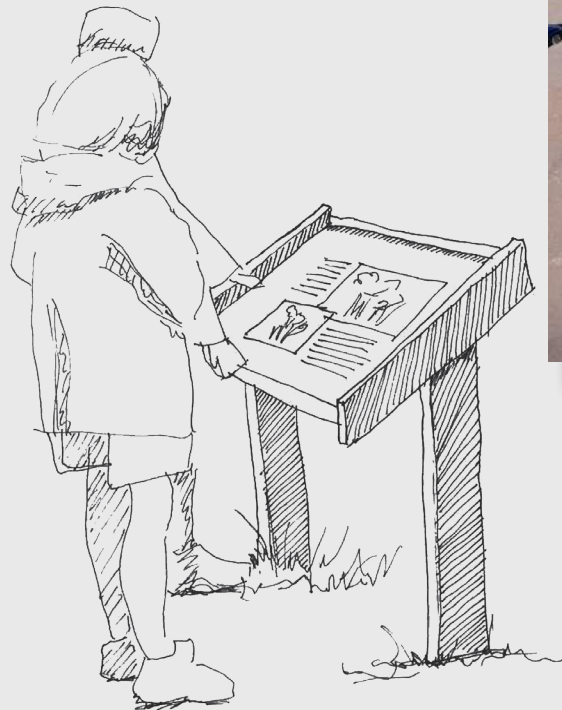
Spanish Trail Arena

Development Opportunities:

The Old Spanish Trail Arena is located off Highway 191, along the historic route of the Old Spanish NHT. Facilities currently offer overnight equestrian boarding and camping on site. This facility is an excellent location for trail interpretation. It also has the future potential to be used as a trailhead for equestrian groups looking to follow the Old Spanish NHT along the pack creek drainage.

Suggested Actions for Implementation:

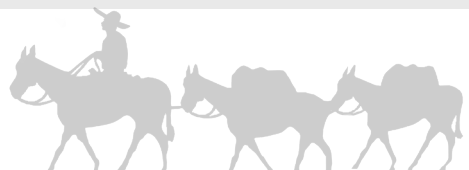
- Plan for and fabricate one interpretive exhibit to be placed within or outside the arena
- Mock-up and fabricate one custom Old Spanish NHT site identification sign panel to be placed below the current Spanish Trail Arena sign. See example to the right.
- Suggest negotiation and certification as possible the Old Spanish NHT certified interpretive facility



Old Spanish Trail Arena



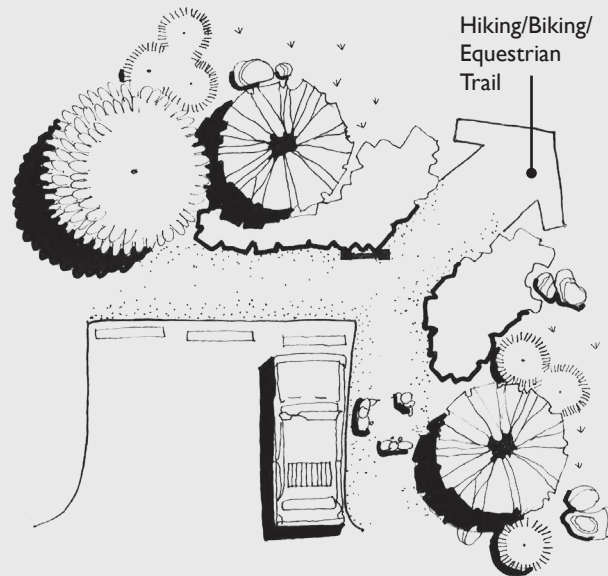
Current arena entrance sign with lower sign panel concept



