



CANYONLANDS NATIONAL PARK

The city of Moab has become a thriving hub for travel and adventure tourism thanks to the popularity of Utah's National Parks, the area's extensive outdoor recreation opportunities and successful marketing efforts. In 2018, national park tourism was a billion-dollar industry for the state.

Preserving an immense desert wilderness sculpted by the Green and Colorado Rivers, Canyonlands National Park features hundreds of colorful canyons, mesas, buttes, fins, arches and spires. This landscape draws visitors from across the world to hike among the breathtaking rock formations.

Canyonlands and nearby Arches National Park have turned the neighboring city of Moab into a thriving destination hub for tourists. Combined, these parks welcomed more than 2.4 million visitors in 2018 who spent \$246 million in nearby communities, supported 3,725 local jobs and produced \$317 million in cumulative benefit to the local economy.¹

Recent advances in drilling technology have brought renewed industry attention to aging oil and gas fields in southern Utah. Lease sales, drilling, light and air pollution, industrial traffic and climate change all pose

real threats to the parks and visitor experience of this one-of-a-kind landscape found nowhere else on earth.

This administration halted an ongoing, stakeholder-driven process to create a Master Leasing Plan in the San Rafael Desert covering over 500,000 acres north of Canyonlands and Glen Canyon National Recreation Area. This effort would have provided protections to the Horseshoe Canyon unit of Canyonlands, which contains some of the oldest and most important rock art in North America.

The plan also would have protected the Orange Cliffs of Glen Canyon National Recreation Area and sections of the Colorado River. Without a Master Leasing Plan, this land is now available for oil and gas leasing. In 2018, the administration offered 200,000 acres for lease within this region, threatening numerous resources within the park along with many of the outdoor recreation-driven businesses in the region.

RESOURCES THREATENED

AIR QUALITY

VISITOR EXPERIENCE

OUTDOOR RECREATION
ECONOMY

NIGHT SKIES

BY THE NUMBERS

0 Number of days Utah BLM allowed the public to review environmental analysis in 2018 for leases covering 134,000 acres near the park

\$2

The price paid per acre by oil and gas companies for more than 40 parcels near Canyonlands

\$1,000,000,000

The amount of money national parks contributed to Utah's economy in 2018

¹ National Park Service, "Visitor Spending Effects — Economic Contributions of National Park Visitor Spending," 2018, <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/socialscience/vse.htm>

