

PUBLIC SCOPING PACKAGE  
for a  
LIVESTOCK GRAZING AUTHORIZATION  
on the  
Freedom Hill Allotment, #00074,  
Fay Canyon Allotment, #00079,  
and Lynch Canyon Allotment, #00083

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## **INTRODUCTION**

This Public Scoping Package describes a Proposed Action and Alternatives that the BLM may undertake in order to re-authorize a livestock grazing permit for 10 years on the Freedom Hill, Fay Canyon and Lynch Canyon grazing allotments (See Map 1 in the Appendix). It serves to provide the public with the necessary information to provide constructive comments on the proposed permit reauthorization. This document illustrates the purpose and need for action, captures the management concerns, and presents the proposed actions under consideration as they relate to the management of the grazing allotments. Substantive comments on these actions will be considered as BLM prepares a site-specific analysis of potential impacts that could result with the implementation of any of the alternatives and will assist the BLM in project planning and ensuring compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and compliance with other laws and policies affecting the alternatives.

### **Background**

The grazing permit to be re-authorized (GR0401201) encompasses grazing use on the three grazing areas or grazing allotments described below:

**The Freedom Hill allotment, #00074**, is located south of the communities of South Lake and Weldon, approximately 10 miles east of Lake Isabella, California. The allotment is currently described as encompassing 5,133 acres<sup>1</sup> of public lands supporting approximately 540 Animal Unit Months (AUMs<sup>2</sup>), and is located in T26S, R34E, Sections 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35 in Kern County, California (See Appendix for proposed legal description and Maps 1 and 2).

The elevation range on the allotment is between 2,800 and 6,000 feet. Vegetation communities are a mix of annual grasslands, blue oak/grey pine woodland, and pinyon/juniper with yucca, rabbitbrush, sagebrush and buckwheat. The allotment lies just south and east of the community of South Lake and south and west of Weldon, specifically the Tradewinds, Bella Vista, Hillview Acres, and Lakeview Ranchos developments. The southern boundary of the allotment abuts the Piute Mountains portion of the Sequoia National Forest. Recreationists commonly utilize the routes in the Long Canyon area of the allotment. Vehicle use in the lower elevations in the northern portion of the allotment is causing impacts to soils and vegetation and is disrupting livestock operations there.

**The Fay Canyon allotment, #00079**, is located north of Weldon in Fay Canyon and its eastern slopes, approximately 20 miles east of Lake Isabella, California. The allotment is currently described as encompassing 575 acres<sup>3</sup> of public lands supporting approximately 64 Animal Unit Months (AUMs), and is located in T25S, R34E, Section 36 and T26S, R34E, Sections 1, 2, and 12 in Kern County, California (See Appendix for proposed legal description and Maps 1 and 4).

Elevation range on the allotment is between 2,800 and 4,200 feet. Vegetation communities are a mix of annual grasslands, and blue oak/ grey pine woodland, with buckwheat, ephedra, and buckbrush components. Less than 1/8 mile of a water canal and less than 20 acre flooding area crosses the NE1/4NE1/4NE1/4 of section 12.

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1 2014 Bakersfield RMP lists 2,278 acres in allotment #00074, but that figure is unsupported in the record.

2 An AUM is the amount of forage needed to sustain a 1,000-pound cow, or the equivalent, for one month.

3 2014 Bakersfield RMP lists 361 acres in allotment #00079, but that figure is unsupported in the record.

The allotment contains a portion of the Domeland Wilderness Area (NLCS000151)(See Map 6 in Appendix).

**The Lynch Canyon allotment, #00083**, is located along the ridgeline between the communities of Mountain Mesa and South Lake, approximately 6 miles east of Lake Isabella, California. The allotment is currently described as encompassing 1,040 acres<sup>4</sup> of public lands supporting approximately 64 Animal Unit Months (AUMs), and is located in T26S, R33E, Section 36 and T26S, R34E, Section 31 and T27S, R33E, Section 1 in Kern County, California (See Appendix for proposed legal description and Maps 1 and 5).

Elevation range on the allotment is between 3,000 and 5,000 feet. Vegetation communities are a mix of annual grasslands, blue oak/ grey pine woodland, and pinyon/juniper with yucca, rabbitbrush, sagebrush and buckwheat.

Current Authorized Use

Allotment	Number of Livestock	Kind	From	To	% PL	AUMs
Freedom Hill	216	Cattle	March 1	May 15	100	540
Fay Canyon	32	Cattle	March 1	April 30	100	64
Lynch Canyon	32	Cattle	March 1	April 30	100	64

Permit/Lease History:

The prior grazing permit on the allotments (0401201) expired 2/28/2013 and was renewed without NEPA review under the authority of Section 415, H.R.2055 (Consolidated Appropriation Act, 2012). Prior NEPA review was conducted in 2001 (CA160-2001-0106-EA).

**Purpose and Need for the Action**

The purpose of the action is to fully process the term grazing permit on the included grazing allotment(s) in accordance with all applicable laws, regulations, and policies and in accordance with Title 43 CFR § 4130.2(a) which states, “Grazing permits or leases shall be issued to qualified applicants to authorize use on the public lands and other lands under the administration of the Bureau of Land Management that are designated as available for livestock grazing through land use plans.”

The decision to be made is to determine the conditions and limitations necessary to issue a grazing permit that will comply with the BLM’s statutory obligations as outlined in 43 CFR § 4130.2 (a),

the provisions of the Taylor Grazing Act (43 U.S.C., Sec. 315) which was enacted “to stop injury to the public grazing lands by preventing overgrazing and soil deterioration; to provide for their orderly use, improvement, and development; to stabilize the livestock industry dependent upon the public range; and for other purposes”,

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<sup>4</sup> 2014 Bakersfield RMP lists 510 acres in allotment #00083, but that figure is unsupported in the record. DOI-BLM-CA-C060-2013-0167-EA

the provisions of the Public Rangelands Improvement Act (43 U.S.C. 1901) which was enacted “to improve the range conditions of the public rangelands”,

the multiple use mandate specified in the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) (43 U.S.C., 1711) which was enacted “to establish public land policy; to establish guidelines for its administration; to provide for the management, protection, development, and enhancement of the public lands; and for other purposes”,

and will conform to the federal regulations for grazing administration at 43 CFR § 4100, including the fundamentals of Rangeland Health (43 CFR § 4180).

The action is needed to issue this grazing permit with terms and conditions for grazing use that would meet, or make significant progress towards meeting the Standards for Rangeland Health, Resource Management Plan, and other pertinent multiple use objectives for the included allotments. It is also needed to address issues with the travel management network as it relates to grazing use on the allotments.

### **Public Involvement**

Providing the public an opportunity to comment on this project is important due to the proximity of the allotments to communities and neighborhoods and the interest expressed in this area. This document presents all the information regarding the grazing allotments and the BLM’s proposed actions and alternatives. The public scoping period will run from the posting of this document until midnight on December 18th. During this time the public is encouraged to review this document and provide written feedback for the consideration of the BLM in order to correct or revise information contained in this document, the proposed alternatives, or address an alternative not previously considered. Written comments received should identify specific items of the document at question and propose a specific modification. Upon conclusion of the public scoping period any comments received will be reviewed and modifications to the document and proposed alternatives made if necessary.

### **Tiering to Existing Land Use Plan/Environmental Impact Statement**

The Bakersfield Resource Management Plan (RMP), approved December 2014, designated public lands as available or unavailable for livestock grazing (Bakersfield RMP, page 41) and established programmatic management prescriptions including regional rangeland health standards and guidelines for grazing management (Bakersfield RMP, pages 42-52). The Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) of August 2012 presented and analyzed the Proposed Plan (Alternative B) and three other action alternatives as well as the No Action alternative. One of these alternatives (Alternative D) would have terminated livestock grazing on the allotments in the Bakersfield Field Office. The public lands within these three grazing allotments have been designated as available for livestock grazing. This decision and the FEIS’ analysis of the impacts to continue or terminate livestock grazing on these allotments will be incorporated into the EA by reference.

### **Prevention of Unnecessary or Undue Degradation:**

In addition to the management prescriptions, including all terms and conditions, BLM may use its authority to close an area of the allotment to grazing use or take other measures to protect resources *at any time*, if needed. Therefore, issuance of a grazing permit or lease with

appropriate terms and conditions is consistent with BLM's responsibility to manage the public's use, occupancy, and development of the public lands and prevent unnecessary or undue degradation of the lands. (43 USC 1732(b)).

### **Relationship to Statutes, Regulations, and Plans:**

#### Clean Air Act

Provisions of the Federal Clean Air Act (CAA) that apply to BLM actions include the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS), attainment/non-attainment area designations, the development of state implementation plans (SIPs), and general conformity. The BLM is responsible for protecting air quality through its permitting actions and required by the Clean Air Act (CAA) to ensure that federal actions conform to air quality plans. Under the CAA Section 176(c), as amended (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.), and 40 CFR part 93 subpart W, a Federal agency must make a determination that a Federal action conforms to the applicable SIP before the action is taken. CAA general conformity rules are applicable if the allotment(s) occur within Federal designated non-attainment and /or maintenance areas.

The Bakersfield PRMP/FEIS analyzed the potential effects of emissions from rangeland livestock grazing and noted that most existing emissions inventories do not contain data on emissions from range livestock grazing, since grazing is not considered a substantial source for criteria pollutant emissions (Bakersfield PRMP/FEIS p. 396). Analysis of the alternatives presented in the Bakersfield PRMP/FEIS indicates that the total direct and indirect emissions from BLM management and activities would be less than de minimis levels; therefore no formal conformity determination is required (Bakersfield PRMP/FEIS p.400).

#### Clean Water Act

The BLM and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) share a common interest in maintaining, protecting, and improving water quality (surface and ground water). Consistent with Section 319 of the CWA, as amended, the SWRCB Nonpoint Source Pollution (NPS) program recognizes the BLM as an agency with the capability to implement Best Management Practices/Management Measures/Non-Point Source Measures (BMP/MM/NPSM) to control nonpoint source pollution. Through a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the BLM and SWRCB for planning and coordination of nonpoint source water quality policies and activities, the BLM agrees to incorporate BMP/MM/NPSM into permitted land uses, when necessary, to protect or maintain water quality.

#### Endangered Species Act

The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) requires federal agencies to complete formal consultation with the Fish and Wildlife Service for any action that "may affect" federally listed species or critical habitat. The ESA also requires federal agencies to use their authorities to carry out programs for the conservation of endangered and threatened species.

Formal consultation was completed on the Bakersfield RMP and a Programmatic Biological Opinion (08ESMF00-2012-F-0682) was issued on October 23, 2014. The Programmatic Biological Opinion concluded that the Bakersfield RMP, including the grazing program, was not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of a listed species or result in the destruction or adverse modification to critical habitat. The Fish and Wildlife Service came to this conclusion, DOI-BLM-CA-C060-2013-0167-EA

in part, because grazing prescriptions in the Bakersfield RMP include listed species requirements and livestock management guidelines that benefit, or reduce impacts to, listed species within specific leased areas. Livestock management guidelines include, but are not limited to, seasonal restrictions, stocking rate restrictions and grazing level restrictions. Under the Programmatic Biological Opinion, the issuance of grazing leases and permits, and the renewal of such authorizations, requires no additional consultation so long as the action complies with the Programmatic Biological Opinion.

All livestock grazing activities are subject to compliance with the Programmatic Biological Opinion. The issuance of grazing leases and permits, and the renewal of such authorizations, was addressed by the Programmatic Biological Opinion. No further consultation is required unless a re-initiation<sup>5</sup> clause is triggered. The terms and conditions of the grazing lease or permit include a requirement for compliance with the Programmatic Biological Opinion or any updates to the Programmatic Biological Opinion. Updates to the Programmatic Biological Opinion may include measures to achieve recovery plan objectives or measures to address newly listed species or designated critical habitat. Under the Bakersfield RMP, if a species were to become listed, a grazing prescription that takes into account species specific requirements would be applied.

Projects and other grazing related activities may require an additional project specific consultation if BLM determines that the project “may affect” listed species or critical habitat. Projects or activities that BLM determines are not likely to adversely affect listed species may require informal consultation to obtain written concurrence from the Fish and Wildlife Service. Projects or activities that result in adverse effects may be appended to the Programmatic Biological Opinion using the procedures for formal consultation.

#### Master MOU between BLM and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (applicable for State listed Species)

Some allotments may also provide habitat for State listed fish, wildlife, and plant species. In a Master MOU between BLM and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department), BLM agrees to notify the Department of all projects involving impacts to, or manipulation of, State-listed rare and endangered fish, wildlife and plants and to obtain State recommendations for the project-specific management of such populations. The grazing prescriptions contained in the Bakersfield RMP were designed to be compatible with State listed species and other State Species of Special Concern. The resulting grazing prescriptions were reviewed by the Department as part of the Bakersfield RMP. BLM staff maintains close contact with individual unit biologists so that any new concerns can be addressed.

#### National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) requires agencies to make a reasonable and good faith effort to identify historic properties that may be affected by an agency’s undertakings and take those effects into account in making decisions. The BLM

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<sup>5</sup>Reinitiation of consultation is required when discretionary Federal action has been retained and if: 1) the amount or extent of incidental take is exceeded; 2) new information reveals effects of the agency action that may affect listed species or critical habitat in a manner or to an extent not considered in the original opinion; 3) the agency action is subsequently modified in a manner that causes an effect to the listed species or critical habitat not considered in the original opinion; or 4) a new species is listed or critical habitat designated that may be affected by the action.

process for implementing this NHPA requirement is set forth in the *State Protocol Agreement Among the California State Director of the Bureau of Land Management and the California State Preservation Officer and the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer... (CA Protocol 2014)*.

This agreement, along with the 2004 amendment with Supplemental Procedures for Livestock Grazing Lease Renewals, allows for the renewal of existing grazing permits prior to completing all NHPA compliance needs as long as the State Protocol direction, the BLM 8100 Series Manual Guidelines, and specific amendment direction for planning, inventory methodology, tribal and interested party consultation, evaluation, effect, treatment, and monitoring stipulations are followed.

### Wilderness

For allotments within, or containing portions of congressionally designated Wilderness areas, grazing use within the Wilderness must be consistent with the management direction found in BLM Manual 6340 – Management of Designated Wilderness Areas as it pertains to livestock grazing management. Specifically, this policy prohibits the authorization of livestock grazing in areas not grazed prior to the congressional designation of the Wilderness area. Furthermore, where livestock grazing is authorized it conditions such practice as to avoid the use of motorized and mechanized equipment – as evaluated on a case-by-case basis, and to encourage the use of natural materials in the maintenance of existing livestock management developments; whilst still allowing new developments provided they are for the purpose of enhancing the protection of wilderness character.

The Wilderness Act of 1964 Public Law 88-577 (16 U.S. C. 113-1136) specifically provides for grazing of livestock, where established prior to September 3, 1964, shall be permitted to continue subject to such reasonable regulations as are deemed necessary by the Secretary of Agriculture in the "special provisions" of the Act (16 U.S.C. (d)(4)(2)).

The California Desert Protection Act of 1994 that created the Domeland Wilderness specifically addressed livestock grazing in its Wilderness designations in Sec.103c, stating the following:

*LIVESTOCK.—within the wilderness areas designated under section 102, the grazing of livestock, where established prior to the date of enactment of this Act, shall be permitted to continue subject to such reasonable regulations, policies, and practices as the Secretary deems necessary, as long as such regulations, policies, and practices fully conform with and implement the intent of Congress regarding grazing in such areas as such intent is expressed in the Wilderness Act and section 101(f) of Public Law 101–628.*

BLM regulations regarding the administration of grazing in wilderness areas are contained in 43 CFR Parts 6300 and 8560 Wilderness Management; Final Rule (12/14/2000). Section 6304.25 of these rules state that a person may continue to graze livestock if she/he or their predecessors were exercising a BLM grazing permit or lease before Congress designated the area as wilderness. Grazing support facilities existing prior to wilderness designation may be maintained or reconstructed in accordance with management plans for the area. However, BLM will not authorize new support facilities for the purpose of increasing the number of livestock. The construction of new facilities must be solely "for the purpose of protection and improved management of wilderness resources." Similarly, BLM may authorize an increase in livestock numbers only if it can be demonstrated that "the additional use will not have an adverse impact on wilderness values."

Wilderness values and resources requiring protection are naturalness, untrammeledness, solitude, opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation, and other features of cultural, geological, or ecological value, including native plant communities and wildlife populations or habitat. (Section 2(c) of the Wilderness Act)

### **Plan Conformance:**

#### *Determination:*

The proposed action is in conformance with the Bakersfield Resource Management Plan (RMP), approved in December 2014, and the Central California Rangeland Health Standards and Guidelines for Livestock Grazing approved by the Secretary of the Interior on July 13, 2000, which were incorporated into the RMP.