APPENDIX

Typical Trail Elements and Alternatives

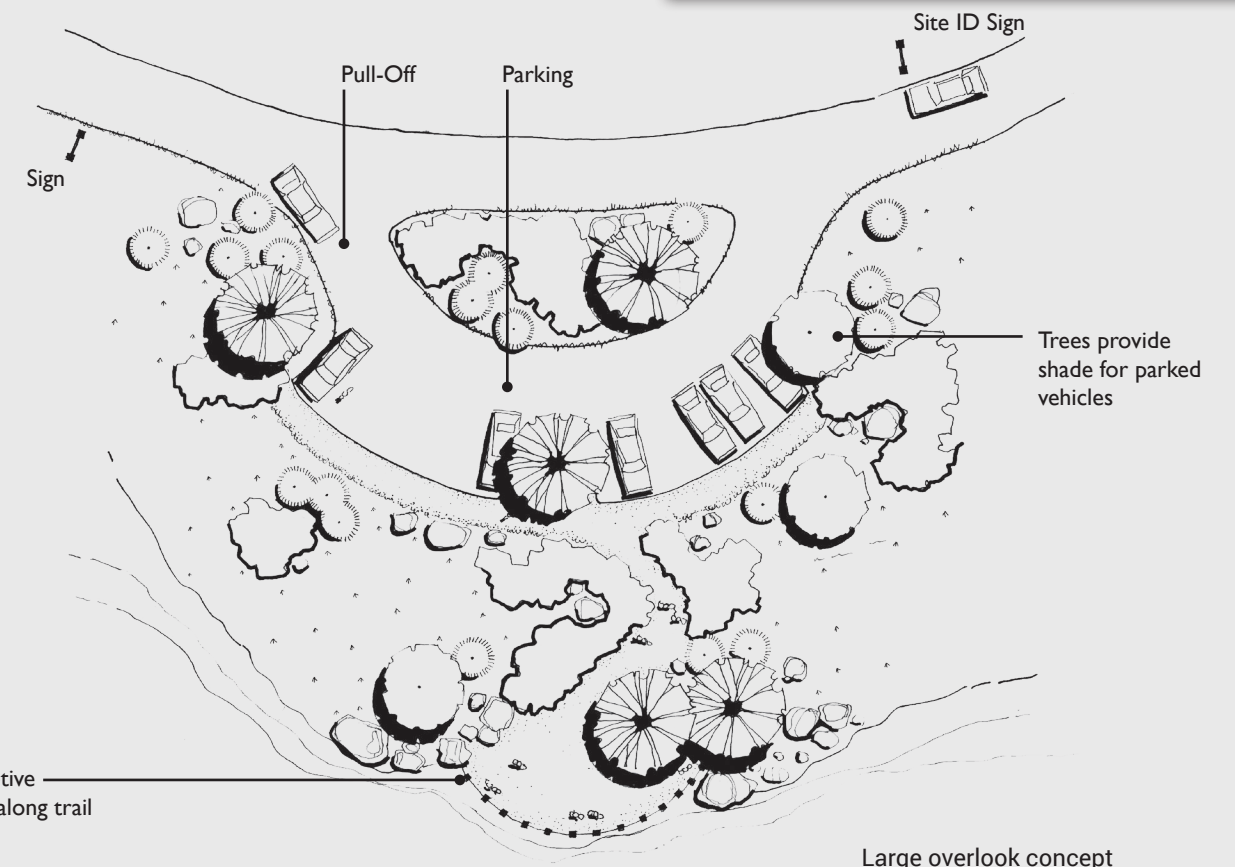
Trailheads



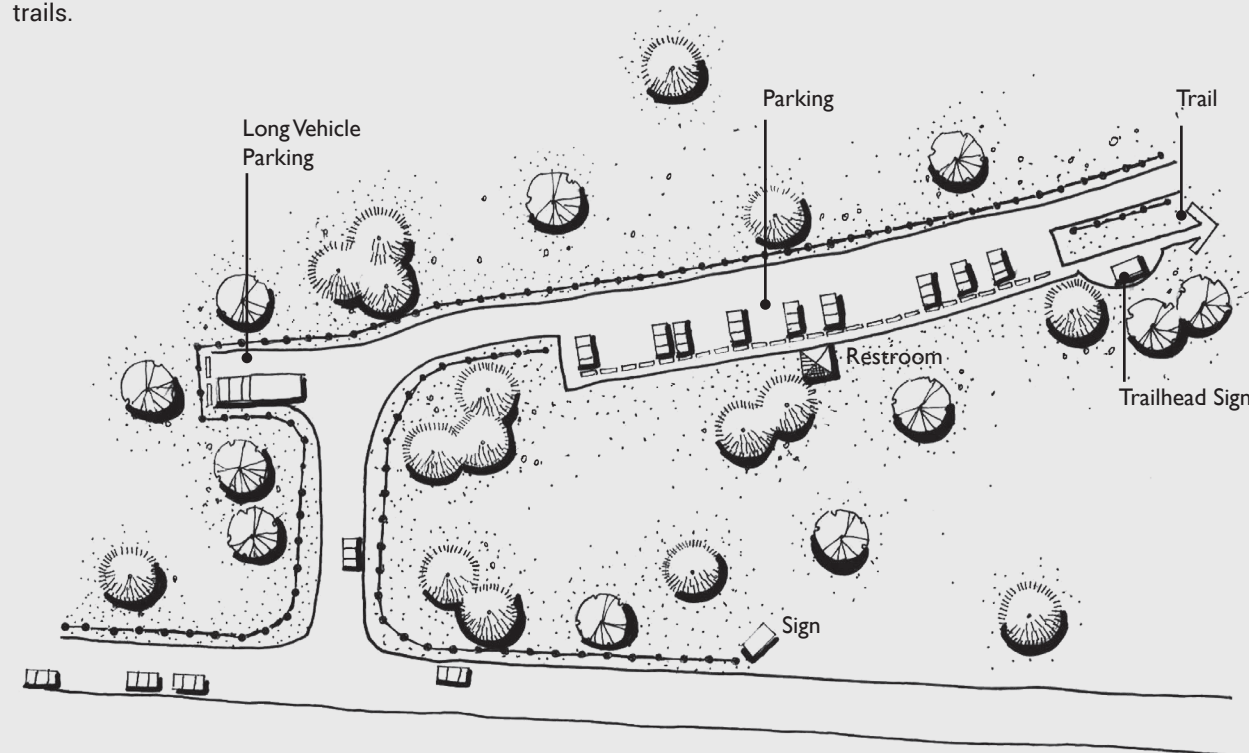
Waysides and Overlooks

Waysides and overlooks are areas along the trail where information and interpretation about the trail is provided. These spaces provide an opportunity to share the Old Spanish NHT's unique history with the public in the setting where the events took place. This will connect people to the experience of the Old Spanish NHT's original travelers.

Waysides/overlooks should be placed at locations that are easy to access from the main route of travel. They can be as simple as a parking spot and a sign, or they may be a day-use area that includes other elements such as restrooms, picnic tables, shade structures, etc.



Simple Trailhead concept appropriate for non-motorized trails.



Multi-Use Trailhead concept appropriate for Off Highway Vehicles, Hiking, Biking, Equestrian, etc. trails



