

Area of Concern	Total Miles to Designate	Reason
Routes with no legal access	79 miles	<p>Designation of “open” routes on public lands which have no legal access encourages trespass across private lands.</p> <p>The Grand Junction travel designations provides for opening routes once legal public access has been obtained. This is identified in the “designation following mitigation” in the route reports.</p>
Cultural resource impacts	<p>49 miles (Castle Rock)</p> <p>9 miles (other)</p>	<p>The National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), amended in 1992, is the basis for the tribal consultation provisions in Advisory Council on Historic Preservation’s (ACHP) regulations. The two amended sections of NHPA that have a direct bearing on the Section 106 review process are Section 101(d)(6)(A), which clarifies that historic properties of religious and cultural significance to Indian tribes may be eligible for listing in the National Register, and Section 101(d)(6)(B), which requires Federal agencies, in carrying out their Section 106 responsibilities, to consult with any Indian tribe that attaches religious and cultural significance to historic properties that may be affected by an undertaking.</p>
Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs)	29 miles	<p>Badger Wash, Palisade, Pyramid Rock, Rough Canyon and Unawep Seep contain rare plants and cultural resources directly impacted by existing travel routes.</p>
Sarlacc Trail	11 miles	<p>This 12 mile trail is popular among motorcycle riders and mountain bikers alike. A new trail was constructed during the planning process to replace an illegally constructed trail. The designation closes the illegally constructed route now that the new trail is in place.</p> <p>Approved in 2012 through EA # DOI-BLM-CO-130-2012-0038-EA.</p>
Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs)	7 miles	<p>The Interim Management Policy for WSAs directs the BLM to manage and protect wilderness characteristics of WSAs until the Congress acts. Section 603(c) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) states that “. . . until Congress has determined otherwise, the Secretary shall continue to manage such lands according to his authority under the Act and other applicable law in a manner so as not to impair the suitability of such areas for preservation as wilderness . . . .” The general standard for management of WSAs is to not allow actions or impacts that will preclude Congress’s prerogatives in either designating the areas as wilderness or releasing them for other non-wilderness uses.</p> <p>The Palisade and Little Book Cliff Wilderness Study Areas both contain historic motorized routes that are currently used by the public. These routes have been identified by resource staff as having limited resource concerns. The routes will be deferred as requested by the county to determine if the non-impairment standard has been exceeded through additional monitoring.</p>
<b>Total Miles</b>	<b>184 miles</b>	