#### *Rationale:*

The proposed action would occur in an area identified as available for livestock grazing in the Resource Management Plan (Map2.21).

#### *The key goals, objectives and decisions include:*

##### Goals

[LG-G-1] Manage livestock grazing authorizations in a manner that meets or exceeds the Standards for Rangeland Health and is consistent with other RMP goals.

[CTTM-G-1] Improve access to, and recreational opportunities on, public lands that complement the character of each geographic zone and the surrounding regions.

##### Objectives

[LG-O-1] Manage grazing authorizations to meet or exceed the Standards of Rangeland Health.

[LG-O-2] Provide for livestock grazing opportunities on lands in the grazing decision area in a manner that limits impacts on other resources and meets RMP goals.

[CTTM-O-1] Provide reasonable, safe, and environmentally sound access to visitors, local residents, licensed and permitted activities, and property owners through coordination and collaboration on travel systems with other agencies, state and local governments and interested stakeholders.

[CTTM-O-2] Reduce or halt proliferation of motorized and non-motorized routes.

[CTTM-O-4] Manage OHV use to protect environmental resources, promote public safety, and provide OHV use opportunities where appropriate. Administratively designate the specific areas on public lands on which the use of OHVs is, and is not permitted.

##### Decisions

[LG-D-5] Apply the appropriate Central California Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Management ([http://www.blm.gov/ca/pdfs/caso\\_pdfs/Cen-ROD.pdf](http://www.blm.gov/ca/pdfs/caso_pdfs/Cen-ROD.pdf)) to the applicable grazing authorizations as needed to meet the Central California Standards for Rangeland Health.

[LG-D-6] Apply the appropriate Bakersfield FO-specific guidelines for livestock grazing management to the applicable grazing authorizations within the grazing decision area.

[LG-D-7] Authorize livestock grazing at the initial implementation levels (RMP Table 2.3).

[CTTM-D-5] Apply and document the application of the following criteria in route designation including the criteria defined in 43 CFR 8342.1;

- (a) [Designated] trails shall be located in a manner to minimize impacts to physical resources (soils, watershed, vegetation, air, and other resources) and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability;
- (b) [Designated] trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats; and
- (c) [Designated] trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-road vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreation uses.
- (d) [Designated] areas and trails shall not be located in officially designated wilderness areas or primitive areas. Areas and trails shall be located in natural areas only if the authorized officer determines that off-road vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, aesthetic, scenic or other values for which the areas are established.

[CTTM-D-6] Consider, and document the application of, in addition to the previously identified criteria, the following in all route designations (including re-designations);

- (a) Environmental conditions, such as: soil stability, important wildlife habitat, special status species habitat, proximity to riparian areas or 303(d) streams, and visual resources.
- (b) User conflicts, such as: motorized versus non-motorized and motorized or mechanized versus non-mechanized. Such conflicts must be actual conflicts, rather than perceived conflicts, and appropriately documented.
- (c) Administrative purposes, such as: wildland fire suppression activities, safety, and resource management and permitted activities.
- (d) Public purposes, such as: accessing public or private land, destinations for specific activities, and types of desired use (motorized, mechanized, non-motorized, or non-mechanized).
- (e) Route, mode-of-transport and size limitations, such as: > 50-inch wheel base (full size vehicles), < 50-inch wheel base (all-terrain vehicles), single-track vehicles (motorcycles or mountain bikes), and equestrian or pedestrian only trails.

[CTTM-D-7] Apply and document the application of the following principles when making route designation modifications:

- (a) Require the opportunity for public involvement throughout the travel management process ;
- (b) Coordinate route designations with individual stakeholders, user groups, tribes, agencies and local governments;
- (c) Document and record route designation changes appropriately; and
- (d) Provide opportunity for public review and comment on route designation changes.

[CTTM-D-8] Implement the following guidelines for management and maintenance of the travel network:

- (a) Designate routes within newly acquired properties, rights-of-way, and easements at the time of, and in conjunction with, the acquisition;
- (b) Provide designations for newly constructed, modified, or realigned routes and routes missed by the 2009 Digital Inventory.
- (c) Designate routes associated with new authorizations in conjunction with the normal application process and approval. As existing authorizations are renewed, their designation may be altered accordingly. These redesignations would be documented in the associated

NEPA documentation, and amended in the route database and GIS. Information on new and redesignations will be available to the public;

(d) Address route redesignations as physical route conditions change (erosion, washout, etc.);

(e) Allow for the redesignation of routes as a result of specific requests, subject to site specific analysis (NEPA) and appropriate public involvement; and

(f) Encourage authorized users to evaluate their transportation network needs and submit a transportation plan to address those needs at an appropriate scale (e.g. Oil Field, lease, portion of lease, etc.).

**Rangeland Health**

The Standards for Rangeland Health in Central California are:

**Soils:** Soils exhibit functional biological and physical characteristics that are appropriate to soil type, climate and land form.

**Species:** Viable, healthy, productive, and diverse populations of native and desired species, including special status species (Federal T&E, Federal proposed, Federal candidates, BLM sensitive, or Calif. State T&E) are maintained or enhanced where appropriate.

**Riparian:** Riparian/wetland vegetation, structure and diversity, and stream channels and floodplains are functioning properly, and meeting regional and local management objectives.

**Water Quality:** Surface and groundwater complies with objectives of the Clean Water Act and other applicable water quality requirements, including meeting the California State standards.

The allotment meets the Secretary of the Interior Approved Rangeland Health Standards as follows:

**Freedom Hill, #00074**

Rangeland Health Standard	Meets Standard? (Yes or No)	If No, Impacts from Livestock? (Yes or No)	Remarks
Soils	Yes		
Species	Yes		
Riparian	Yes		
Water Quality	N/A		No surface water.

Assessment determination completed 04/08/1998 and again 6/6/2012.

**Fay Canyon, #00079**

Rangeland Health Standard	Meets Standard? (Yes or No)	If No, Impacts from Livestock? (Yes or No)	Remarks
Soils	Yes		
Species	Yes		

Riparian	N/A		Surface water controlled by canal and outside control of manager.
Water Quality	N/A		Same as above. No surface water present.

Assessment determination completed 08/15/2001 and again 6/20/2012.

**Lynch Canyon, #00083**

Rangeland Health Standard	Meets Standard? (Yes or No)	If No, Impacts from Livestock? (Yes or No)	Remarks
Soils	Yes		
Species	Yes		
Riparian	N/A		No riparian areas.
Water Quality	N/A		No surface water.

Assessment determination completed 12/02/1998 and again 6/7/2012.

## **PROPOSED ACTION AND ALTERNATIVES**

This section outlines the two potential alternatives that have been developed to address the management concerns while meeting the purpose of and need for action. These alternatives include: The Proposed Action and No Action, which would be a continuation of the existing livestock grazing management on the allotments.

### **Proposed Action**

The proposed action modifies the allowable season of use on all three allotments by extending them through May 31st. This extension allows the grazing use on the BLM allotments to correspond with the seasons of use on the related Forest Service grazing permits and allows flexibility to utilize spring forage as it becomes available. The proposed action updates the boundaries and acreage found in the allotments based on more accurate descriptions of the land involved and acquired acres (see Appendix for proposed legal descriptions and maps). The proposed action is to authorize livestock grazing on the Freedom Hill, Fay Canyon and Lynch Canyon allotments with the applicable provisions as discussed further in this section. The applicable terms and conditions, any proposed range improvements and/or route designations, and monitoring requirements are as follows:

#### **A. General Terms and Conditions**

<b>Allotment</b>	<b>Number of Livestock</b>	<b>Kind</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>% PL</b>	<b>AUMs</b>
Freedom Hill	179	Cattle	March 1	May 31	100	541
Fay Canyon	21	Cattle	March 1	May 31	100	64
Lynch Canyon	21	Cattle	March 1	May 31	100	64

The above authorizations will be subject to the following standard Bureau Terms and Conditions:

#### **Standard Bureau Terms and Conditions:**

1. Grazing permit or lease terms and conditions and the fees charged for grazing use are established in accordance with the provisions of the grazing regulations now or hereafter approved by the Secretary of the Interior.
2. Grazing permits or leases are subject to cancellation, in whole or in part, at any time because of:
  - a. Noncompliance by the permittee/lessee with rules and regulations.
  - b. Loss of control by the permittee/lessee of all or a part of the property upon which it is based.
  - c. A transfer of grazing preference by the permittee/lessee to another party.
  - d. A decrease in the lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management within the allotment(s) described.
  - e. Repeated willful unauthorized grazing use.
  - f. Loss of qualifications to hold a permit or lease.
3. Grazing permits or leases are subject to the terms and conditions of allotment management

plans if such plans have been prepared. Allotment management plans MUST be incorporated in permits or leases when completed.

4. Those holding permits or leases MUST own or control and be responsible for the management of livestock authorized to graze.
5. The authorized officer may require counting and/or additional or special marking or tagging of the livestock authorized to graze.
6. The permittee's/lessee's grazing case file is available for public inspection as required by the Freedom of Information Act.
7. Grazing permits or leases are subject to the nondiscrimination clauses set forth in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1964, as amended. A copy of this order may be obtained from the authorized officer.
8. Livestock grazing use that is different from that authorized by a permit or lease MUST be applied for prior to the grazing period and MUST be filed with and approved by the authorized officer before grazing use can be made.
9. Billing notices are issued which specify fees due. Billing notices, when paid, become a part of the grazing permit or lease. Grazing use cannot be authorized during any period of delinquency in the payment of amounts due, including settlement for unauthorized use.
10. The holder of this authorization must notify the authorized officer immediately upon the discovery of human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony (cultural items), stop the activity in the area of the discovery and make a reasonable effort to protect the remains and/or cultural items.
11. Grazing fee payments are due on the date specified on the billing notice and MUST be paid in full within 15 days of the due date, except as otherwise provided in the grazing permit or lease. If payment is not made within that time frame, a late fee (the greater of \$25 or 10 percent of the amount owed but not more than \$250) will be assessed.
12. No Member of, or Delegate to, Congress or Resident Commissioner, after his/her election of appointment, or either before or after he/she has qualified, and during his/her continuance in office, and no officer, agent, or employee of the Department of the Interior, other than members of Advisory committees appointed in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 1) and Sections 309 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) shall be admitted to any share or part in a permit or lease, or derive any benefit to arise therefrom; and the provision of Section 3741 Revised Statute (41 U.S.C. 22), 18 U.S.C. Sections 431433, and 43 CFR Part 7, enter into and form a part of a grazing permit or lease, so far as the same may be applicable.
13. Grazing permits or leases:
  1. Convey no right, title or interest held by the United States in any lands or resources.
  2. Are subject to (a) modification, suspension or cancellation as required by land plans and applicable law; (b) Annual review and modification of terms and conditions as appropriate; and (c) the Taylor Grazing Act, as amended, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, as amended, the Public Rangelands Improvement Act, and the rules and regulations now or

hereafter promulgated thereunder by the Secretary of the Interior.

B. Terms and Conditions for compliance with the Endangered Species Act

1. The terms and conditions of this permit or lease may be modified if additional information indicates that such modification is necessary to conform to the Bakersfield RMP Programmatic Biological Opinion (08ESMF00-2012-F-0682 October 23, 2014) or any updates to that Opinion. Updates to the Programmatic Biological Opinion may include measures to achieve recovery plan objectives or measures to address newly listed species or designated critical habitat. Under the Bakersfield RMP, if a species were to become listed, a grazing prescription that takes into account species specific requirements would be applied.

C. Allotment Specific Terms and Conditions supporting Rangeland Health or the Land Use Plan

1. Livestock will only be allowed to utilize public lands within this allotment(s) during the authorized period of use and when at least 400 lbs./acre of annual residual dry matter is present and 2" of green growth has occurred on annual plants, or when at least 600 lbs./acre of annual residual dry matter is present when green growth is not yet present on annual plants. (Guideline 5; Table A; 10-40 inches precipitation, California annual grasslands: Central California's Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Management ROD approved July 13, 2000 and Caliente RMP page 54 and 59)
2. The Permittee or Lessee will remove livestock from public lands within this allotment(s) prior to reaching a minimum level of 400 lbs./acre of residual dry matter, regardless of calendar date. (Guideline 5; Table A; 10-40 inches precipitation, California annual grasslands: Central California's Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Management ROD approved July 13, 2000 and Caliente RMP page 54 and 59)
3. Maximum key perennial plant utilization will be 30% to 45% of current annual growth (Guideline 5; Table A; 10-40 inches precipitation, California annual grasslands or Oak Woodlands: Central California's Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Management ROD approved July 13, 2000)

D. Other Terms and Conditions

1. Permittees and Lessees are required to provide reasonable administrative access across private and leased lands to the BLM for the orderly management and protection of the public lands. (43 CFR 4130.3-2(h))
2. All motorized vehicle operations will be restricted to "designated routes" - which are designated for motorized vehicle uses by the public or by authorized users only (such as Permittees or Lessees with a range improvement agreement), unless specifically authorized for off-road use by the BLM. (43 CFR 4130.3-2)
3. No littering, dumping or disposal of any refuse, trash, waste or petroleum products by the Permittee, Lessee or any of their affiliates is allowed on public lands, unless specifically authorized by the BLM. (43 CFR 8365.1-1 and 4140(b)(6))
4. Livestock grazing may be temporarily delayed, discontinued or modified to allow for the reproduction, establishment, or restoration of vigor of plants, provide for the improvement of riparian areas to proper functioning condition, or for the protection of other rangeland resources and their values consistent with objectives of applicable land use plans. (43 CFR

4130.3-2 (f))

5. The terms and conditions of this permit or lease may be modified if additional information indicates that such modification is necessary to conform with 43 CFR 4180, Fundamentals of Rangeland Health and Standards and Guidelines for Grazing Administration. (43 CFR 4130.3-3)
6. Prior to installing, using, maintaining, and/or modifying range improvements, including roads, on the public lands, permittees and lessees shall have entered into a range improvement agreement with the BLM or must have an approved range improvement permit. (43 CFR 4120.3-1 (b))
7. Permittees and Lessees are authorized to place salt and mineral supplements on the public lands as long as they are located outside sensitive areas such as riparian zones, known populations of sensitive, threatened or endangered plants or animals, and cultural sites, or do not impair wilderness values. (43 CFR 4130.3-2 (c))

#### E. Range Improvements

In order to prevent livestock from straying into the residential areas of western Weldon and to protect resources from the impacts of route proliferation emanating from this area, approximately one mile of new barbed wire fence and a cattle guard are proposed along the east side of section 29 in the Freedom Hill allotment, #00079 (See Maps 2, 3, 3A, 3B and 3C in the Appendix).

The existing range improvements in the following table will be authorized, if no authorization previously exists, under a cooperative range improvement agreement for the continued use and maintenance by the Permittee. Only the routes identified in the following table will be authorized under a cooperative range improvement agreement for the continued use and maintenance by the Permittee as needed to maintain livestock management operations or access other range improvements. Cooperative range improvement agreements for routes will include the following Special Condition: All use, maintenance and repair activity will occur within the existing road bed. Any use, maintenance or repairs that require disturbance outside the road bed will require additional approval from BLM.

Allotment Number	Range Improvement Project Number	Permit or Agreement	Name and Location
00074	106032	A	Larsen Tract Boundary Fence. T26S R34E, West side of section 29. See Maps 2, 3 and 3C.
00074	None	None	Longview Water Pipeline and Trough. T26S R34E, NE1/4NW1/4, NW1/4NE1/4 section 29. See Maps 2, 3 and 3A-3C.
00074	None	None	Freedom Hill Access Roads. T26S R34E, NE1/4NW1/4, NW1/4NE1/4 section 29. Route number 6559B. See Maps 2, 3 and 3A-3C.
00074	None	None	Freedom Hill Northern Boundary Fence. T26S R34E, W side SE1/4, N side SE1/4 and E side SE1/4 sec 20, N side NW1/4 sec 29, including 2 cattle guards. See Maps 2, 3, 3A-3C.
00079	None	None	Fay Canyon Access Roads. T26S R34E NE1/4SW1/4 section 1. Route number 2801. See Map 4.
00083	None	None	Lynch Canyon Access Roads. T26S R33E section 36. Route number: 6797. See Map 5.

In order to maintain ingress and egress between neighboring communities (eastern South Lake and western Weldon), while also reducing impacts to soils, vegetation, wildlife, and livestock grazing operations within sections 20 and 29 of the Freedom Hill allotment, and to address undesigned routes within all three allotments, the routes shown in the following three tables will be designated or re-designated as shown. Routes 6689, 6696, 6769 and 6776 which approximates Lakeview Road in western Weldon will be lightly graded and blended together to provide a consistent and sustainable path for residents along the east side of the proposed fence (See Maps 2, 3, 3A-3C).