Typical Trail Elements and Alternatives

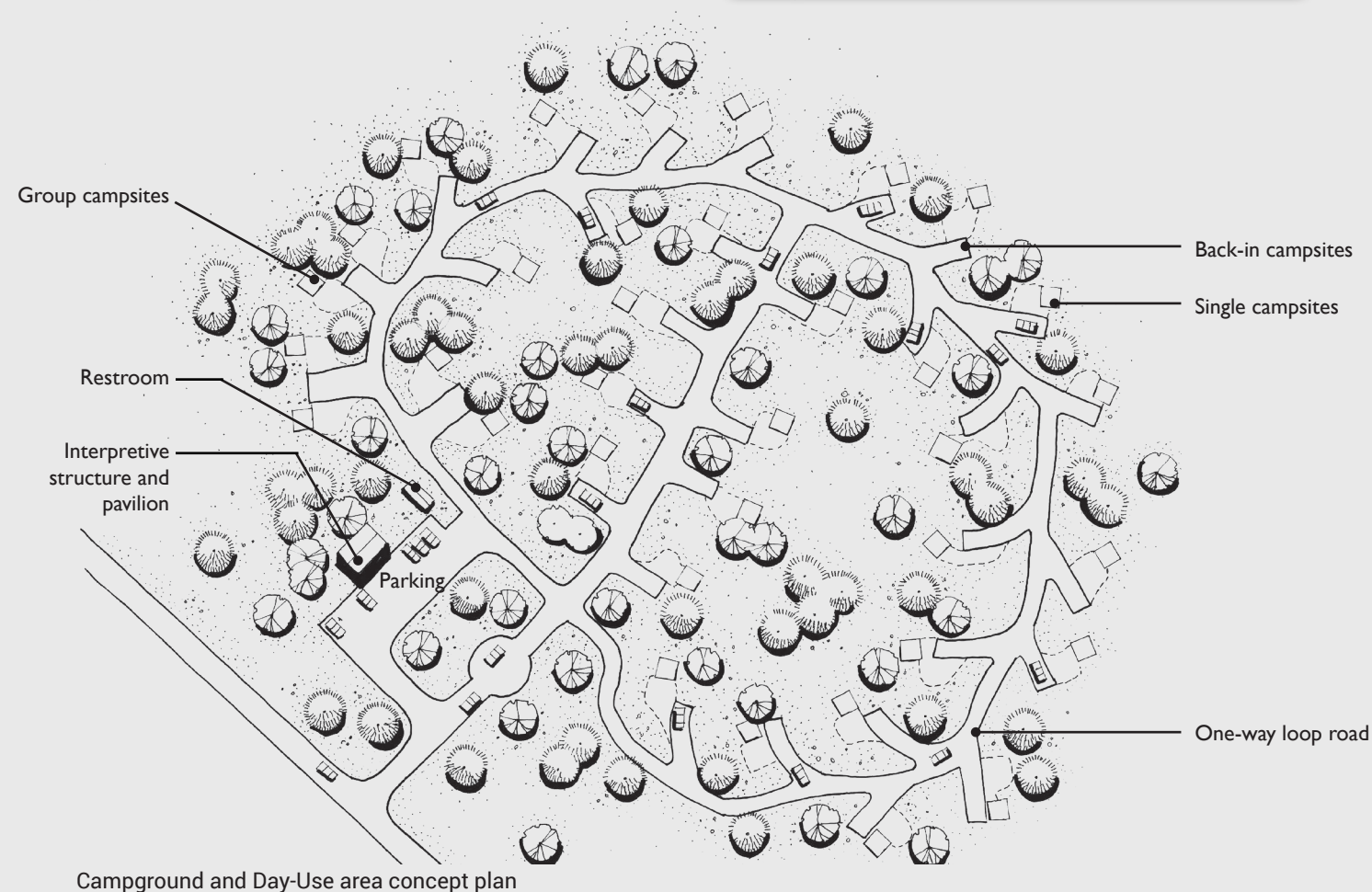
Campgrounds and Day Use Areas

Campgrounds provide the opportunity to stay at a location overnight. They may be very simple—a designated area without amenities—or more established, including benches, firepits, tent pads, water, restrooms, picnic tables, etc.

There are several locations along the Old Spanish NHT in Grand and San Juan counties where campgrounds could be established.



