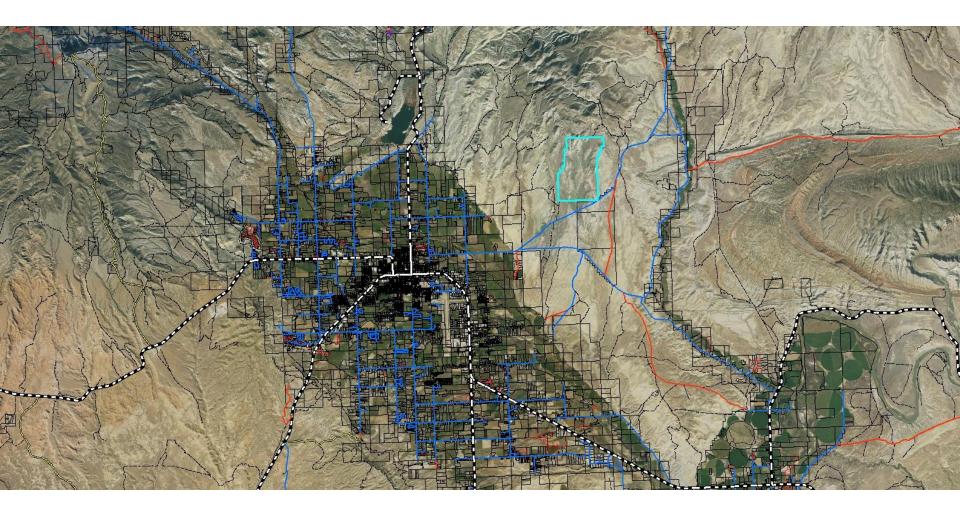
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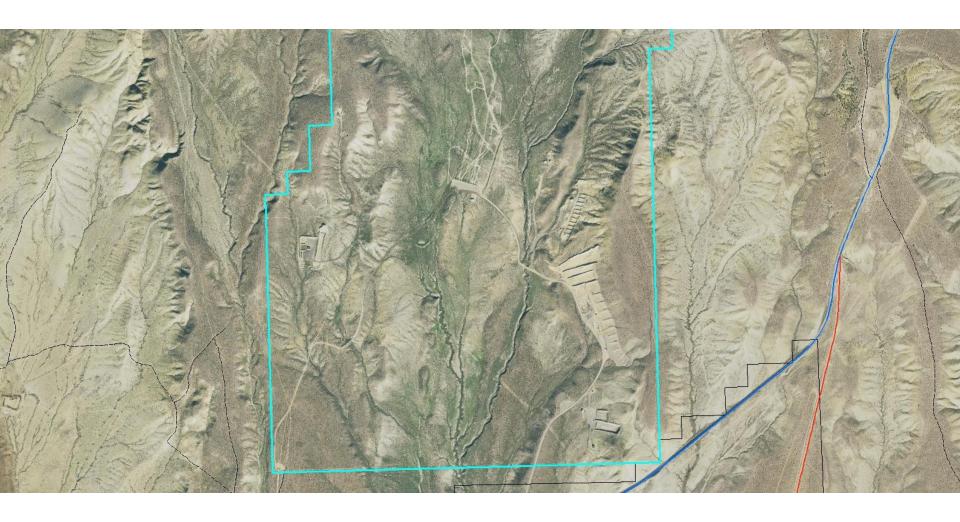
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Uintah County Gun Range

- 1,100 Acres
- Multiple different ranges, for different types of shooting
- Property given to Uintah County by the BLM
- There has been a lot of private investment / donations







Benefits of Having a Public Gun Range

- Fire safety during dry periods
- Help to teach people proper gun safety
- Keeps people from using firearms in other areas
- Some health benefits
- Hosting events and tournaments

The Act authorizes the sale or lease of public lands for recreational or public purposes to state and local governments and to qualified nonprofit organizations.





- The act applies to all public lands identified for disposal within existing land use plans.
- Any State, State agency or political subdivision of a state may purchase for recreation purposes up to 6,400 acres annually
- Permanent conveyances of land for recreation or historical monument purposes are made without charge.





Patents issued under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act convey a restricted title

- Nondiscrimination clauses
- No transfer of property
- Must be used for purposes for which it was obtained
- BLM can take the property back

Responsibilities after Patent is Issued:



- Periodic review by BLM
- Must follow approved plan for uses and development
- Can charge reasonable fees for use
- BLM must consent to transfer of property

What is the process?

- Make application to BLM
- BLM reviews the application
- BLM approves or denies the application



Development Overview



- County received the property in 2005
- There was an initial investment and improvements made
- Fell into disrepair
- Local groups got involved
- Manager for the property was hired in 2019
- Money allocated annually for upkeep and development













Future Development



- Working with volunteers to continue development of the property
- Private funds are important
- Ongoing funding by the County
- Keep local groups involved
- Dealing with ongoing issues
- More events

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