

# Golden Gate Canyon State Park

2023 MANAGEMENT PLAN

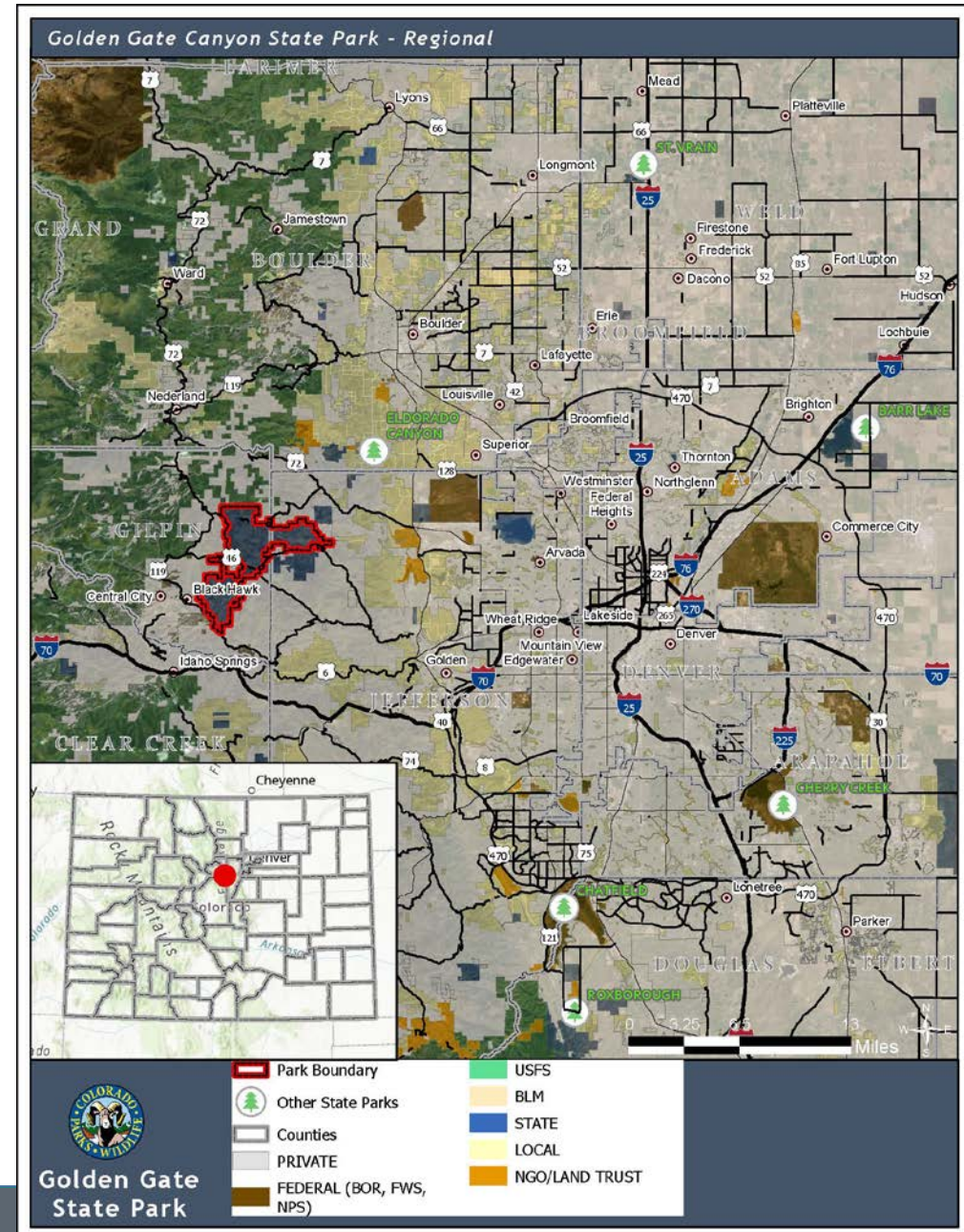


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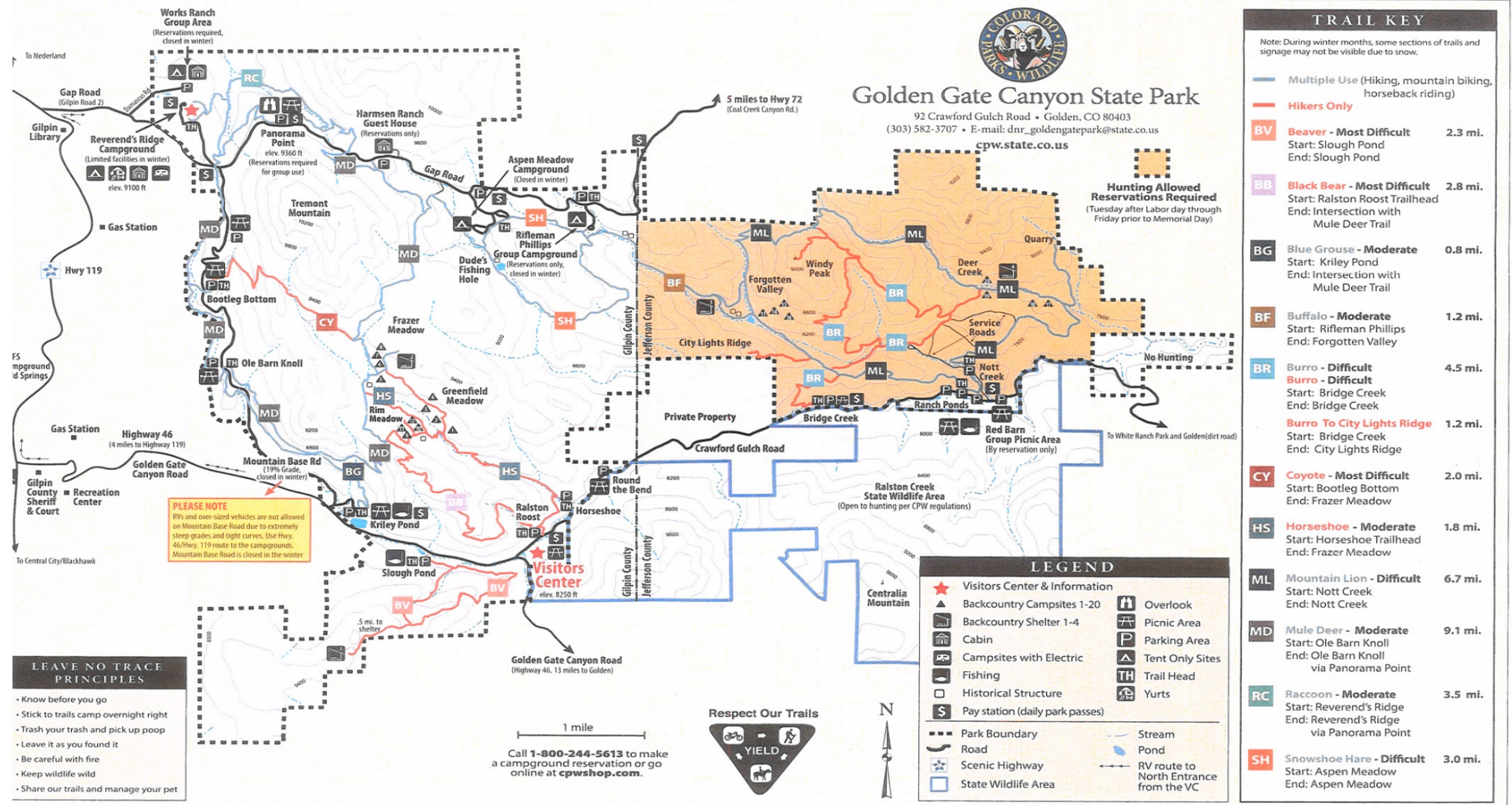
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# GGCSP Regional Vicinity map





# Park Map



# Golden Gate Canyon State Park

- Overview:
  - 30 miles from Denver
    - Remote for your experience, but also limited housing and resources
  - Over 12,000 acres – 3<sup>rd</sup> Largest State Park
  - 4<sup>th</sup> in visitation – Lake Pueblo, Cherry Creek & Chatfield