Routes shown below with a proposed route designation of Transportation Linear Disturbance<sup>6</sup> will not be authorized for continued use and maintenance and will be decommissioned with the installation of the proposed fence, signs and other physical barriers as required. (See Maps 2, 3, 3A-3G, 4 and 5 in the Appendix) Restoration of these decommissioned routes will be allowed to occur naturally. If active restoration is necessary, a separate site-specific analysis would be completed.

These new route designations or re-designations considered the applicable route designation criteria from the Bakersfield RMP page 50-51 and rationale for the proposed changes are documented in the route designation justification tables in the Appendix of this EA.

<b>Proposed Designation of Routes in Freedom Hill allotment, #00074 (See Maps 2, 3, 3A-3G):</b>				
Designation Number	Asset Category	Primary Designation	Secondary Designation <sup>7</sup>	Public OHV Designation
<b>Modified Routes</b>				
3169	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
3176	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
3190	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Open
3190A	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Motorized	Authorized/Permitted	Open
3191A	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Motorized	Authorized/Permitted	Open
3192	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Open
3194	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Motorized	Authorized/Permitted	Closed
3195	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Motorized		Open
3200	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Open
3204	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Motorized		Open
3205	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Motorized		Open
3225	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
3248	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Motorized		Open
6559	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Open
6559B	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Motorized	Authorized/Permitted	Open
6562	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6566	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6567	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
<b>New Routes</b>				
6650	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6651	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Motorized		Open
6653	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6654	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6655	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6656	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6657	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6658	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Motorized		Open

6 A Transportation Linear Disturbance is a route designation that prohibits all types and modes of transport (including all public, authorized and administrative uses); such routes can be decommissioned and restored.

7 The Secondary Designation is any further restriction that is placed on the route beyond a mode-of-transport limitation (i.e., the Primary Designation).

<b>Proposed Designation of Routes in Freedom Hill allotment, #00074 (See Maps 2, 3, 3A-3G):</b>				
Designation Number	Asset Category	Primary Designation	Secondary Designation <sup>7</sup>	Public OHV Designation
6659	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6660	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6661	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Motorized		Open
6662	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Motorized		Open
6663	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6664	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6666	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Motorized		Open
6667	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6668	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Motorized		Open
6669	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6670	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6671	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6672	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6673	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6674	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6675	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6676	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6677	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Motorized		Open
6678	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6679	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6680	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6681	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Motorized		Open
6682	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6683	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6684	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6685	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6686	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6687	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6688	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Motorized		Open
6689	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Motorized		Open
6690	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6691	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6692	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Motorized		Open
6693	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6694	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6695	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6696	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Motorized		Open
6697	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6698	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6699	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Motorized		Open
6700	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6701	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6702	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6704	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Motorized		Open
6705	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6706	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6707	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Motorized		Open
6708	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6709	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6710	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Motorized		Open
6711	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6712	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6713	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6715	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6716	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6717	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6718	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed

<b>Proposed Designation of Routes in Freedom Hill allotment, #00074 (See Maps 2, 3, 3A-3G):</b>				
Designation Number	Asset Category	Primary Designation	Secondary Designation <sup>7</sup>	Public OHV Designation
6719	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6720	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6721	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6723	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Motorized		Open
6724	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6725	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6726	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6727	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6728	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6729	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6730	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6731	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6732	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6733	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6734	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6735	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6736	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6737	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6738	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6739	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6740	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6741	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6742	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6743	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6744	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6745	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6746	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6747	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6748	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6749	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6750	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6751	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6752	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Motorized		Open
6753	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6754	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6755	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6756	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6758	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6759	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6760	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6761	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6762	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6763	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6764	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6765	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6766	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6767	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6768	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6769	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Motorized		Open
6770	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6771	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Open
6772	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6773	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6774	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6775	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6776	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Motorized		Open
6777	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed

<b>Proposed Designation of Routes in Freedom Hill allotment, #00074 (See Maps 2, 3, 3A-3G):</b>				
Designation Number	Asset Category	Primary Designation	Secondary Designation <sup>7</sup>	Public OHV Designation
6778	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6779	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6781	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6782	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	TransLinearDisturb		Open
6783	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6784	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Open
6785	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6786	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Motorized		Open
6787	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6788	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6789	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6790	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6791	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6792	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6793	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6794	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6798	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Motorized		Open
6799	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed

<b>Proposed Designation of Routes in Fay Canyon allotment, #00079 (See Map 4):</b>				
Designation Number	Asset Category	Primary Designation	Secondary Designation	Public OHV Designation
<b>Modified Routes</b>				
2796	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
2801	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Motorized	Authorized/Permitted	Closed
<b>New Routes</b>				
6703	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Motorized		Open
6800	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6801	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6802	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed

<b>Proposed Designation of Routes in Lynch Canyon allotment, #00083 (See Map 5):</b>				
Designation Number	Asset Category	Primary Designation	Secondary Designation	Public OHV Designation
<b>Modified Routes</b>				
6797	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Motorized	Authorized/Permitted	Closed
<b>New Routes</b>				
6757	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6795	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed
6796	TransLinearDisturb	TransLinearDisturb		Closed

## F. Monitoring

Administrative monitoring (utilization and/or residual dry matter measurements) may be done in key areas of the allotment prior to turn-out, prior to the end of the grazing season, and/or when range management professionals identify that critical thresholds are being approached. Long term resource trend monitoring may be established in key areas as issues and information needs are identified. All monitoring would be performed in accordance to BLM policy following protocols from BLM approved manuals and technical references.

## No Action

The No Action alternative would be a continuation of current livestock grazing management on the allotments. All terms and conditions of the authorization would be the same as those described in the Proposed Action, except for the extended allowable season of use which would

remain as shown in the Background section in Chapter 1. In addition, the No Action alternative would not update the boundaries and acreage found in the allotments as shown in the Appendix.

No new range improvements would be authorized. Existing but previously unauthorized range improvements would not be authorized under a cooperative range improvement agreement for the continued use and maintenance by the Permittee.

Routes in the allotments will not be designated or re-designated from that in the RMP (See the Affected Environment of the Travel and Transportation Management section in Chapter 3 and Maps 7, 8, 9 and 10), nor will they be authorized under cooperative range improvement agreement for the continued use and maintenance by the Permittee as needed to maintain livestock management operations or access other range improvements.

### Alternative Comparison Tables:

<b>Freedom Hill Allotment #00074</b>	Acres	AUMs	Season of use	Miles of New Fence	Miles of Routes Open to Motorized Use	Miles of Routes Available to Authorized Users Only	Miles of Transportation Linear Disturbance <sup>8</sup>	Miles of Non-Designated Routes	Total Miles of Routes
Proposed Action	5,133	541	March – May 31	1	18.07	1.79	33.17	0	53.03
No Action	2,278 <sup>9</sup>	540	March – May 15	0	22.88	1.46	19.38	9.08	52.81

<b>Fay Canyon Allotment #00079</b>	Acres	AUMs	Season of use	Miles of New Fence	Miles of Routes Open to Motorized Use	Miles of Routes Available to Authorized Users Only	Miles of Transportation Linear Disturbance	Miles of Non-Designated Routes	Total Miles of Routes
Proposed Action	575	64	March – May 31	0	0.76	0.05	0.45	0	1.26
No Action	361 <sup>10</sup>	64	March – April 30	0	0.95	0	0.17	0.34	1.46

<b>Lynch Canyon Allotment #00083</b>	Acres	AUMs	Season of use	Miles of New Fence	Miles of Routes Open to Motorized Use	Miles of Routes Available to Authorized Users Only	Miles of Transportation Linear Disturbance	Miles of Non-Designated Routes	Total Miles of Routes
Proposed Action	1,040	64	March – May 31	0	0	0.03	1.63	0	1.66
No Action	510 <sup>11</sup>	64	March – April 30	0	0.03	0	0	1.32	1.35

<b>Totals on All Allotments</b>	Acres	AUMs	Season of use	Miles of New Fence	Miles of Routes Open to Motorized Use	Miles of Routes Available to Authorized Users Only	Miles of Transportation Linear Disturbance	Miles of Non-Designated Routes	Total Miles of Routes
Proposed Action	6,748	669	Up to 92 days	1	18.83	1.87	35.25	0	55.95
No Action	3,149 <sup>12</sup>	668	Up to 61 or 76 days	0	23.86	1.46	19.55	10.74	55.62
Change From No Action	+3,599 <sup>13</sup>	+1	+of up to 16 or 31 days	+1	-5.03	+0.41	+15.70	-10.74	+0.33

8 A Transportation Linear Disturbance is a route designation that prohibits all types and modes of transport (including all public, authorized and administrative uses); such routes can be decommissioned and restored.

9 2014 Bakersfield RMP lists 2,278 acres in allotment #00074, but that figure is unsupported in the record.

10 2014 Bakersfield RMP lists 361 acres in allotment #00079, but that figure is unsupported in the record.

11 2014 Bakersfield RMP lists 510 acres in allotment #00083, but that figure is unsupported in the record.

12 This total is unsupported by the administrative records.

13 This difference is immaterial because the No Action figures are unsubstantiated and not properly calculated.

**Summary of Proposed Route Changes:**

(See Route Re-Designation Justification Table in the Appendix for further detail)

<b>Magnitude of Change in Designations from No Action</b>		<b>Total Miles</b>
<b>From (No Action)</b>	<b>To (Proposed)</b>	
Motorized	Motorized/ Authorized Users Only	0.37
Motorized	Transportation Linear Disturbance	3.76
Motorized	Non-Route/ Non-Transportation Linear Disturbance	1.37
Motorized/ Authorized Users Only	Transportation Linear Disturbance	0.47
Transportation Linear Disturbance	Motorized/ Authorized Users Only	0.43
Transportation Linear Disturbance	Motorized	0.53
Non-Designated	Motorized	1.66
Non-Designated	Transportation Linear Disturbance	13.22
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>21.81</b>

**APPENDIX:**

**Legal Descriptions:**

Proposed Freedom Hill Allotment, #00074

T.26S., R.34E.,

sec. 20:	SE1/4 south of fence on drainage in NWNWSE (155.00).....	155.00
sec. 23:	E1/2NW1/4, W1/2NE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4, E1/2SE1/4.....	280.00
sec. 24:	SW1/4NW1/4, N1/2SW1/4, N1/2SE1/4, SE1/4SE1/4.....	240.00
sec. 25:	W1/2 northwest of ridge (40).....	40.00
sec. 26:	E1/2NE1/4, S1/2SW1/4, W1/2SE1/4, E1/2SE1/4 northwest of ridge (20).....	260.00
sec. 27:	SE1/4SW1/4, S1/2SE1/4.....	120.00
sec. 29:	N1/2, SW1/4, SE1/4 outside KER 311 enclosure (78.57).....	561.43
sec. 31:	Lots 7 (39.67), 8 (39.57), E1/2SE1/4.....	159.24
sec. 32:	W1/2NE1/4, W1/2, W1/2SE1/4, SE1/4SE1/4.....	520.00
sec. 33:	S1/2N1/2, S1/2.....	480.00
sec. 34:	All.....	640.00
sec. 35:	W1/2, E1/2 northwest of ridge (150).....	470.00
Total public land acreage.....		3,925.67

Total public AUMs (@7.3 ac/AUM).....539 AUMs  
100% public land forage

*(Prior allotment boundary: 5,133 acres/539 AUMs = 9.5 acres/AUM)(1997 Caliente RMP erroneously shows an undocumented 2,278 acres)*

**Land inside livestock management area, managed by BLM under MOU with US Army Corps of Engineers.**

Proposed Fay Canyon Allotment, #00079

T.25S., R.34E.,

sec. 36:	E1/2SW1/4.....	80.00
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T.26S., R.34E.,

sec. 1:	Lots 1(40.05), 2(40.15), 3(40.20), 6(2.58), 11(2.5), 13(2.5), 14(2.5), 16(2.5), 17(2.5), 18(2.5), 19(2.5), NE1/4SW1/4NW1/4, E1/2NW1/4SW1/4NW1/4, NW1/4SW1/4SW1/4NW1/4, E1/2SE1/4SW1/4NW1/4, SE1/4NW1/4, S1/2NE1/4, NE1/4SW1/4, N1/2SE1/4, N1/2S1/2SE1/4, SE1/4SE1/4SE1/4.....	452.98
sec. 2:	NE1/4SE1/4.....	40.00
sec. 12:	NE1/4NE1/4NE1/4.....	10.00
Total public land acreage.....		582.98

Total public AUMs (@9.1 ac/AUM).....64 AUMs  
100% public land forage

*(Prior allotment boundary: 575 acres/64 AUMs = 8.9 acres/AUM)(1997 Caliente RMP erroneously shows an undocumented 361 acres)*

Proposed Lynch Canyon Allotment, #00083

T.26S., R.33E.,  
sec. 36: E1/2, W1/2NW1/4, SE1/4NW1/4, SW1/4 .....600.00

T.26S., R.34E.,  
sec. 31: SW1/4SW1/4.....40.00

T.27S., R.33E.,  
sec. 1: Lots 1(40), 2(40.10), 3(40.17), S1/2NE1/4, SE1/4NW1/4,  
NE1/4SW1/4 north of drainage above spring (35), N1/2SE1/4,  
S1/2SE1/4 north of peak 5003' and drainage to northeast (30) .....385.27

Total public land acreage .....1,025.27

Total public AUMs (@ 16 ac/AUM).....64 AUMs  
100% public land forage

*(Prior allotment boundary: 1,040 acres/64 AUMs = 16.3acres/AUM)(1997 Caliente RMP  
erroneously shows an undocumented 510 acres)*

**Bakersfield RMP Route Designations Table:**

The linear transportation features (routes) in whole, or part, designated by the Bakersfield RMP or inventoried afterward within the proposed allotment areas (approximately 56 miles of linear transportation features) are shown on Maps 7, 8, 9 and 10 and presented in this table along with their RMP designations. Those routes highlighted below are proposed for modification.

Allotment 74, Freedom Hill (See Map 7 for just those routes with proposed modifications and Map 8 for all routes):

Designation Number	Asset Category	Public OHV Designation	Primary Designation	Secondary Designation <sup>14</sup>	Mileage
<Null>	BLM Not Assessed	<Null>	<Null>	<Null>	9.085
2654	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Open	Motorized	<Null>	0.518
2655	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Open	Motorized	<Null>	0.445
2656	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Open	Motorized	<Null>	0.136
2657	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	0.042
2658	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	0.231
2659	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	0.227
2660	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	0.067
2661	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	0.215
2662	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	0.176
2663	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	0.508
2664	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Open	Motorized	<Null>	1.413
2665	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Open	Motorized	<Null>	0.031
2666	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	0.396
2667	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Open	Motorized	<Null>	1.080
2668	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Open	Motorized	<Null>	0.048
2669	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Open	Motorized	<Null>	0.381
3067	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Open	Motorized	<Null>	0.598
3068	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	0.188
3069	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	0.229
3070	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Open	Motorized	<Null>	0.209
3071	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Open	Motorized	<Null>	0.101
3072	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Open	Motorized	<Null>	0.070
3073	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	0.291
3074	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	0.363
3135	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	0.741
3136	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	0.151
3137	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	0.429
3138	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Closed	Motorized	Authorized/Permitted	0.513
3139	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Closed	Motorized	Authorized/Permitted	0.290
3140	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Closed	Motorized	Authorized/Permitted	0.184
3141	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	0.466
3156	PrimitiveRoad:Secondary	Open	Motorized	<Null>	0.540
3162	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Open	Motorized	<Null>	0.169
3165	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	0.266
3166	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	0.218
3167	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	0.313
3168	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	0.493
3169	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Open	Motorized	<Null>	0.689
3169	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Open	Motorized	<Null>	0.068
3170	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	0.097
3171	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	0.195
3172	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	0.251
3173	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	0.108

<sup>14</sup> The Secondary Designation is any further restriction that is placed on the route beyond a mode-of-transport limitation (i.e., the Primary Designation).

