

BROWNS CANYON SUSTAINABLE ALTERNATIVE

A COLLECTIVE VISION FOR BROWNS CANYON NATIONAL MONUMENT

WHAT IS THE SUSTAINABLE ALTERNATIVE?

The sustainable alternative is a community vision for the future management of Browns Canyon National Monument. The plan outlines recommendations for how the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and United States Forest Service (USFS) can better protect monument “objects,” wildlife, public access and other benefits the monument provides. It is being drafted by Chaffee County residents, local organizations and businesses, and public lands experts who are familiar with the monument and its surrounding communities.



BACKGROUND

Browns Canyon National Monument protects 9,792 acres of BLM land and 11,811 acres of USFS land. The Sustainable Alternative outlines how best to manage these lands to protect access for visitors and wildlife alike.

The BLM and USFS have begun a formal planning process to define the future of Browns Canyon’s management, a plan that will inform everything from rockhounding and vehicle use to wildlife management and recreation opportunities.

During the planning process, BLM will consider the Sustainable Alternative as well as other public comments. The Sustainable Alternative will ensure local partners and community members have a seat at the table when BLM develops the official Resource Management Plan. Their voices will define a clear vision for the future of the national monument and ensure it is well-managed and protected for future generations.

Anyone who wishes to submit comments during the public comment period is encouraged to do so no later than June 20 using the interactive mapping tool at <http://arcg.is/1yuDDD>.

WHY SUPPORT THE SUSTAINABLE ALTERNATIVE?

- Protect, conserve and enhance ecological values in the area.
- Maintain access for visitors.
- Protect cultural resources.
- Support local and regional economies.
- Ensure local stakeholders have a voice.
- Protect wildlife.

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