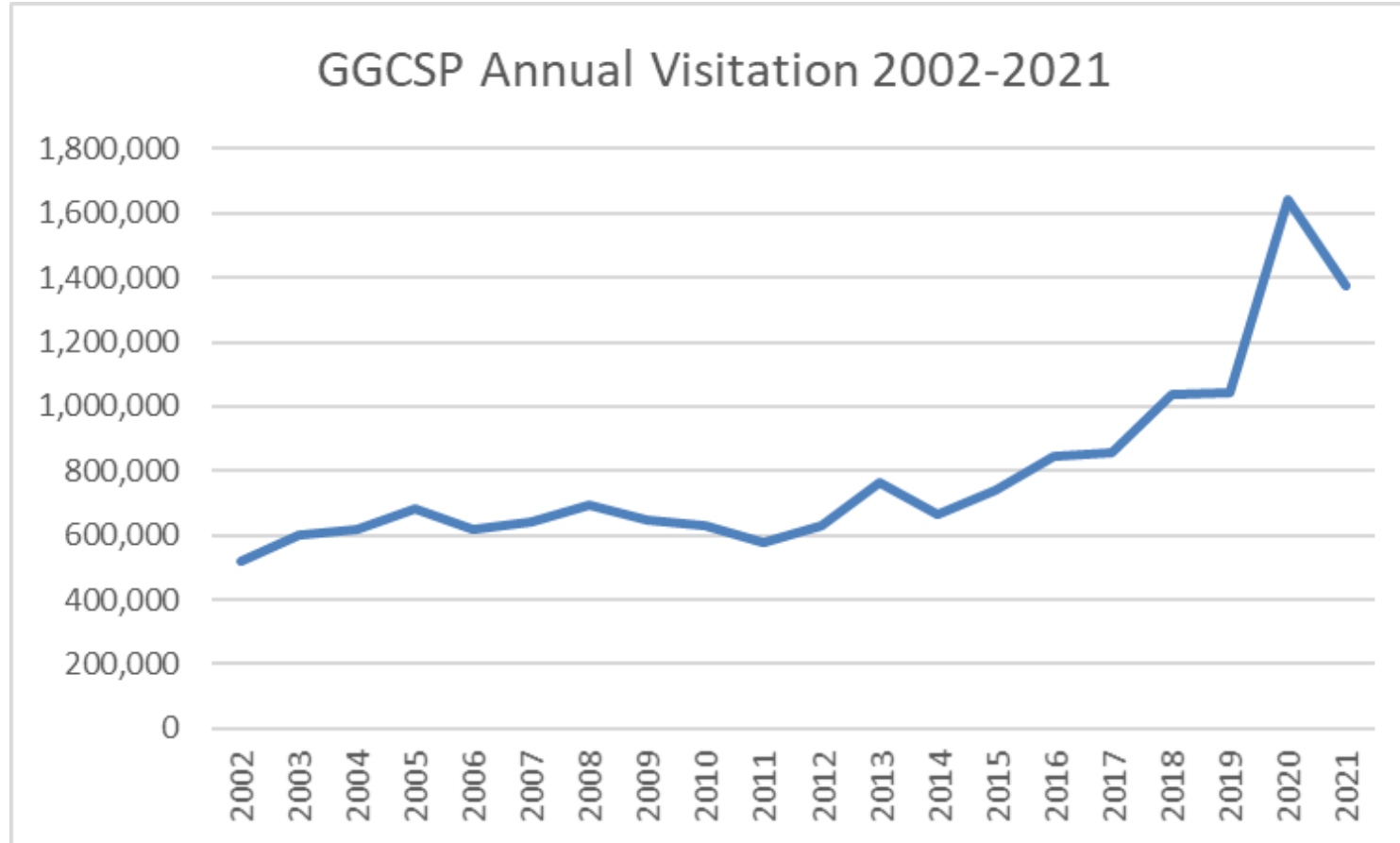


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- 1.3 Million visitors last year
  - Leaf Peeping season
- 35 Miles of trails
  - 18 Multiple use / 17 Hiking only
- Closest park to Denver that offers Big Game hunting
  - GMU 38
- No entrance gates – State Highway and County roads run through the park