Designation Number	Asset Category	Public OHV Designation	Primary Designation	Secondary Designation <sup>14</sup>	Mileage
3174	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	0.167
3175	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	0.174
3176	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Open	Motorized	<Null>	0.487
3177	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	0.067
3178	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	0.059
3179	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	0.070
3180	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	0.050
3181	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	0.066
3182	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Open	Motorized	<Null>	0.250
3183	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	0.028
3184	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	0.144
3185	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Open	Motorized	<Null>	0.593
3186	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	0.423
3187	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	0.111
3188	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	0.354
3189	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	0.456
3190	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Open	Motorized	<Null>	0.381
3191	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	1.322
3192	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Open	Motorized	<Null>	0.137
3193	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	0.155
3194	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	0.105
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3197	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	0.196
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3200	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Closed	Motorized	Authorized/Permitted	0.469
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3203	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Open	Motorized	<Null>	0.572
3203	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Open	Motorized	<Null>	0.045
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3216	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	0.069
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3224	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	0.349
3225	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Open	Motorized	<Null>	0.113
3226	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Open	Motorized	<Null>	0.011
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3230	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	0.079
3231	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Open	Motorized	<Null>	0.366
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Designation Number	Asset Category	Public OHV Designation	Primary Designation	Secondary Designation <sup>14</sup>	Mileage
3233	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	1.032
3234	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	0.114
3235	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	0.381
3236	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	0.408
3237	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	0.596
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3239	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Open	Motorized	<Null>	0.507
3240	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Open	Motorized	<Null>	0.080
3241	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Open	Motorized	<Null>	0.117
3242	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Open	Motorized	<Null>	0.110
3243	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	0.136
3244	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Open	Motorized	<Null>	0.795
3245	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Open	Motorized	<Null>	0.456
3246	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Open	Motorized	<Null>	0.074
3247	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Open	Motorized	<Null>	0.174
3248	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	0.281
3249	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Open	Motorized	<Null>	0.050
3250	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	0.063
3251	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Open	Motorized	<Null>	0.054
3252	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Open	Motorized	<Null>	0.090
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3254	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Open	Motorized	<Null>	0.186
3255	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	0.148
3256	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	0.101
3257	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	0.035
3258	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	0.043
3259	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	0.199
3260	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	0.048
3261	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Open	Motorized	<Null>	1.068
3262	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Open	Motorized	<Null>	0.112
3263	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Open	Motorized	<Null>	0.159
3264	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Open	Motorized	<Null>	0.469
6559	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Open	Motorized	<Null>	0.639
6560	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	0.200
6561	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	0.076
6562	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Open	Motorized	<Null>	0.553
6563	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Open	Motorized	<Null>	0.096
6564	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	0.093
6565	PrimitiveRoad:Tertiary	Open	Motorized	<Null>	0.632
6566	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Open	Motorized	<Null>	0.960
6567	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Open	Motorized	<Null>	0.215
6568	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	0.272
6569	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb	<Null>	0.219
6606	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Open	Motorized	<Null>	0.522
6620	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Open	Motorized	<Null>	0.196
6649	PrimitiveRoad:Secondary	Open	Motorized	<Null>	0.753
TOTAL					53.34

Allotment 79, Fay Canyon (See Map 9):

Designation Number	Asset Category	Public OHV Designation	Primary Designation	Secondary Designation <sup>15</sup>	Mileage
<Null>	BLM Not Assessed	<Null>	<Null>	<Null>	0.343
2794	Road:Local	Limited	Motorized	StreetLegal	0.287
2795	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Open	Motorized		0.279
2796	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Open	Motorized		0.143
2797	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Open	Motorized		0.011
2798	PrimitiveRoute	Open	Motorized		0.106
2799	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Open	Motorized		0.069
2800	TransLinearDisturb	Closed	TransLinearDisturb		0.172
2801	PrimitiveRoad:Primary	Open	Motorized		0.050
TOTAL					1.46

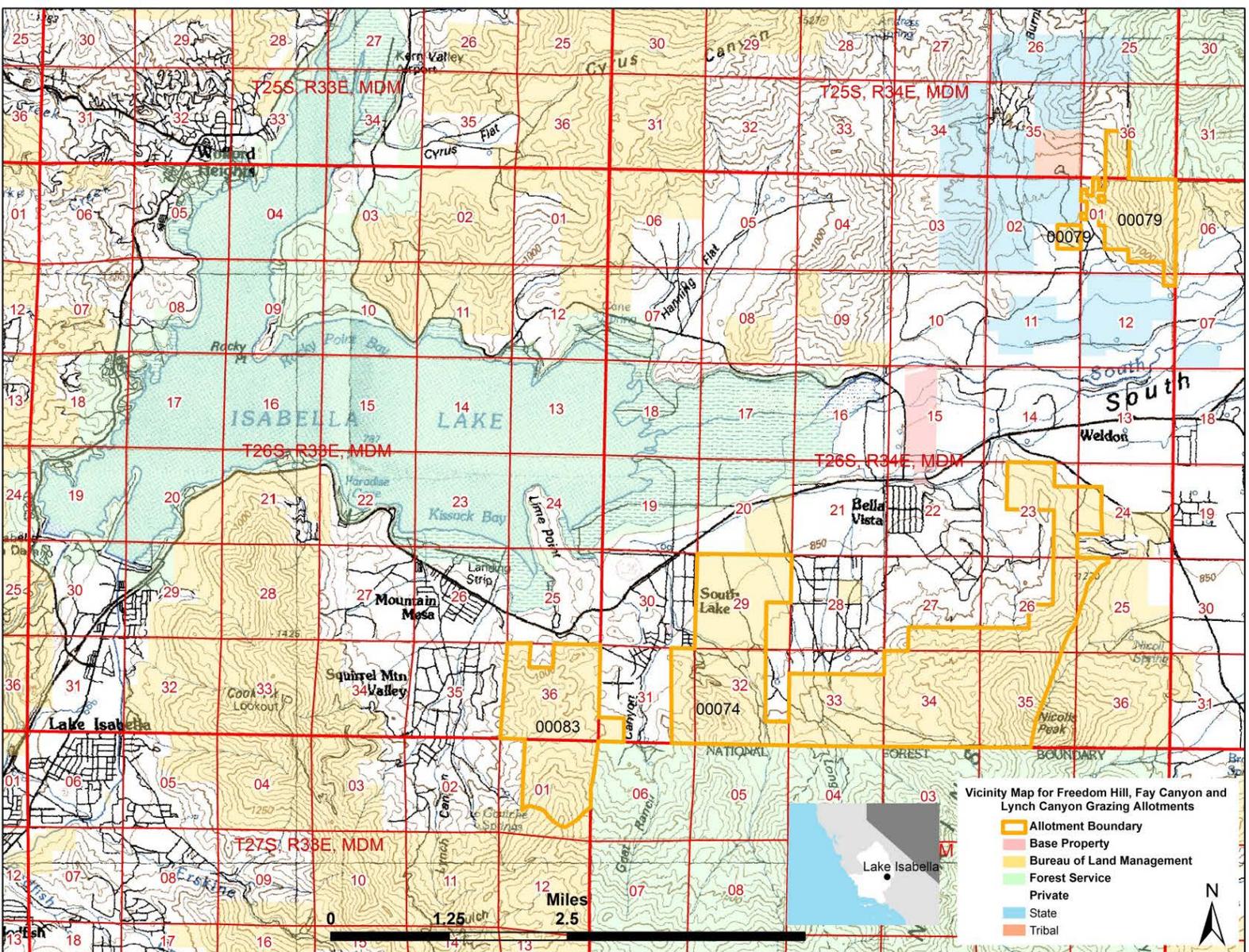
Allotment 83, Lynch Canyon (See Map 10):

Designation Number	Asset Category	Public OHV Designation	Primary Designation	Secondary Designation <sup>16</sup>	Mileage
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3653	PrimitiveRoad:Tertiary	Open	Motorized		0.032
TOTAL					1.35

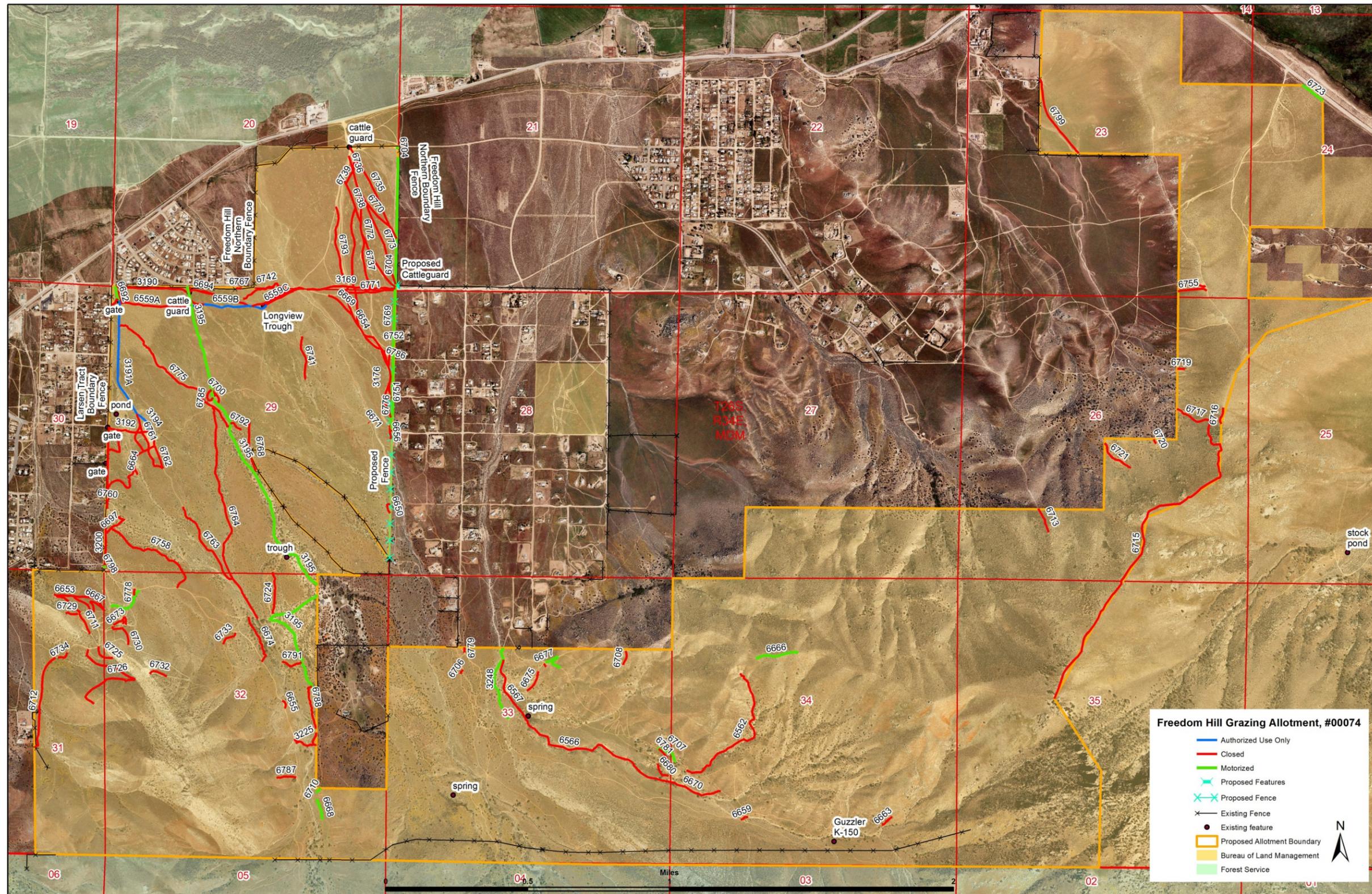
<sup>15</sup> The Secondary Designation is any further restriction that is placed on the route beyond a mode-of-transport limitation (i.e., the Primary Designation).

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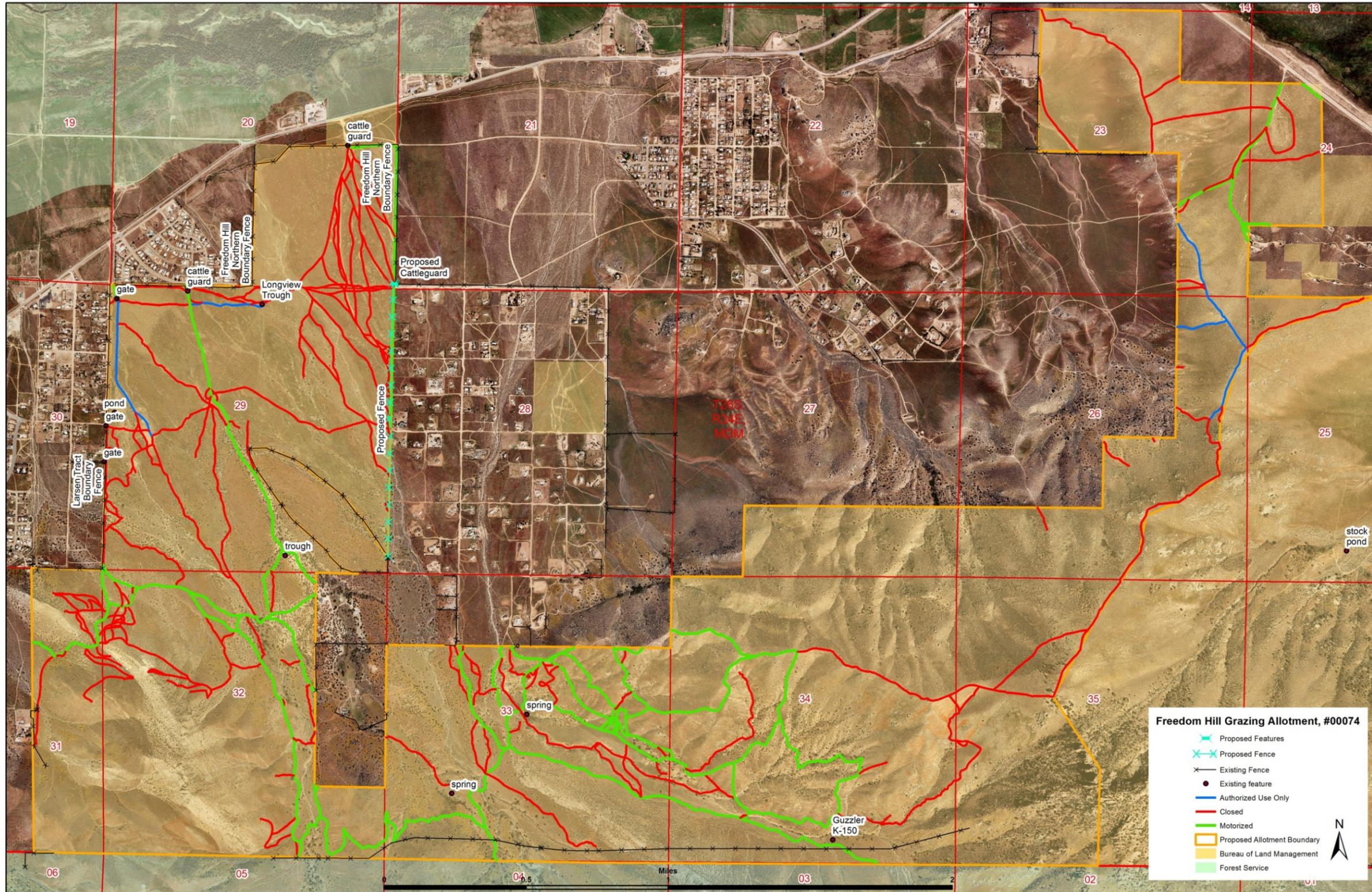
Map 1: Vicinity Map for Freedom Hill, Fay Canyon and Lynch Canyon Allotments