Horsethief Campground, Moab, Utah



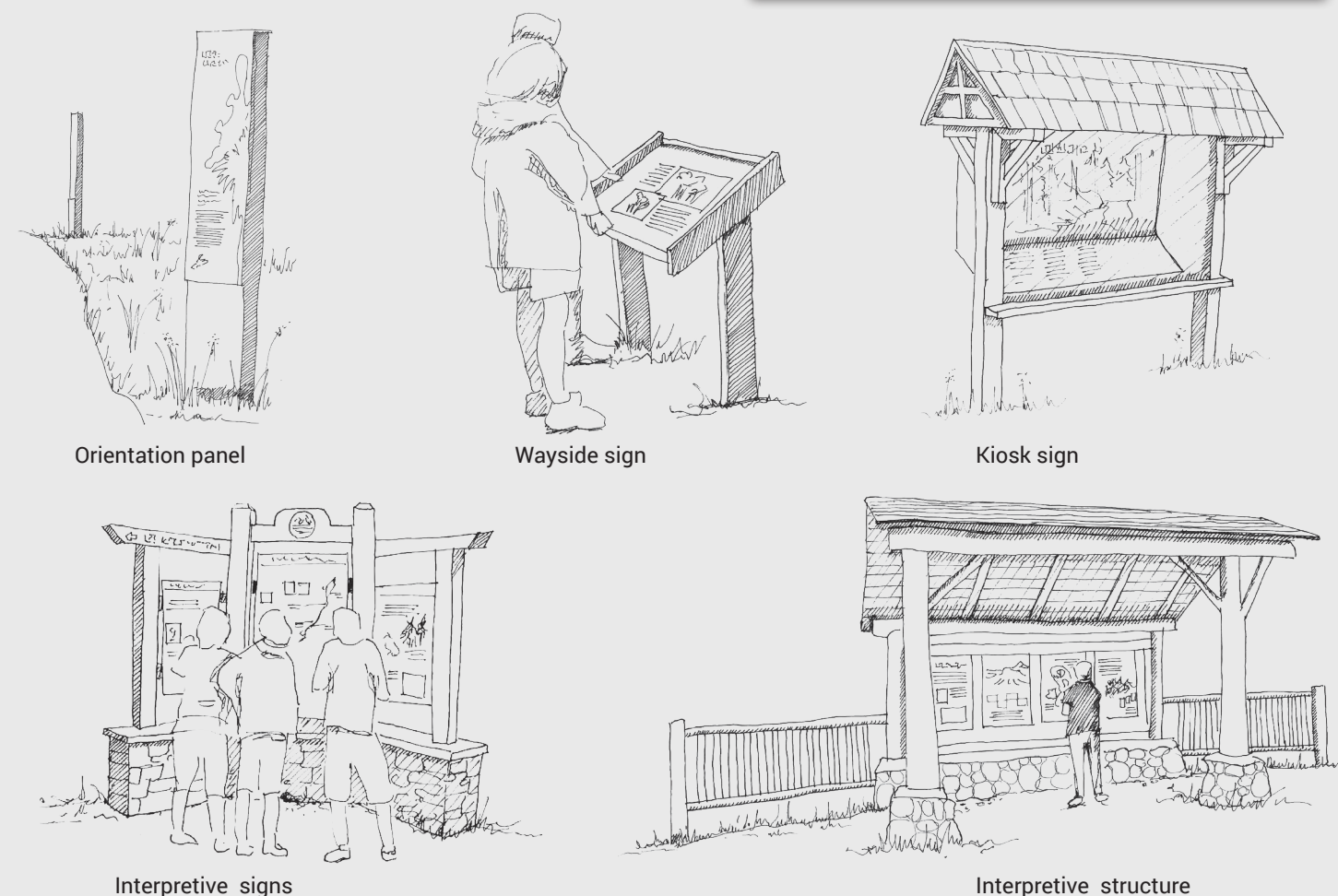
Kiosks and Interpretive Structures

Kiosks and interpretive structures provide the opportunity to educate people about the Old Spanish NHT's history and the landscape through which it passes.

The Old Spanish NHT has a unique history that creates many opportunities to bring the trail to life through interpretation and kiosks. Kiosks may be placed anywhere along the trail individually, or as features of trailheads, waysides, overlooks and campgrounds.



Highway 12, Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument, Utah





Typical Trail Elements and Alternatives

Visitor Centers and Museums



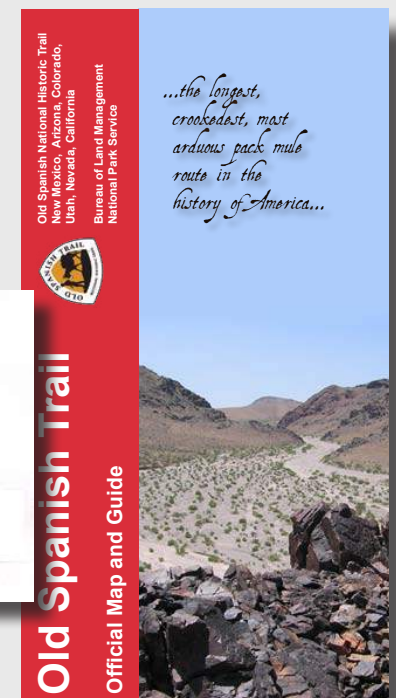
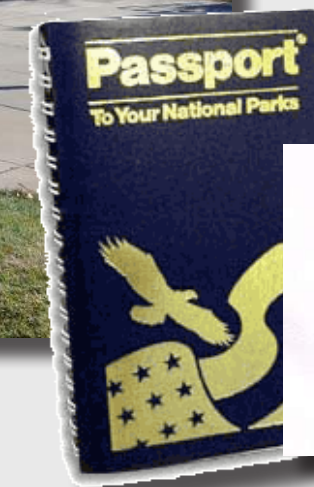
Dan O'Laurie Museum of Moab



Information Center Moab, Utah

Visitor Centers and Museums along the Old Spanish NHT in Grand County give travelers access to historic collections and detailed trail information.

In Grand County, the Dan O'Laurie Museum, the Moab Information Center, and Arches National Park Visitor Center could act as excellent information sources and travel hubs.