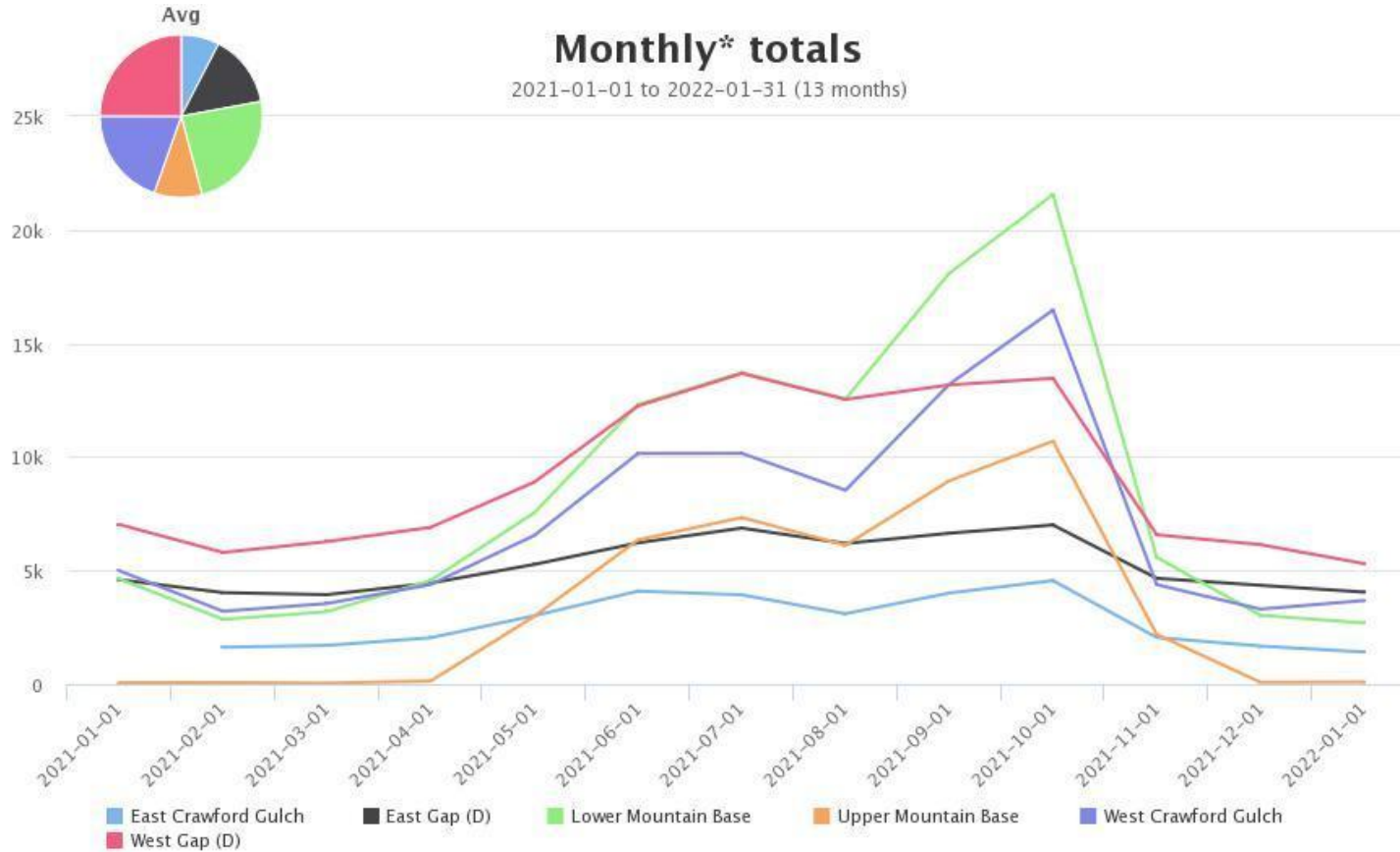


# Visitation



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# “Leaf Peeping” visitation



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# Leaf Peeping Behavior



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# Purpose of having a plan

- Last management plan was approved in 1997
- Framework for setting priorities and managing park resources
- Creation of management zone mapping
- Identify enhancement opportunities while maintaining resource protection



# Where to Start?

- Strategic Plan Goals
- Input from Stakeholders as well as Internal/External Customers
- Natural Resource Plans
- Visitor Satisfaction Survey – 2019/2020 – “What do you want your park to look like?”