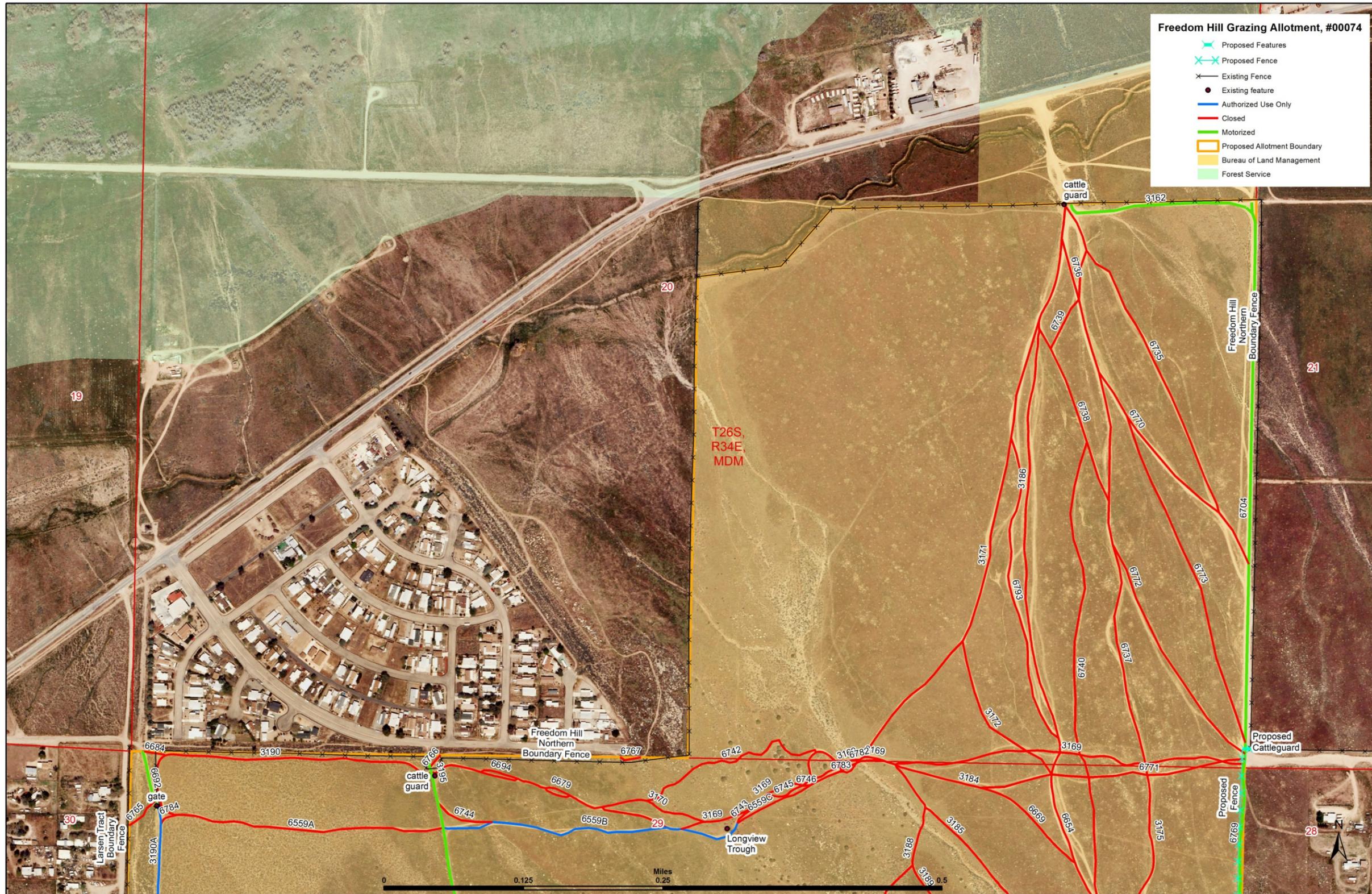
**Map 2: Freedom Hill Allotment displaying Proposed Range Improvements and Routes with Proposed Designation Changes Only**



**Map 3: Freedom Hill Allotment with Proposed Range Improvements and All Route Designations, Including those with Proposed Changes**  
 (See Maps 3A-3G for route designation numbers)

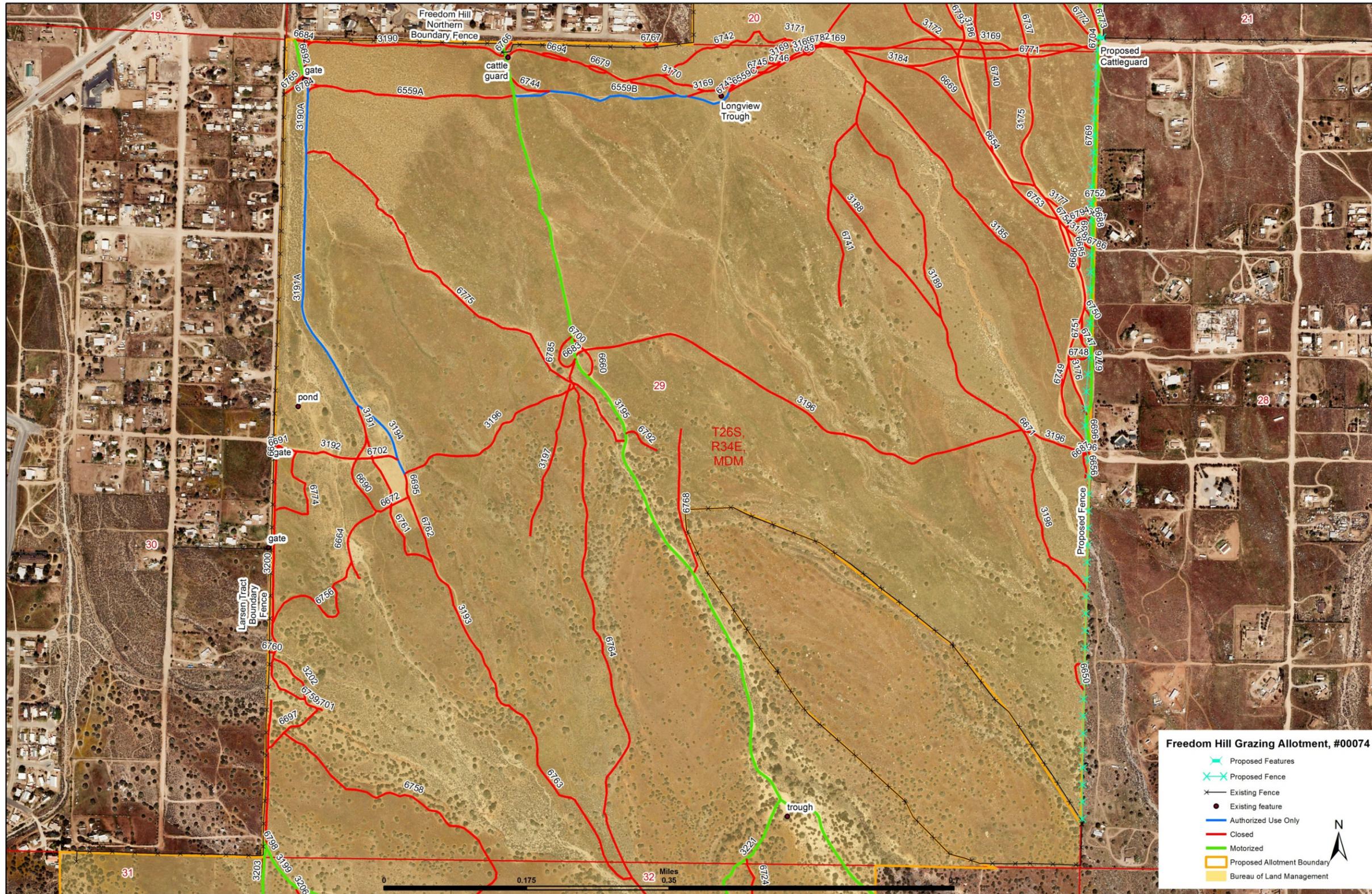


**Map 3A: Portion of the Freedom Hill Allotment with Proposed Range Improvements and Route Designations in Section 20**

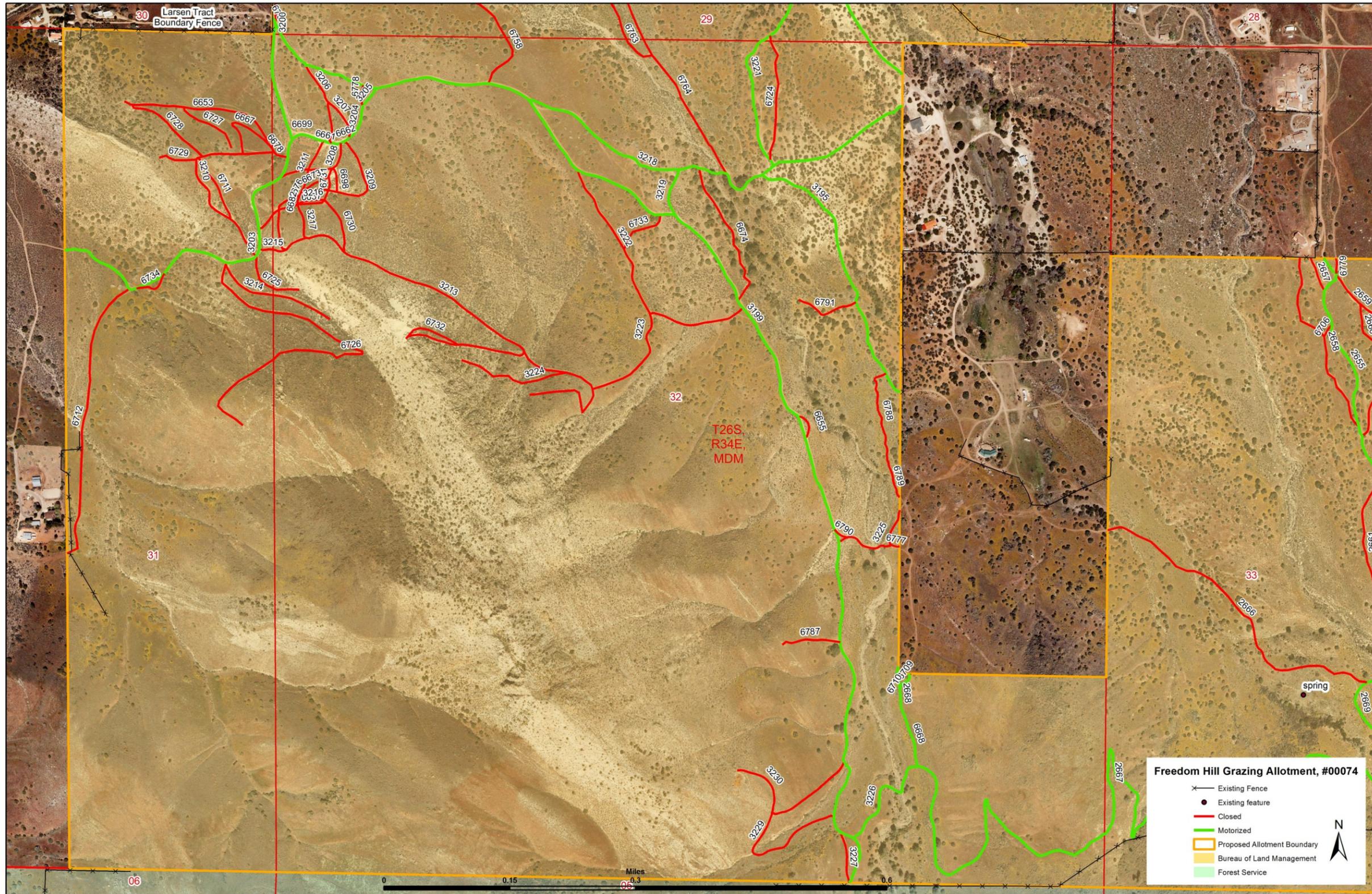




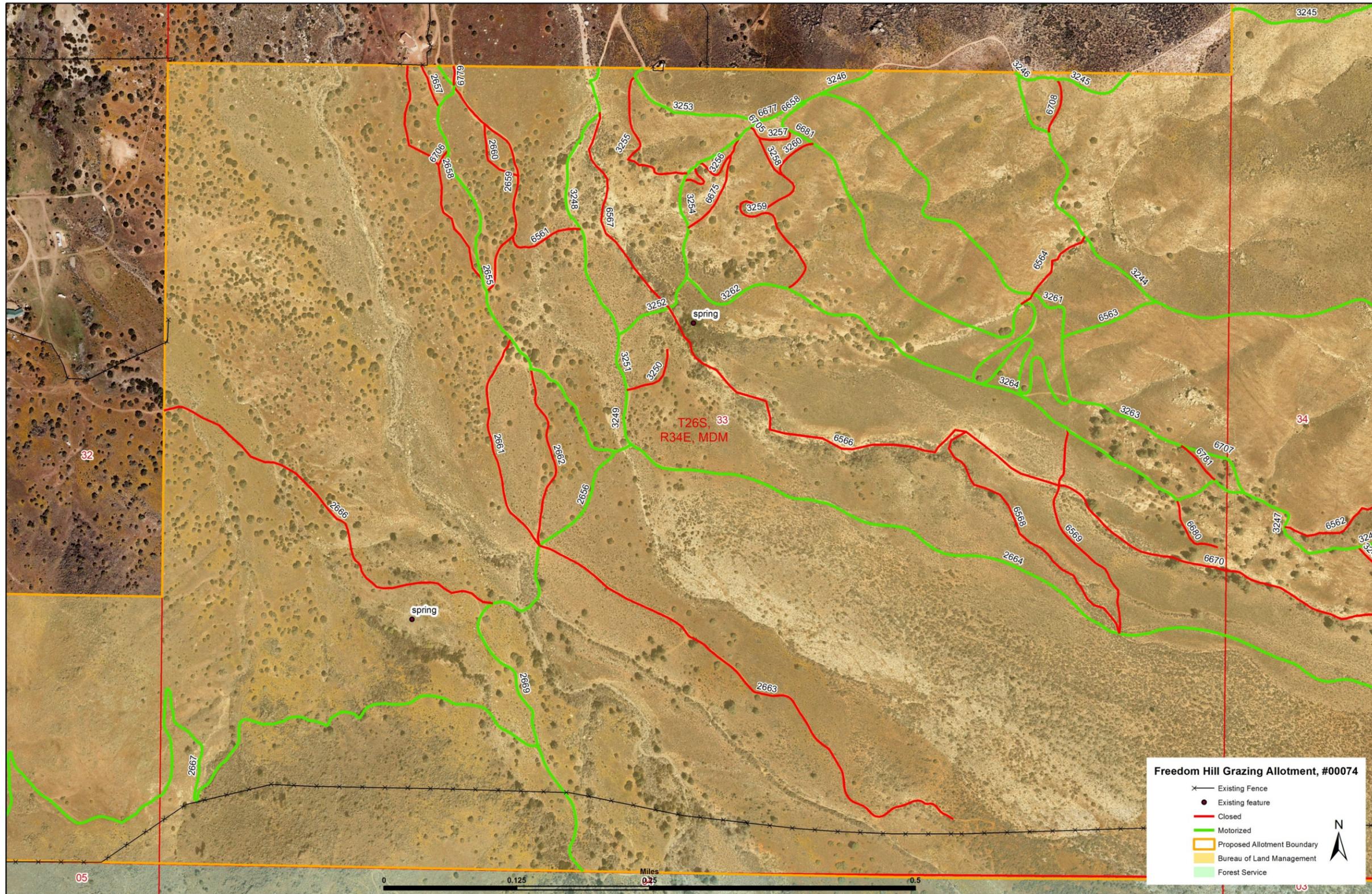
**Map 3C: Portion of the Freedom Hill Allotment with Proposed Range Improvements and Route Designations in Section 29**



