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BLM releases preliminary route information for public, stakeholder review

KANAB, Utah — The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) published preliminary route information for the 182,760-acre Trail Canyon Travel Management Area, in Kane County, Utah today.

Per the 2017 settlement agreement, the following preliminary route evaluation data will be published, (1) a Travel Management Plan Scoping Report, including an appendix with copies of all public and stakeholder correspondence received to date, unless prohibited by law; (2) preliminary alternative maps; (3) preliminary route evaluation reports; and (4) a baseline monitoring report.

“Much of this process includes evaluating and designating optimal routes for a travel-route network that meets the BLM’s multiple-use mandate. As such, this can be a complex and controversial process,” **said Kanab Field Manager Whit Bunting**. “We really appreciate the time and effort people spent providing comments during the scoping period, and we encourage continued public involvement as we enter into the next phase of this travel management planning process.”

The next step in this planning process will include publication of a preliminary Trail Canyon Travel Management Plan Environmental Assessment, followed by a 30-day public comment period.

“I start each day with a morning bike ride, hike or trail run, and I have a deep love for Utah’s public lands,” **said Paria River District Manager Harry Barber**. “As a part of this community, I have a vested interest in how we manage roads and trails here on the Paria River District, how we continue to meet the diverse needs of the American public and how we carry on a transparent and collaborative relationship with our partners.

The public can review the Trail Canyon preliminary route evaluation data on the BLM’s ePlanning website via NEPA # DOI-BLM-UT-P020-2021-0002-EA or by visiting <https://go.usa.gov/xAUX6>.

For more information about travel management, please visit BLM Utah’s Travel Management website at www.blm.gov/travel-and-transportation/utah. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the hearing impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 to leave a message or question. The FRS is available 24-hours a day, seven days a week. Replies provided during normal business hours.

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