# Goals of the plan:

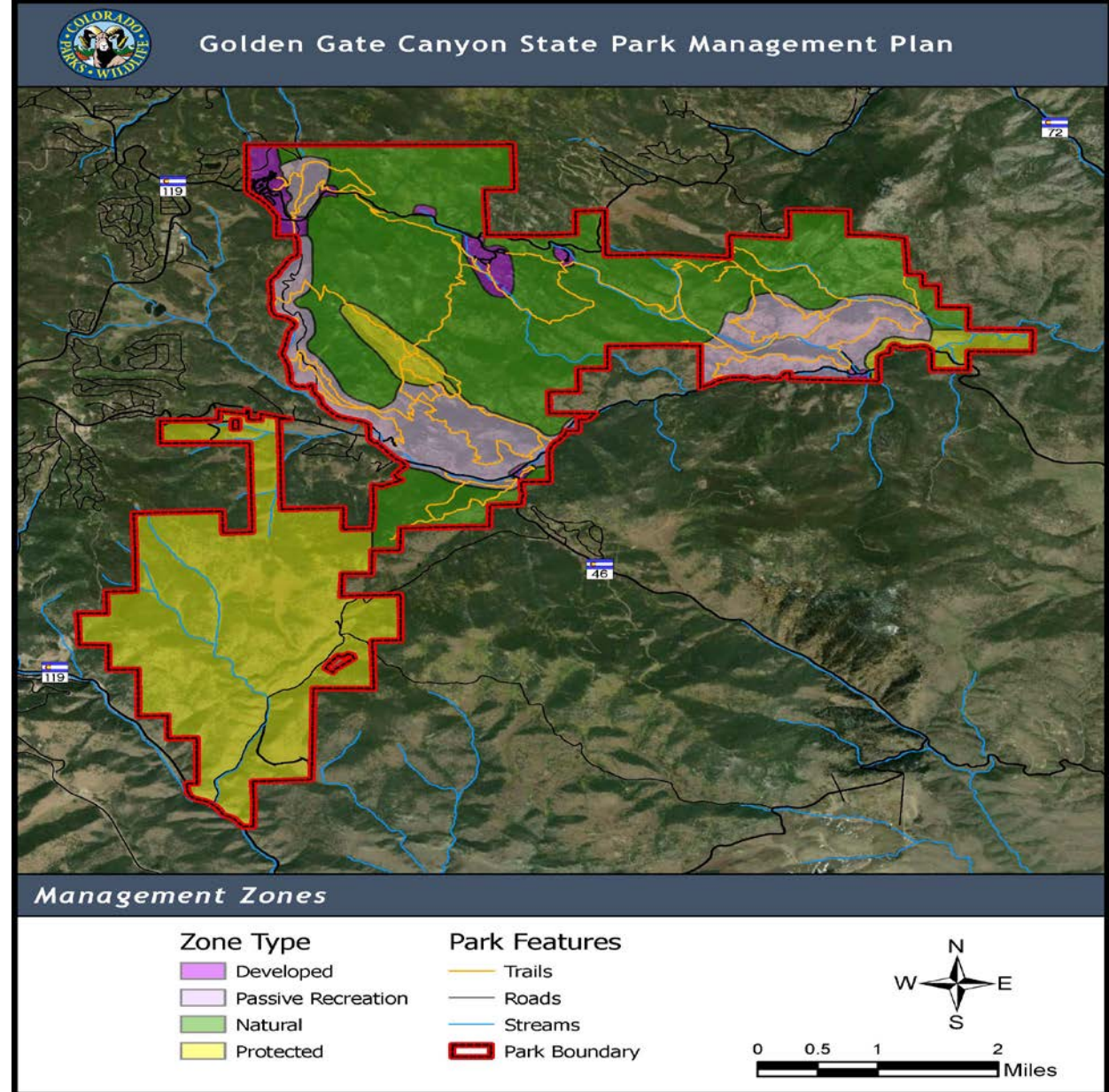
- Continue to provide exceptional recreational opportunities close to Denver
- Guide our efforts and resources to exceed expectations – trail experiences
- Protect the resource while managing increased visitation/expectations.
- Create and maintain an inclusive environment.



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# Management Zone Map



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# Recent/Current Projects

- Upgrade of restrooms to CXT's - 4 in 2023
  - Replaced 6 in 2021
  - Phase III will replace the final 2 in 2024
  - Total of 19 CXT's throughout the park and 2 Backcountry units
- ADA Fishing Pier at Kriley Pond -
  - Currently participating in an ADA assessment to identify and correct any issues.



# New ADA Fishing Pier @ Kriley Pond

- Most popular fishing area in the park
- Easily accessible off Hwy 46
- Increased size of pier
- Modern structural standards





# Deck Replacement at the VC

- This deck is 27 years old
- Replacing with low maintenance material
- Modern structural standards