**Map 3D: Portion of the Freedom Hill Allotment with Proposed Route Designations in Section 32**

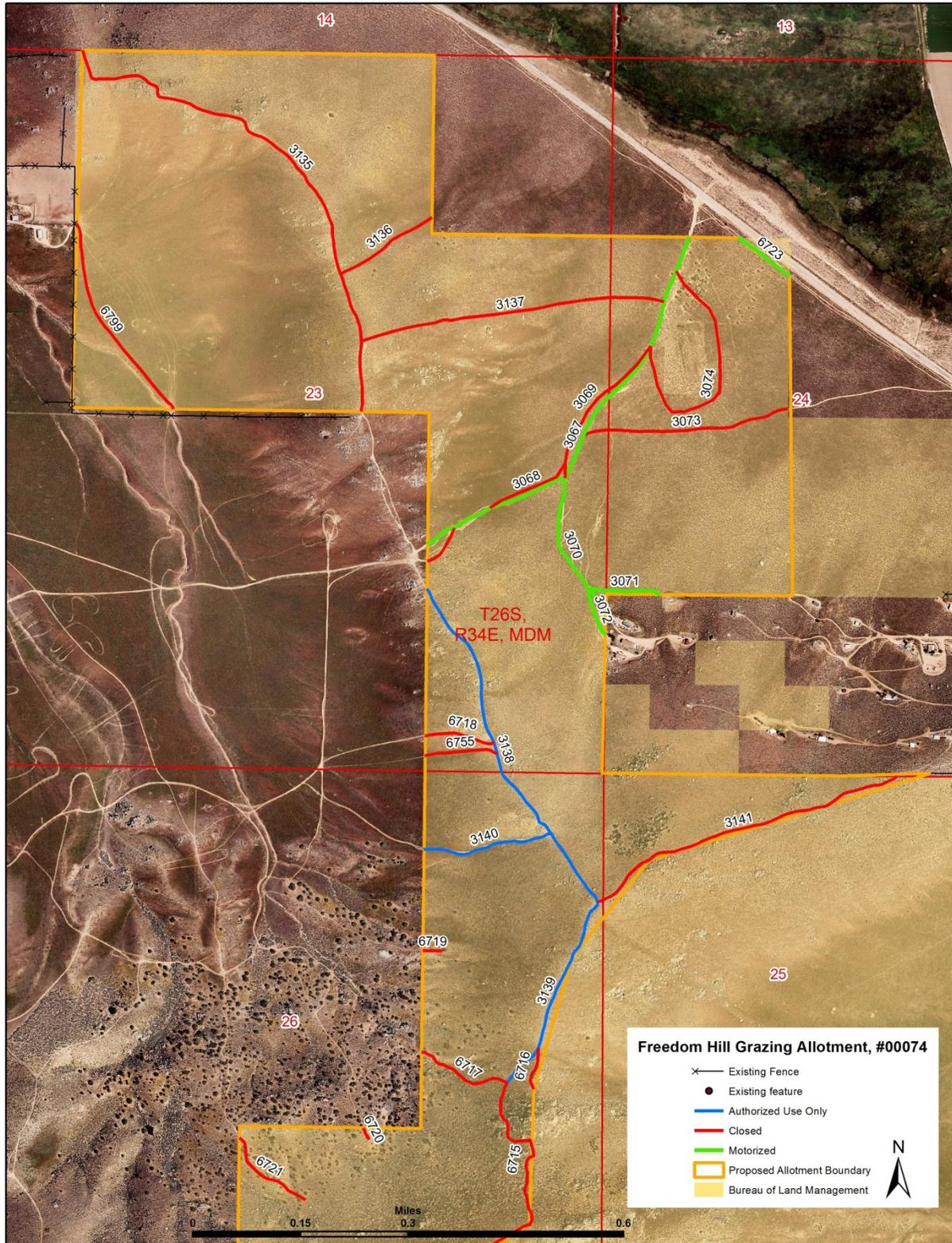


**Map 3E: Portion of the Freedom Hill Allotment with Proposed Route Designations in Section 33**

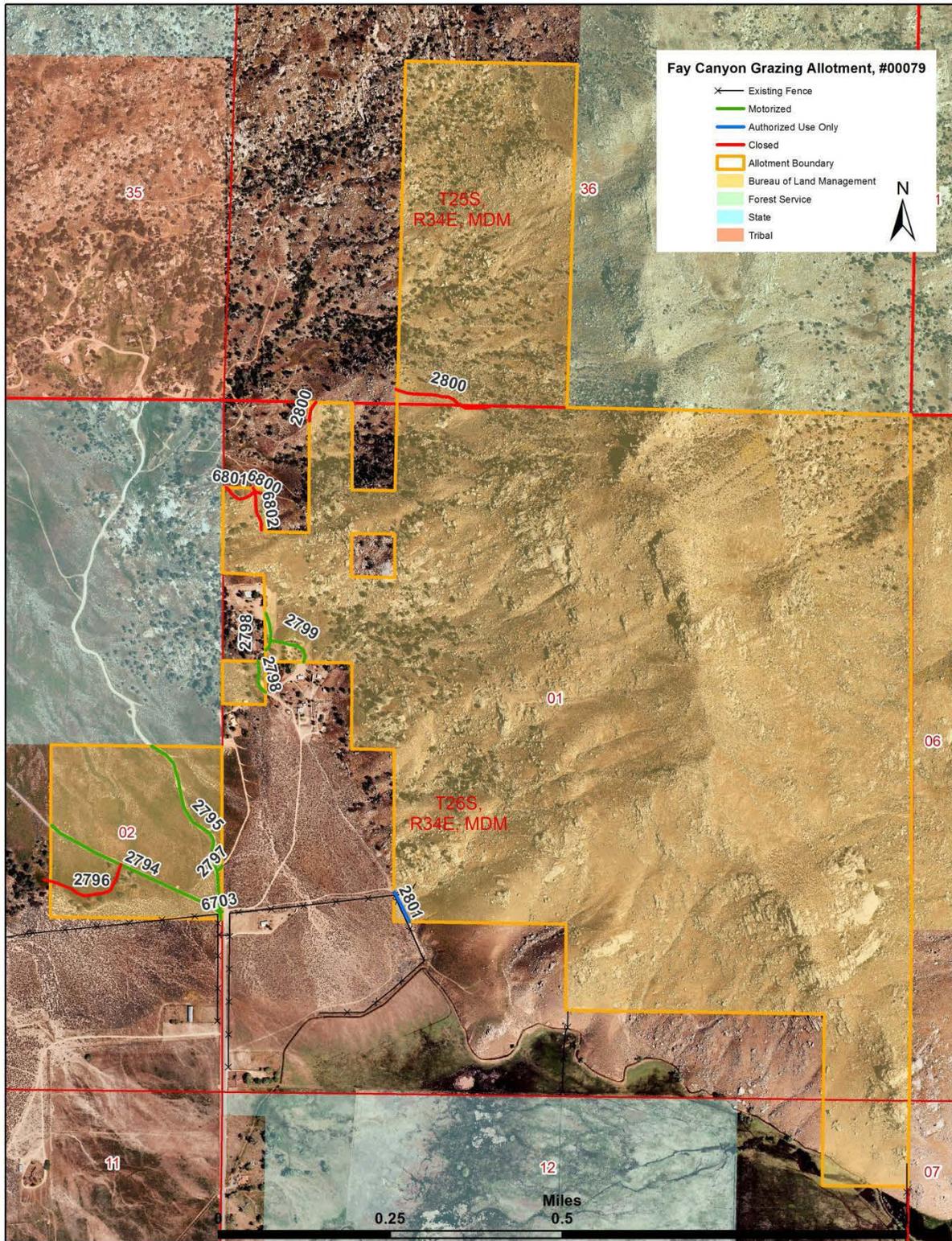




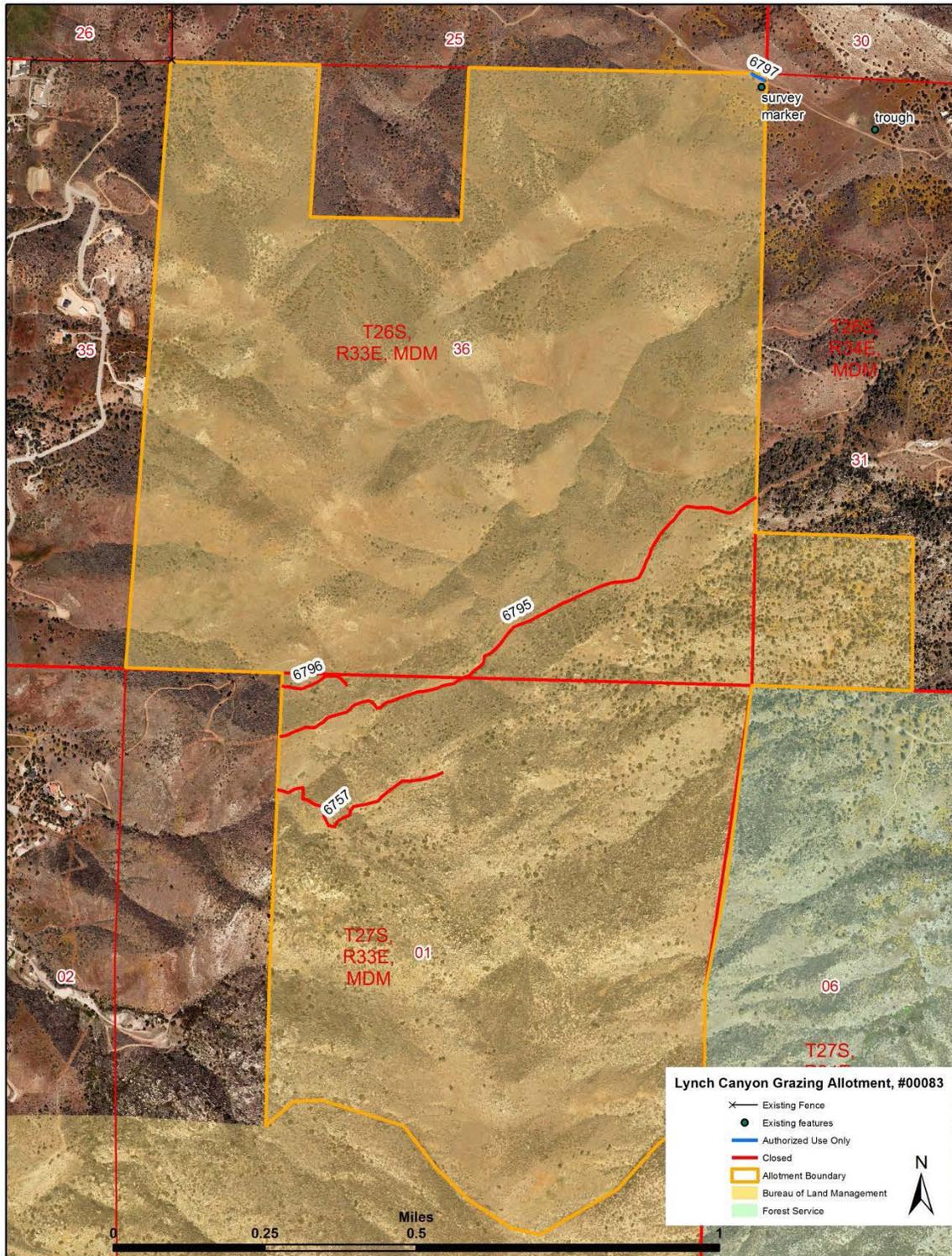
**Map 3G: Portion of the Freedom Hill Allotment with Proposed Route Designations in Sections 23 and 24**



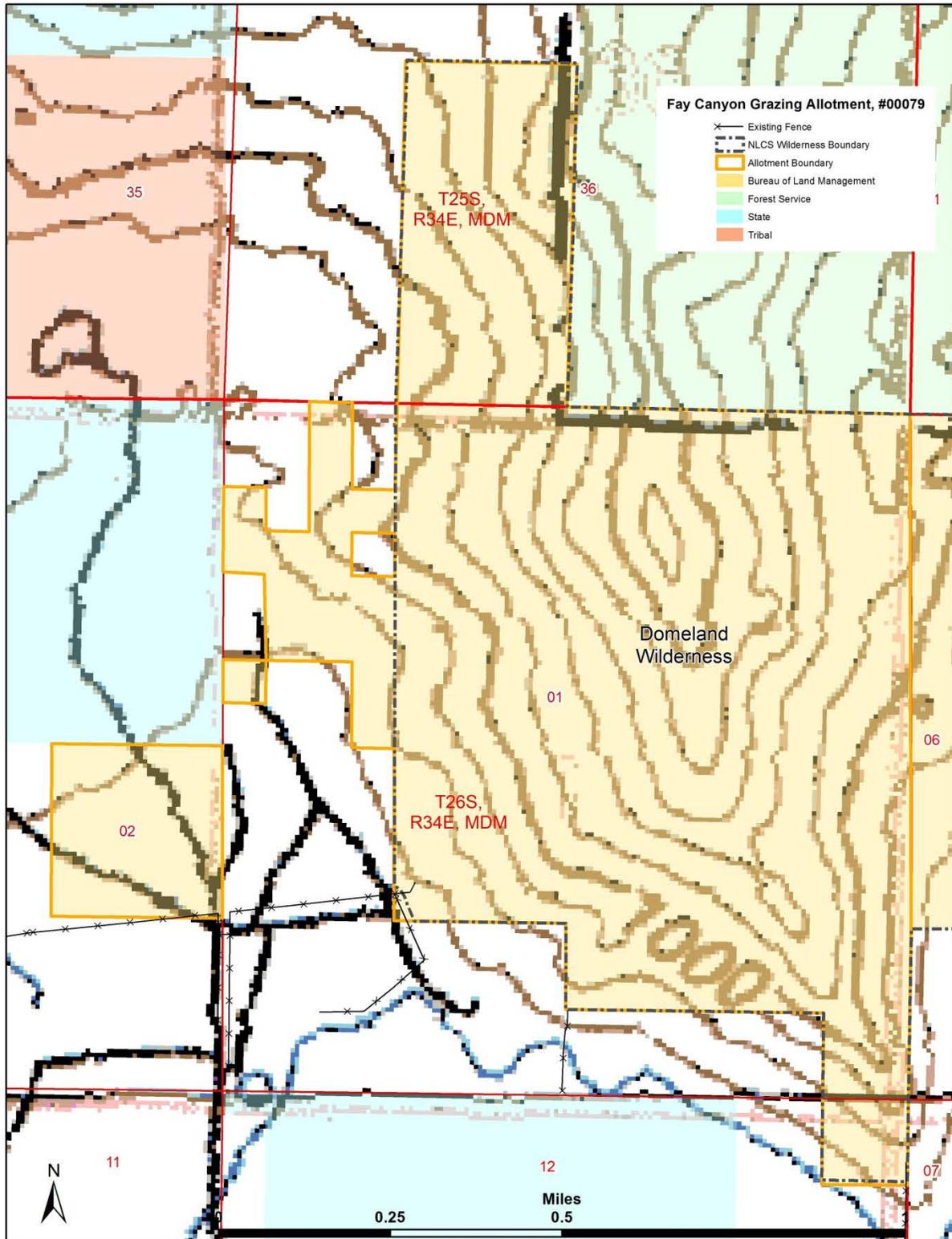
**Map 4: Fay Canyon Allotment and All Route Designations, Including Proposed Changes**



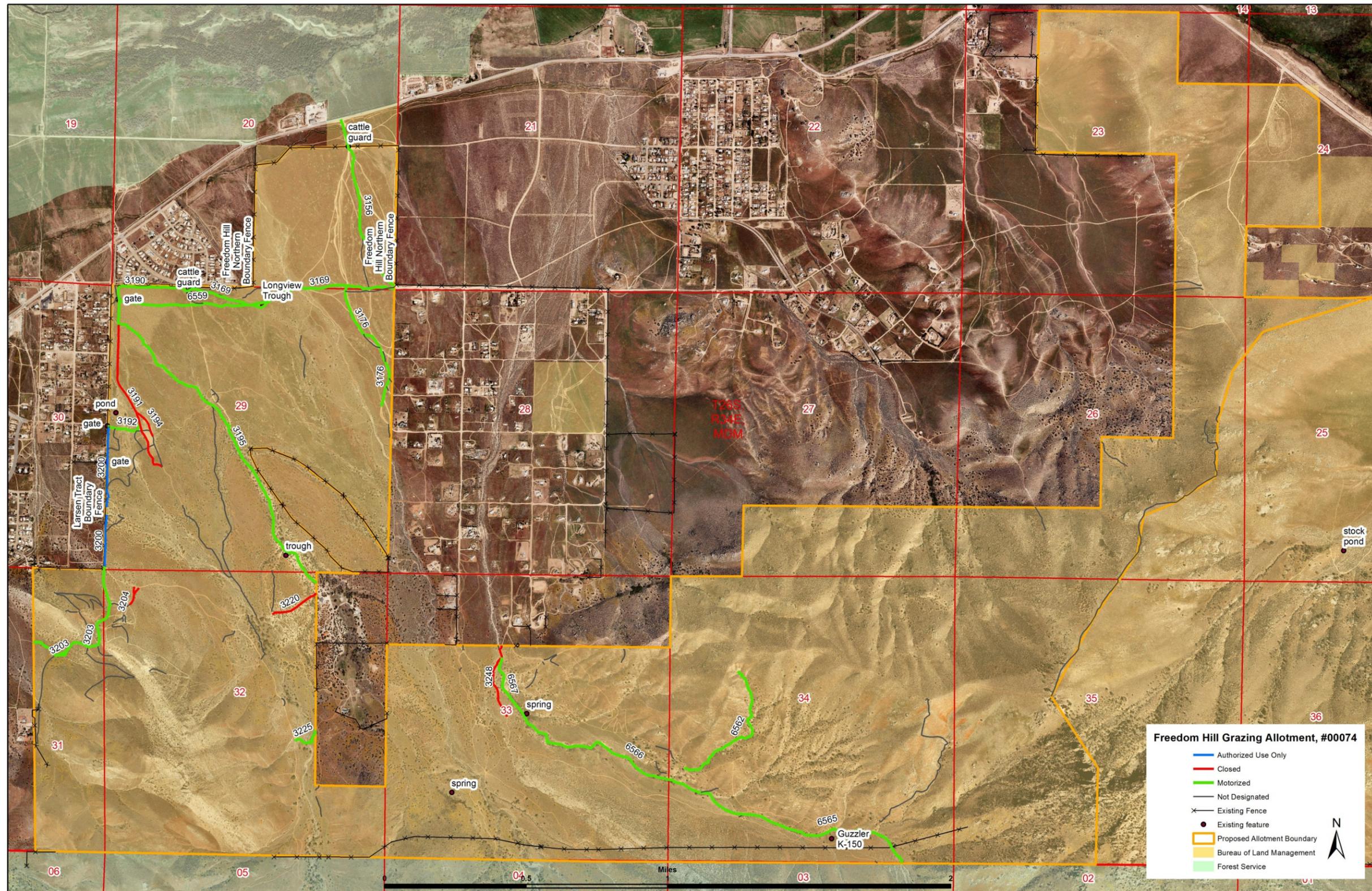
**Map 5: Lynch Canyon Allotment and All Route Designations, Including Proposed Changes**



