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SCOPING NOTICE

PARADOX TRAIL RE-ROUTE

The Bureau of Land Management, Uncompahgre Field Office (BLM), is seeking public comment regarding a proposal by Montrose West Recreation to re-route the Paradox Trail on the west side of the Uncompahgre Plateau. The Paradox Trail links the Tabeguache Trail on the Uncompahgre Plateau and Kokopelli's Trail in the La Sal Mountains of Utah. The Paradox Trail traverses over 100 miles through a wide variety of terrain, elevation and ecological zones. Most of its length follows existing jeep and county roads, as well as some single-track trail. It travels near or through numerous towns including Nucla, Uravan, and Paradox. Volunteers have been working with the BLM for the past two years to relocate a portion of trail that currently exists on private land. The project area is located on BLM lands in Montrose County within the following approximate legal locations:

T 47N, R 15W, Portions of Sections 26, 27, 28, 29, 32, 33 and 35

The BLM is preparing an environmental assessment to analyze construction of approximately 4 miles of new single-track trail (maximum width of 36") and one small trailhead (approximately ½ acre in size). The purpose of this trail project is to present and analyze a reroute of the Paradox Trail to address trespass issues, encroachment of motorized and mechanized trails into the Tabeguache Area, and proliferation of user-created routes.

The BLM has determined that this proposed action must be evaluated under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to assess the potential impacts to human health and the environment. The BLM is soliciting your comments on this proposal to help identify issues, concerns or alternatives that should be addressed as part of the environmental analysis and decision making process.

Written comments may be submitted by mail, e-mail, or fax. Please be specific in describing your concerns, recommendations, or how the proposal may affect you. It would be especially helpful if you would make note of any areas of concern on the attached map and mail or fax it with your comments. This letter, including the maps, is also available online at http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/BLM_Information/nepa/ufo.html.

Please send comments concerning this proposal no later than March 28, 2011, so we can incorporate them into our planning process as early as possible. Send written comments to:

Julie Jackson, Outdoor Recreation Planner
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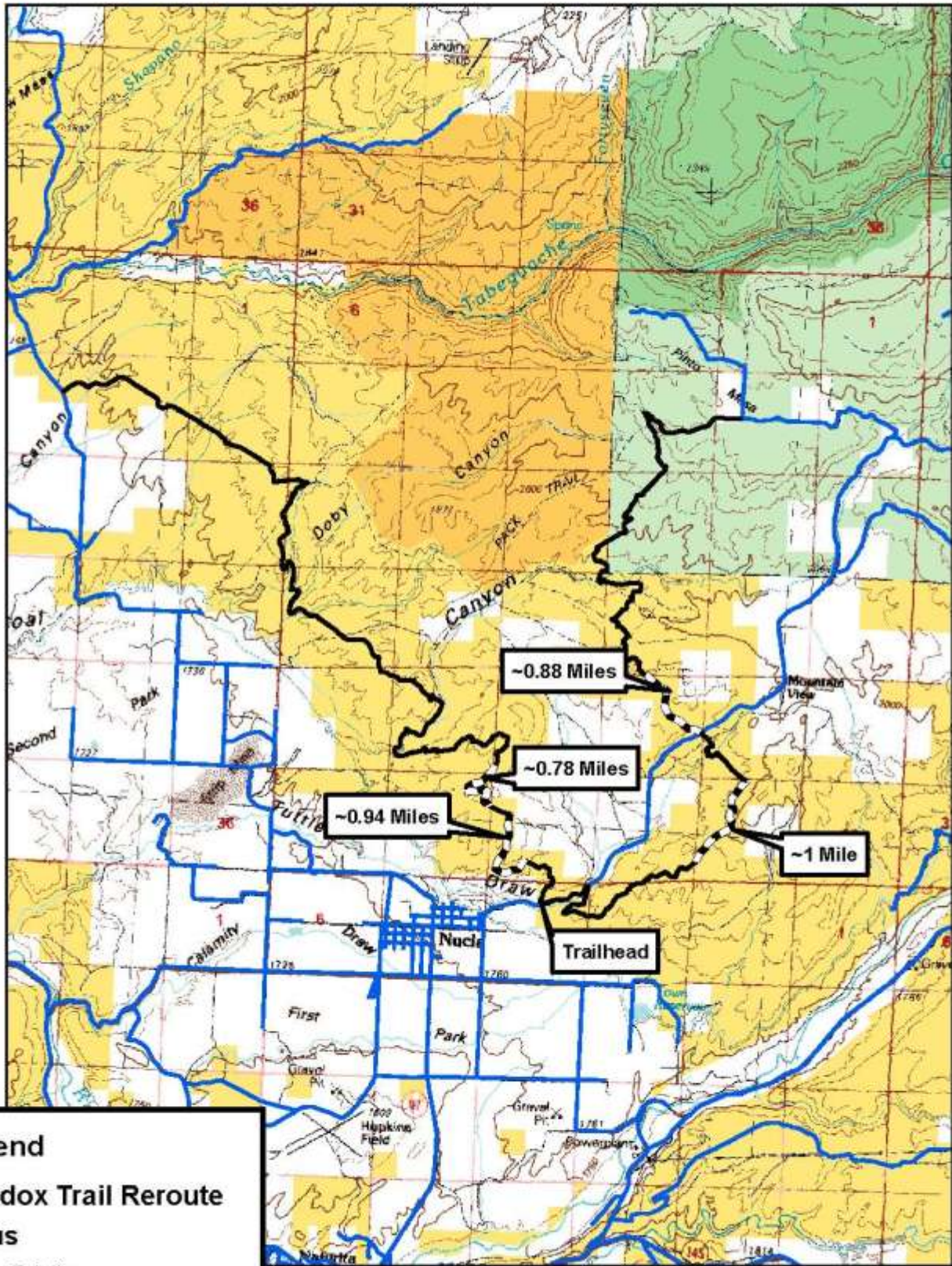
Email: Julie_Jackson@blm.gov
Fax: (970) 240-5368

Please note that comments and information submitted regarding this project, including email addresses and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review and disclosure. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name, e-mail address, or street address from public view or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by the law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives of officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Sincerely,

Barbara Sharrow
Field Manager

Paradox Trail Reroute



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Paradox Trail Reroute Status

- Existing
- - - Proposed
- Montrose County Roads

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