# Projects cont'd

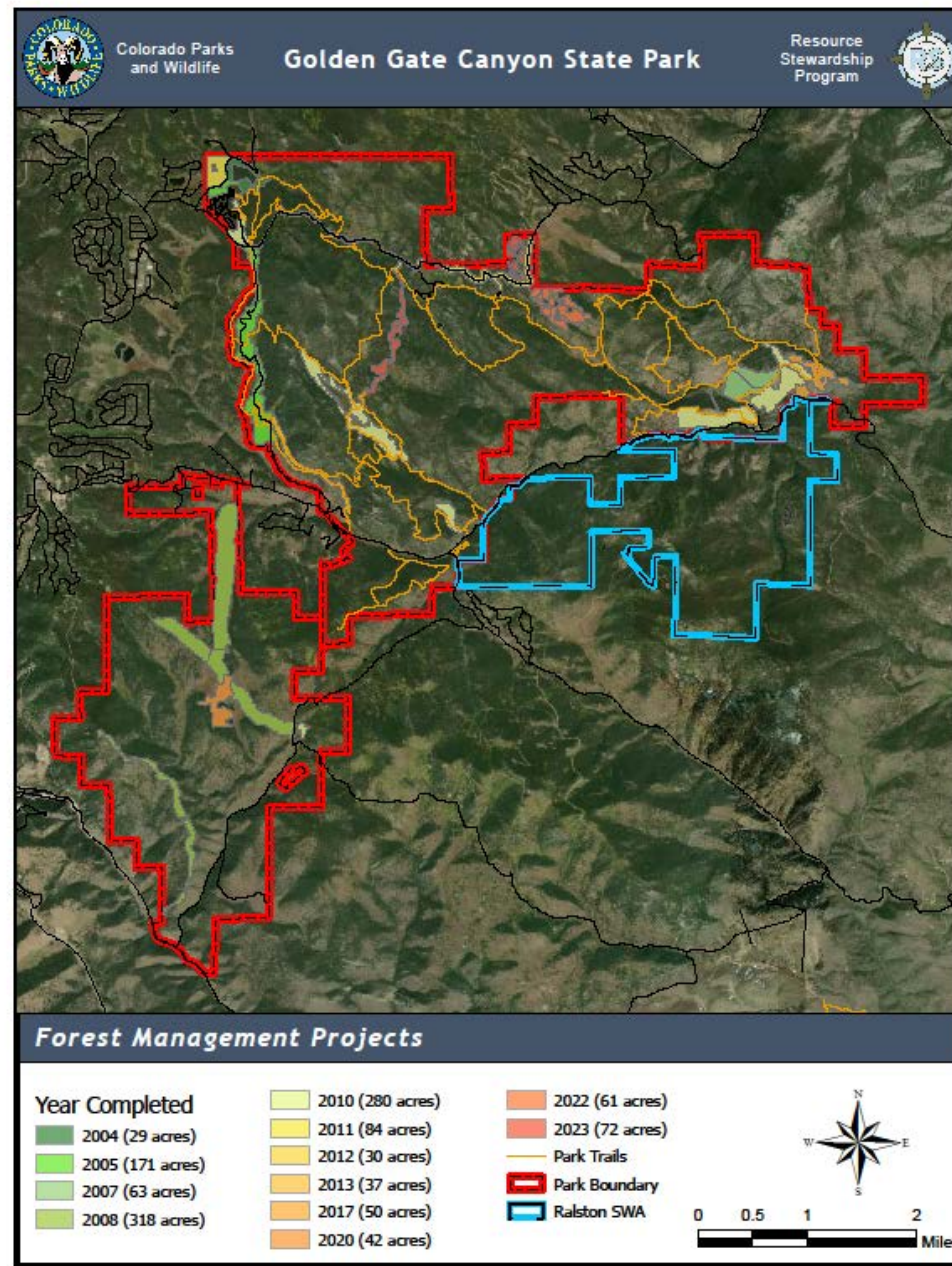
- Water augmentation plan - 7 ponds across park - water rights
- Wastewater treatment plant to serve campground - EVT fields
- Fuel Mitigation projects:





# Fuel Mitigation

- 1250 Acres
- \$1.7M
- \$755k - CSFS
- CPW - \$1M





# 2022

- 61 Acres
- Meant to imitate fire activity
- Creates fuel breaks
- Improves wildlife habitat and forest health
- [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hasSX2tLdkW-6yGQKZBv\\_uM11FgErwPR/view?usp=share\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hasSX2tLdkW-6yGQKZBv_uM11FgErwPR/view?usp=share_link)



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# Public Engagement

- Visitor Satisfaction Survey 2019-2020
- On-line Survey
- Hunter surveys 2019-2020 – prior to HRS Implementation
- Trail users survey in 2021



# Next Steps

- Continued Public Comment - until April 15, 2023
- CPW Commission comments
- Final Draft and approval in 2023
- Don't shelf it, implement and refer to plan as needed





Questions/Comments?



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