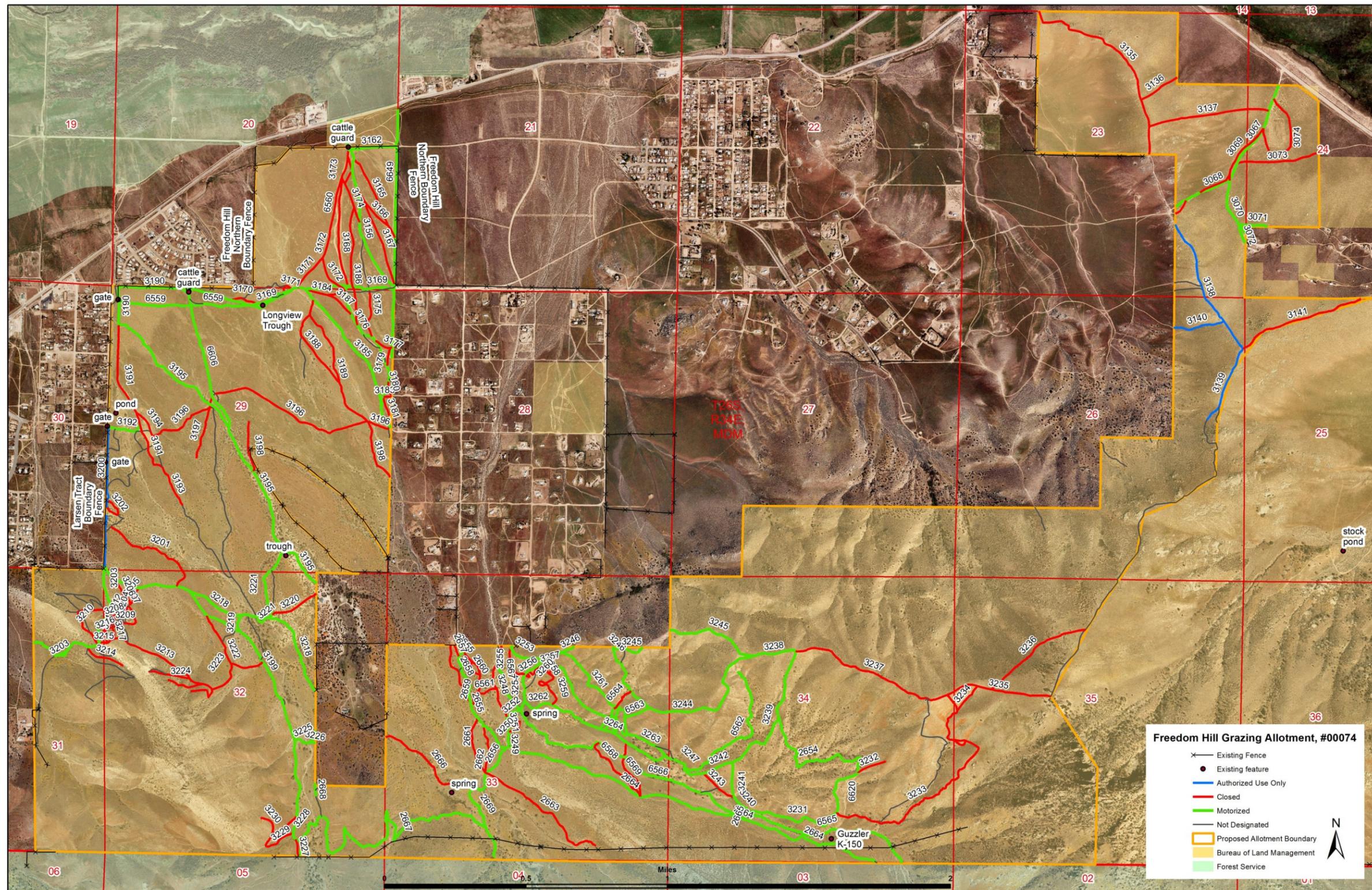
**Map 6: Fay Canyon Allotment and Wilderness Boundary**



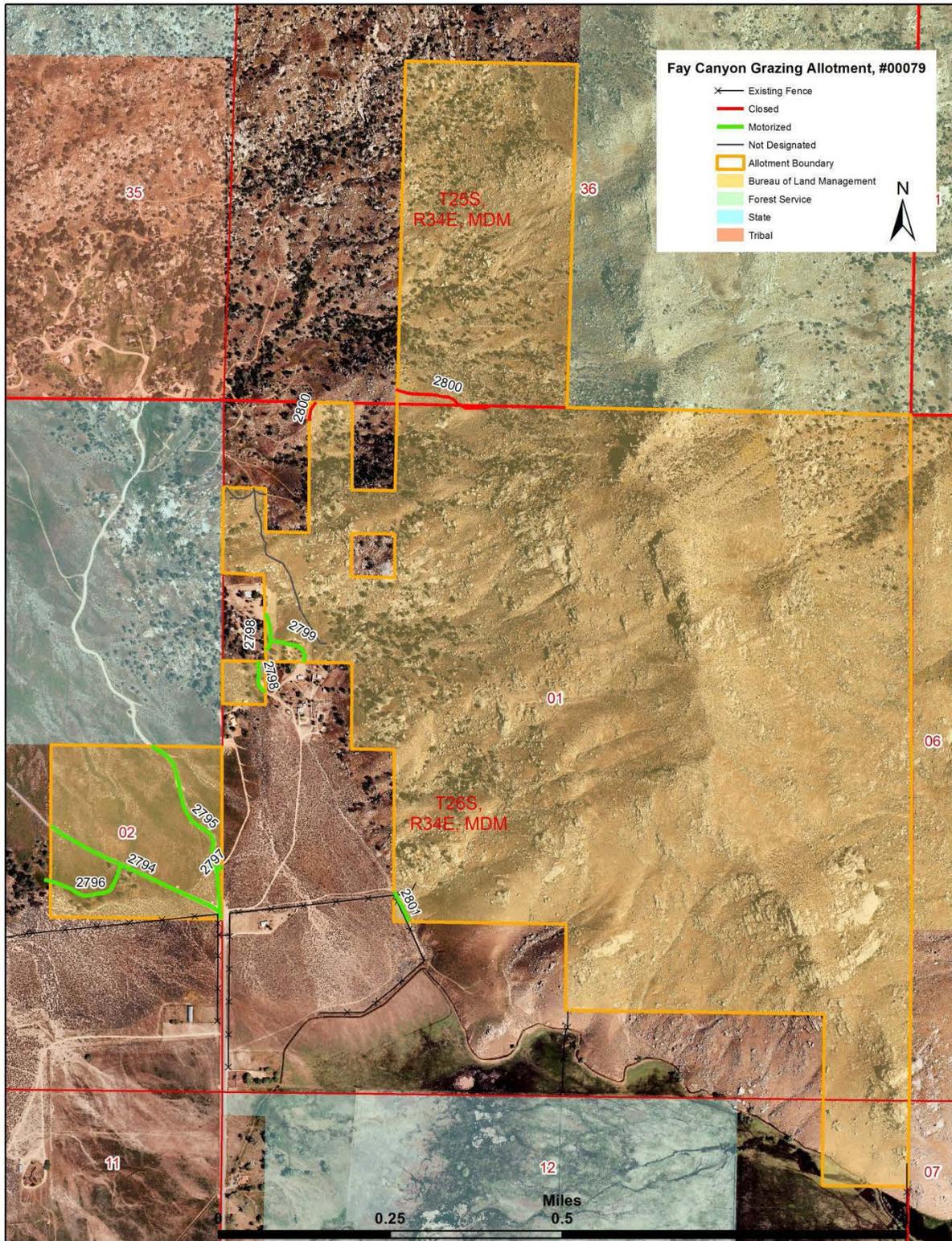
**Map 7: Freedom Hill Allotment displaying RMP Route Designations on Routes Proposed for Change Only**



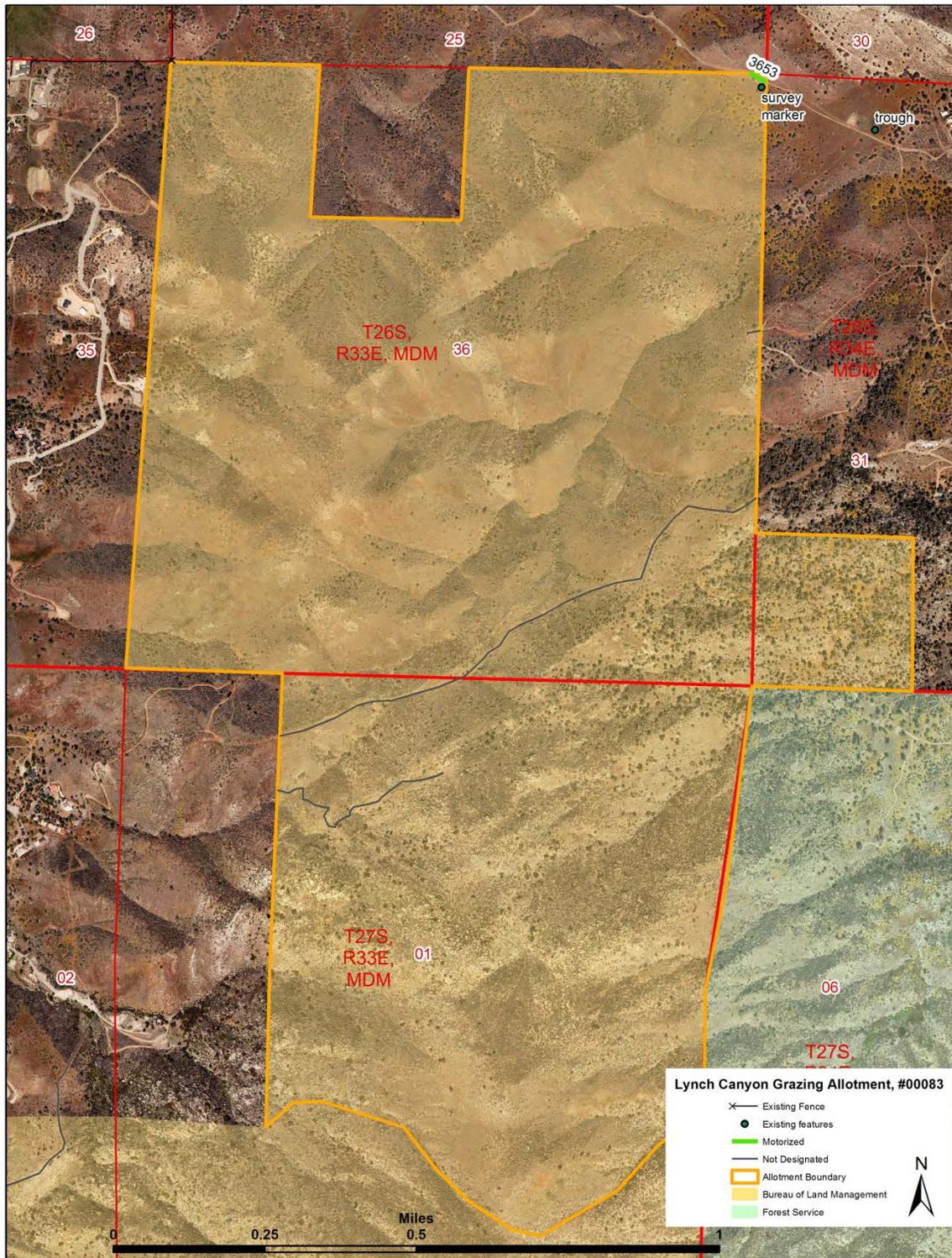
**Map 8: Freedom Hill Allotment and All Route Designations from Bakersfield RMP**



**Map 9: Fay Canyon Allotment and All Route Designations from Bakersfield RMP**



**Map 10: Lynch Canyon Allotment and All Route Designations from Bakersfield RMP**



**New Route Designations Justification Table:**  
**(See Maps 2, 3, 3A-3G, 4 and 5)**

Route Segment Number	Proposed Primary Designation	Proposed Secondary Restriction	Length (Miles)	Justification Category <sup>17</sup>	Designation Notes <sup>18</sup> <i>Although all criteria were considered for each route, those listed below represent the primary factors for the designation.</i>	Route Classification
6650	TransLinearDisturb		0.045	Air, Soil, Water		
6651	Motorized		0.003	Access	Criteria 1 and 5. Connects existing access to private property with sustainable route.	Primitive Road
6653	TransLinearDisturb		0.190	Air, Soil, Water		
6654	TransLinearDisturb		0.337	Air, Soil, Water		
6655	TransLinearDisturb		0.034	Air, Soil, Water		
6656	TransLinearDisturb		0.050	Air, Soil, Water		
6657	TransLinearDisturb		0.034	Air, Soil, Water		
6658	Motorized		0.042	Recreation	Criteria 1 and 5. Existing route which provides recreational continuity.	Primitive Road
6659	TransLinearDisturb		0.029	Air, Soil, Water		
6660	TransLinearDisturb		0.038	Air, Soil, Water		
6661	Motorized		0.010	Recreation	Criteria 1 and 5. Existing route which provides recreational continuity.	Primitive Road
6662	Motorized		0.024	Recreation	Criteria 1 and 5. Existing route which provides recreational continuity.	Primitive Road
6663	TransLinearDisturb		0.047	Air, Soil, Water		
6664	TransLinearDisturb		0.104	Air, Soil, Water		
6666	Motorized		0.154	Recreation	Criteria 1 and 5. Existing route which provides recreational continuity.	Primitive Road
6667	TransLinearDisturb		0.089	Air, Soil, Water		
6668	Motorized		0.076	Recreation	Criteria 1 and 5. Existing route which provides recreational continuity.	Primitive Road

**17 Route Designation Justification Category (Bakersfield RMP page 203-204)**

Resource Concern – Biology, Cultural or Air, Soil, Water

Resource Use Concern – Access, Recreation or Safety

**18 Route Designation Criteria (Bakersfield RMP page 50-51):**

1. CTTM-D-5 (a) Minimize impacts to physical resources, CTTM-D-5 (b) Minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of habitats and CTTM-D-6 (a) Consider environmental conditions
2. CTTM-D-5 (c) Minimize conflicts between OHV use and other recreation uses, CTTM-D-6 (b) Consider user conflicts
3. CTTM-D-5 (d) Do not locate in wilderness or primitive areas (**This criteria is not applicable to the routes in this decision**)
4. CTTM-D-6 (c) Consider administrative purposes
5. CTTM-D-6 (d) Consider public purposes
6. CTTM-D-6 (e) Consider mode-of-transport and size limitations (**This criteria is not applicable to the routes in this decision**)

Route Segment Number	Proposed Primary Designation	Proposed Secondary Restriction	Length (Miles)	Justification Category <sup>17</sup>	Designation Notes <sup>18</sup> <i>Although all criteria were considered for each route, those listed below represent the primary factors for the designation.</i>	Route Classification
6669	TransLinearDisturb		0.111	Air, Soil, Water		
6670	TransLinearDisturb		0.373	Biology and Air, Soil, Water		
6671	TransLinearDisturb		0.003	Air, Soil, Water		
6672	TransLinearDisturb		0.044	Air, Soil, Water		
6673	TransLinearDisturb		0.048	Air, Soil, Water		
6674	TransLinearDisturb		0.181	Biology and Air, Soil, Water		
6675	TransLinearDisturb		0.083	Air, Soil, Water		
6676	TransLinearDisturb		0.003	Air, Soil, Water		
6677	Motorized		0.050	Recreation	Criteria 1 and 5. Existing route which provides recreational continuity.	Primitive Road
6678	TransLinearDisturb		0.015	Air, Soil, Water		
6679	TransLinearDisturb		0.024	Air, Soil, Water		
6680	TransLinearDisturb		0.067	Air, Soil, Water		
6681	Motorized		0.026	Recreation	Criteria 1 and 5. Existing route which provides recreational continuity.	Primitive Road
6682	TransLinearDisturb		0.010	Air, Soil, Water		
6683	TransLinearDisturb		0.014	Air, Soil, Water		
6684	TransLinearDisturb		0.021	Air, Soil, Water		
6685	TransLinearDisturb		0.039	Air, Soil, Water		
6686	TransLinearDisturb		0.070	Air, Soil, Water		
6687	TransLinearDisturb		0.010	Air, Soil, Water		
6688	Motorized		0.005	Access	Criteria 1 and 5. Connects existing access to private property with sustainable route.	Primitive Road
6689	Motorized		0.036	Access	Criteria 1 and 5. Connects existing access to private property with sustainable route.	Primitive Road
6690	TransLinearDisturb		0.075	Air, Soil, Water		
6691	TransLinearDisturb		0.004	Air, Soil, Water		
6692	Motorized		0.052	Access	Criteria 1 and 4. Connects existing open access to controllable authorized use access point.	Primitive Road
6693	TransLinearDisturb		0.002	Air, Soil, Water		
6694	TransLinearDisturb		0.035	Air, Soil, Water		
6695	TransLinearDisturb		0.030	Air, Soil, Water		