Above: Examples of Old Spanish NHT materials that could be provided to the information center





Trail Chart

Non-motorized Trails

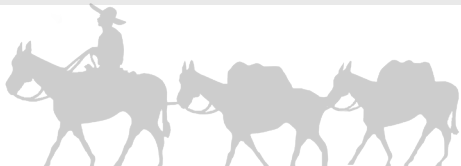
Name	Location	Distance	Description	Difficulty
Green River Equestrian Trail	Trailhead off of Highway 6&50	5.25 miles one way	The trail begins outside of Green River there are trail heads on the east and west side	Moderate
Green River Gap Trailhead	Trailhead off of BLM Road 225	1 mile one way	The trail begins off BLM Road 225 and continues to the gap in the rock formations	Easy
Kokopelli Trail	The trail starts east of Cisco	18 miles one way	The trail offers mountain biking, OHV, and hiking opportunities	Moderate
Moab Canyon Pathway	Trail begins at Lions Trail Hub Park and Highway 313 and 191 intersection	12.7 miles one way	The route follows Old Highway 191, which was converted into a paved, off-road trail	Easy to Moderate
Lion’s Tail Trail	Trail begins on northside of Colorado Riverway Pedestrian Bridge	1.5 miles one way	The trail follows the Colorado River before rising onto a red rock plateau	Easy to Moderate
Pipe Dream Trail	Trail access on Angel Rock Rd., Aspen Ave., and Jackson Street across Highway 191	4.8 miles one way	A hiking and biking trail system on the south edge of Moab	Moderate

Auto Tour Routes

Name	Location	Distance	Description	Difficulty
Highway 6 2WD Auto Tour Route	Route runs east of Green River and stops at Colorado state line.	69.5 miles one way	This auto route runs parallel to I-70	Easy
Highway 191 2WD Auto Tour Route	Route runs between Crescent Junction and Monticello	84 miles one way	This paved road route travels south from Crescent Junction through Grand County	Easy
Blue Hills 4WD Auto Route	Route runs between the Highway 191 intersection and Floy	22 miles one way	This dirt road route follows Blue Hills Rd., Power Lines Rd., and Ruby Ranch Rd.	Easy



Trail trace near proposed Green River Gap Trail





Old Spanish National Historic Trail

NHT Sign Families

Road Signs

Old Spanish National Historic Trail
Family of Road Signs

Historic Route Sign 36" x 48":
Marks the historic route of the national historic trail

Historic Route signs have the following lower panel options:

NEXT
XX MILES

SEGMENT
BEGINS

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To Historic Route 36" x 48":
Directs people to the historic route of the national historic trail

(Site Name Here) 36" x 48":
Directs people to sites associated with the national historic trail

Local Tour Route 36" x 48":
Directs people along a defined route to multiple historic trail sites

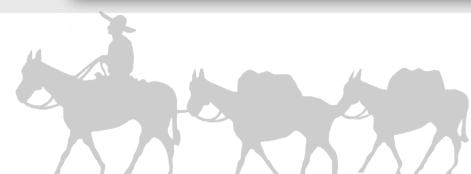
Crossing Sign 36" x 48":
Marks where the historic route of the national historic trail crosses a road

All above signs come with lower panel arrow options:

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Site ID Sign 72" x 42":
Marks a site associated with the national historic trail

Pictures of Installed Signs





Old Spanish National Historic Trail

NHT Sign Families

Pedestrian Signs

Old Spanish National Historic Trail
Family of Pedestrian Signs

Historic Route Sign 16" x 24":
Marks the historic route of the national historic trail

Trail Sign 16" x 24":
Marks trail that is in close proximity and/or connects to the national historic trail, but is not on the actual historic route

(Site Name Here) 16" x 24":
Directs people to historic sites associated with the national historic trail

Historic Route signs have the following lower panel options:

← (Destination)
(Destination Line 2)
XXX miles

(Destination)
(Destination Line 2)
XXX miles →

Left: shows distance to the beginning and end of the trail from the location the sign is placed

SEGMENT BEGINS

SEGMENT ENDS

NEXT XX MILES

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Above signs come with lower panel arrow options:

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Crossing Sign 16" x 24":
Marks where the historic route of the national historic trail crosses a trail

Pedestrian Sign - Size Options

**16" W x 24" H
Aluminum sign**

**12" W x 12" H
Aluminum sign**

**3" W x variable H
Carsonite post
and sticker**