Route Segment Number	Proposed Primary Designation	Proposed Secondary Restriction	Length (Miles)	Justification Category <sup>17</sup>	Designation Notes <sup>18</sup> <i>Although all criteria were considered for each route, those listed below represent the primary factors for the designation.</i>	Route Classification
6696	Motorized		0.046	Access	Criteria 1 and 5. Connects existing access to private property with sustainable route.	Primitive Road
6697	TransLinearDisturb		0.081	Air, Soil, Water		
6698	TransLinearDisturb		0.030	Air, Soil, Water		
6699	Motorized		0.040	Recreation	Criteria 1 and 5. Existing route which provides recreational continuity.	Primitive Road
6700	TransLinearDisturb		0.021	Air, Soil, Water		
6701	TransLinearDisturb		0.008	Air, Soil, Water		
6702	TransLinearDisturb		0.052	Air, Soil, Water		
6703	Motorized		0.004	Access	Criteria 1 and 5. Connects existing access to private property.	Primitive Road
6704	Motorized		0.483	Access	Criteria 1 and 5. Connects existing access to private property with sustainable route.	Primitive Road
6705	TransLinearDisturb		0.014	Air, Soil, Water		
6706	TransLinearDisturb		0.017	Air, Soil, Water		
6707	Motorized		0.087	Recreation	Criteria 1 and 5. Existing route which provides recreational continuity.	Primitive Road
6708	TransLinearDisturb		0.053	Air, Soil, Water		
6709	TransLinearDisturb		0.002	Air, Soil, Water		
6710	Motorized		0.023	Recreation	Criteria 1 and 5. Existing route which provides recreational continuity.	Primitive Road
6711	TransLinearDisturb		0.084	Air, Soil, Water		
6712	TransLinearDisturb		0.342	Air, Soil, Water		
6713	TransLinearDisturb		0.092	Cultural and Air, Soil, Water		
6715	TransLinearDisturb		1.292	Cultural and Air, Soil, Water		
6716	TransLinearDisturb		0.061	Air, Soil, Water		
6717	TransLinearDisturb		0.137	Air, Soil, Water		
6718	TransLinearDisturb		0.100	Air, Soil, Water		
6719	TransLinearDisturb		0.028	Air, Soil, Water		
6720	TransLinearDisturb		0.018	Cultural and Air, Soil, Water		

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6721	TransLinearDisturb		0.136	Cultural and Air, Soil, Water		
6723	Motorized		0.090	Access	Criteria 1 and 5. Continues existing access to public land recreation opportunities and adjacent private land.	Primitive Road
6724	TransLinearDisturb		0.152	Air, Soil, Water		
6725	TransLinearDisturb		0.080	Air, Soil, Water		
6726	TransLinearDisturb		0.455	Air, Soil, Water		
6727	TransLinearDisturb		0.079	Air, Soil, Water		
6728	TransLinearDisturb		0.108	Air, Soil, Water		
6729	TransLinearDisturb		0.046	Air, Soil, Water		
6730	TransLinearDisturb		0.070	Air, Soil, Water		
6731	TransLinearDisturb		0.017	Air, Soil, Water		
6732	TransLinearDisturb		0.069	Air, Soil, Water		
6733	TransLinearDisturb		0.066	Air, Soil, Water		
6734	TransLinearDisturb		0.045	Air, Soil, Water		
6735	TransLinearDisturb		0.310	Air, Soil, Water		
6736	TransLinearDisturb		0.057	Air, Soil, Water		
6737	TransLinearDisturb		0.202	Air, Soil, Water		
6738	TransLinearDisturb		0.167	Air, Soil, Water		
6739	TransLinearDisturb		0.051	Air, Soil, Water		
6740	TransLinearDisturb		0.423	Air, Soil, Water		
6741	TransLinearDisturb		0.156	Air, Soil, Water		
6742	TransLinearDisturb		0.183	Air, Soil, Water		
6743	TransLinearDisturb		0.020	Air, Soil, Water		
6744	TransLinearDisturb		0.055	Air, Soil, Water		
6745	TransLinearDisturb		0.038	Air, Soil, Water		
6746	TransLinearDisturb		0.007	Air, Soil, Water		
6747	TransLinearDisturb		0.034	Air, Soil, Water		
6748	TransLinearDisturb		0.028	Air, Soil, Water		
6749	TransLinearDisturb		0.032	Air, Soil, Water		
6750	TransLinearDisturb		0.017	Air, Soil, Water		
6751	TransLinearDisturb		0.034	Air, Soil, Water		
6752	Motorized		0.002	Access	Criteria 1 and 5. Connects existing access to private property with sustainable route.	Primitive Road

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6753	TransLinearDisturb		0.078	Air, Soil, Water		
6754	TransLinearDisturb		0.015	Air, Soil, Water		
6755	TransLinearDisturb		0.104	Air, Soil, Water		
6756	TransLinearDisturb		0.186	Air, Soil, Water		
6757	TransLinearDisturb		0.367	Air, Soil, Water		
6758	TransLinearDisturb		0.389	Air, Soil, Water		
6759	TransLinearDisturb		0.020	Air, Soil, Water		
6760	TransLinearDisturb		0.007	Air, Soil, Water		
6761	TransLinearDisturb		0.195	Air, Soil, Water		
6762	TransLinearDisturb		0.085	Air, Soil, Water		
6763	TransLinearDisturb		0.332	Air, Soil, Water		
6764	TransLinearDisturb		0.804	Air, Soil, Water		
6765	TransLinearDisturb		0.033	Air, Soil, Water		
6766	TransLinearDisturb		0.014	Air, Soil, Water		
6767	TransLinearDisturb		0.020	Air, Soil, Water		
6768	TransLinearDisturb		0.183	Air, Soil, Water		
6769	Motorized		0.199	Access	Criteria 1 and 5. Connects existing access to private property with sustainable route.	Primitive Road
6770	TransLinearDisturb		0.333	Air, Soil, Water		
6771	TransLinearDisturb		0.175	Air, Soil, Water		
6772	TransLinearDisturb		0.380	Air, Soil, Water		
6773	TransLinearDisturb		0.312	Air, Soil, Water		
6774	TransLinearDisturb		0.131	Air, Soil, Water		
6775	TransLinearDisturb		0.566	Air, Soil, Water		
6776	Motorized		0.203	Access	Criteria 1 and 5. Connects existing access to private property with sustainable route.	Primitive Road
6777	TransLinearDisturb		0.011	Air, Soil, Water		
6778	TransLinearDisturb		0.024	Air, Soil, Water		
6779	TransLinearDisturb		0.018	Air, Soil, Water		
6781	TransLinearDisturb		0.046	Air, Soil, Water		
6782	TransLinearDisturb		0.043	Air, Soil, Water		
6783	TransLinearDisturb		0.004	Air, Soil, Water		
6784	TransLinearDisturb		0.019	Air, Soil, Water		
6785	TransLinearDisturb		0.064	Air, Soil, Water		

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6786	Motorized		0.003	Access	Criteria 1 and 5. Connects existing access to private property with sustainable route.	Primitive Road
6787	TransLinearDisturb		0.071	Air, Soil, Water		
6788	TransLinearDisturb		0.113	Air, Soil, Water		
6789	TransLinearDisturb		0.051	Air, Soil, Water		
6790	TransLinearDisturb		0.018	Air, Soil, Water		
6791	TransLinearDisturb		0.077	Air, Soil, Water		
6792	TransLinearDisturb		0.049	Air, Soil, Water		
6793	TransLinearDisturb		0.282	Air, Soil, Water		
6794	TransLinearDisturb		0.026	Air, Soil, Water		
6795	TransLinearDisturb		0.950	Air, Soil, Water		
6796	TransLinearDisturb		0.121	Air, Soil, Water		
6798	Motorized		0.008	Access	Criteria 1 and 5. Continues existing access to public land recreation opportunities and adjacent private land.	Primitive Road
6799	TransLinearDisturb		0.306	Air, Soil, Water		
6800	TransLinearDisturb		0.023	Air, Soil, Water		
6801	TransLinearDisturb		0.052	Air, Soil, Water		
6802	TransLinearDisturb		0.058	Air, Soil, Water		
TOTAL			16.65			

**Route Re-Designation Justification Table:**

RMP Route and Designation (See Maps 7, 8, 9, 10)				Proposed Route and Designation (See Maps 2, 3, 3A-3G, 4 and 5)				Justification Category <sup>19</sup>	Rationale for Proposed Change <sup>20</sup>  <i>Although all criteria were considered for each route, those listed below represent the primary factors for the re-designation.</i>
RMP Route #	RMP Primary Designation	RMP Secondary Restriction	Miles	EA Route #	Proposed Primary Designation	Proposed Secondary Restriction	Miles		
3156	Motorized		0.639	6770 + 6772	TransLinear Disturb		0.639	Air, Soil, Water	Criteria 1. Eliminated redundant route. Reduced soil disturbance. Combined into TLD 6770 + TLD 6772. Motorized routes 6074 + 3162 provide more consistent and sustainable route path. Prevents redundant route proliferation.
3169	Motorized		0.757	3169	TransLinear Disturb		0.745	Air, Soil, Water	Criteria 1. Eliminated redundant route. Reduced soil disturbance and disruption of livestock operations. Motorized routes 6074 + 3162 provide more consistent and sustainable route path. Prevents redundant route proliferation.
3176	Motorized		0.487	3176	TransLinear Disturb		0.187	Air, Soil, Water	Criteria 1. Eliminated redundant route. Reduced soil disturbance and disruption of livestock operations. Motorized routes 6074 + 3162 provide more consistent and sustainable route path. Prevents redundant route proliferation.
3190	Motorized		0.241	3190	TransLinear Disturb		0.294	Air, Soil, Water	Criteria 1. Eliminated redundant route. Reduced soil disturbance and disruption of livestock operations. Motorized routes 6074 + 3162 provide more consistent and sustainable route path. Prevents redundant route proliferation.
3190	Motorized		0.139	3190A	Motorized	Authorized /Permitted	0.089	Access	Criteria 4. Portion of Motorized route 3190 changed to allow access for authorized users of mineral materials only. Provides controllable access point for authorized users of mineral materials.
3191	TransLinear Disturb		0.194	3191A	Motorized	Authorized /Permitted	0.329	Access	Criteria 4. Portion of TLD 3191 changed to allow access for authorized users of mineral materials only.
3192	Motorized		0.137	3192	TransLinear Disturb		0.137	Air, Soil, Water	Criteria 1. Eliminated redundant route. Reduced soil disturbance. Motorized routes 6074 + 3162 provide more consistent and sustainable route path. Prevents redundant route proliferation.
3194	TransLinear Disturb		0.104	3194	Motorized	Authorized /Permitted	0.104	Access	Criteria 4. Portion of TLD 3194 changed to allow access for authorized users of mineral materials only.
3195	Motorized		0.565	Null	Null			Air, Soil, Water	Criteria 1. Deleted, not a route, a wash.
3195	Motorized		0.176	Null	Null			Air, Soil, Water	Criteria 1. Deleted, not a route, a wash.

**19 Route Designation Justification Category (Bakersfield RMP page 203-204)**

Resource Concern – Biology, Cultural or Air, Soil, Water

Resource Use Concern – Access, Recreation or Safety

**20 Route Designation Criteria (Bakersfield RMP page 50-51):**

1. CTTM-D-5 (a) Minimize impacts to physical resources, CTTM-D-5 (b) Minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of habitats and CTTM-D-6 (a) Consider environmental conditions
2. CTTM-D-5 (c) Minimize conflicts between OHV use and other recreation uses, CTTM-D-6 (b) Consider user conflicts
3. CTTM-D-5 (d) Do not locate in wilderness or primitive areas (**This criteria is not applicable to the routes in this decision**)
4. CTTM-D-6 (c) Consider administrative purposes
5. CTTM-D-6 (d) Consider public purposes
6. CTTM-D-6 (e) Consider mode-of-transport and size limitations (**This criteria is not applicable to the routes in this decision**)

RMP Route and Designation (See Maps 7, 8, 9, 10)				Proposed Route and Designation (See Maps 2, 3, 3A-3G, 4 and 5)				Justification Category <sup>19</sup>	Rationale for Proposed Change <sup>20</sup>  <i>Although all criteria were considered for each route, those listed below represent the primary factors for the re-designation.</i>
RMP Route #	RMP Primary Designation	RMP Secondary Restriction	Miles	EA Route #	Proposed Primary Designation	Proposed Secondary Restriction	Miles		
3200	Motorized	Authorized /Permitted	0.468	3200	TransLinear Disturb		0.466	Air, Soil, Water	Criteria 1. Eliminated redundant route. Reduced soil disturbance. Unnecessary for authorized users. Prevents redundant route proliferation. Supports controllable access point for authorized users of mineral materials.
3203	Motorized		0.044	6734	TransLinear Disturb		0.044	Air, Soil, Water	Criteria 1. Small portion of Motorized route 3203 was redundant and decommissioned. Another portion connected to the decommissioned Authorized/Permitted route 3200. Remainder of Motorized route 3203 was unchanged from Motorized as it provides consistent and sustainable access to OHVs.
3204	TransLinear Disturb		0.067	3204	Motorized		0.044	Access and Recreation	Criteria 5. TLD 3204 is the more consistent and sustainable route than the decommissioned portion of 3203 providing access to OHVs. Provides controllable access point for authorized users of mineral materials.
3205	TransLinear Disturb		0.026	3205	Motorized		0.026	Access and Recreation	Criteria 5. TLD 3205 is the more consistent and sustainable route than decommissioned 3203 providing access to OHVs. Provides controllable access point for authorized users of mineral materials.
3220	TransLinear Disturb		0.178	3195	Motorized		0.178	Access	Criteria 4. Combined with Motorized route 3195 for continuation of road Right-Of-Way to private property.
3225	Motorized		0.113	3225	TransLinear Disturb		0.114	Air, Soil, Water	Criteria 1. Eliminated redundant route. Reduced soil disturbance. Unnecessary for authorized users. Prevents redundant route proliferation and unauthorized access to private land.
3248	TransLinear Disturb		0.281	3248	Motorized		0.281	Recreation	Criteria 5. TLD 3248 is the more consistent and sustainable route than decommissioned 6566 and 6567 which are in a wash.
6559	Motorized		0.255	6559A	TransLinear Disturb		0.257	Air, Soil, Water	Criteria 1. Eliminated redundant route. Reduced soil disturbance and disruption of livestock operations. Motorized routes 6074 + 3162 provide more consistent and sustainable route path. Prevents redundant route proliferation.
6559	Motorized		0.383	6559B	Motorized	Authorized /Permitted	0.276	Access and Air, Soil, Water	Criteria 1 and 4. Reduced soil disturbance and disruption of livestock operations. Motorized routes 6074 + 3162 provide more consistent and sustainable route path. Prevents redundant route proliferation. Provides access for authorized users of livestock operations only.
6559	Motorized			6559C	TransLinear Disturb		0.102	Air, Soil, Water	Criteria 1. Eliminated redundant route. Reduced soil disturbance and disruption of livestock operations. Motorized routes 6074 + 3162 provide more consistent and sustainable route path. Prevents redundant route proliferation.
6562	Motorized		0.552	6562	TransLinear Disturb		0.552	Air, Soil, Water	Criteria 1. Route is in a wash. Reduced soil disturbance.
6565	Motorized		0.632	Null	Null			Air, Soil, Water	Criteria 1. Deleted, not a route, a wash.
6566	Motorized		0.960	6566	TransLinear Disturb		0.462	Air, Soil, Water	Criteria 1. Route is in a wash. Reduced soil disturbance.

RMP Route and Designation (See Maps 7, 8, 9, 10)				Proposed Route and Designation (See Maps 2, 3, 3A-3G, 4 and 5)				Justification Category <sup>19</sup>	Rationale for Proposed Change <sup>20</sup>  <i>Although all criteria were considered for each route, those listed below represent the primary factors for the re-designation.</i>
RMP Route #	RMP Primary Designation	RMP Secondary Restriction	Miles	EA Route #	Proposed Primary Designation	Proposed Secondary Restriction	Miles		
6567	Motorized		0.214	6567	TransLinear Disturb		0.214	Air, Soil, Water	Criteria 1. Route is in a wash. Reduced soil disturbance.
2796	Motorized		0.143	2796	TransLinear Disturb		0.143	Air, Soil, Water	Criteria 1. Route unnecessary for public access or access to private property. Reduced soil and habitat disturbance.
2801	Motorized		0.050	2801	Motorized	Authorized /Permitted	0.050	Access	Criteria 1 and 4. Route behind locked gate on private property.
3653	Motorized		0.032	6797	Motorized	Authorized /Permitted	0.029	Access	Criteria 1 and 4. Route behind locked gate on private property.