



BLM GJFO Travel Plan Route Report

– Route: E202

– Segment: 2799

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

– Segment: 2801

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

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Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: E202

No public comments for this Route

– Route: E208

– Segment: 2903

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

Needs More Data

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

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- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Development

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Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: E208

No public comments for this Route

– Route: E210

– Segment: 3013

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

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- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
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- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
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Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 3015

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling

Cultural Resource Concern

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Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: E210

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfc0090

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone E should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes E: 141; 142; 20; 152; 150;23;21;27; 160;168;185; 89; 30; 260; 253; 255; 32; 234; 217; 37; 194; 195; 211; 212; 204; 206; 207; 210; 201; 41. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone E routes above.

– Route: F100**– Segment: 2695****Designation** 

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

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Resources and / or Uses Present

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- Cultural Resource Concern
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
- Water Stream Crossing
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Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— **Segment: 2889**

Designation 

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

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Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 2971

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

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Resources and / or Uses Present

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- Energy Access COGCC well
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- Soils Fragile soils
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- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Golden Eagle Nest (0.5 miles)
- Range Development

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Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 2950

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation ACEC
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Golden Eagle Nest (0.5 miles)

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Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 2952

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

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Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 2959

Designation

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Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

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Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: F100

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfc0089

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone F should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes F: 125; 115; 117; 122; 120;171;119;134;93;108; 100;104;94;107;138;140; 159;152;153;155;172; 196;174;195; 655; 556; 602; 649; 555; 560; 571; 595; 598; 599; 569; 612; 613; 518; 517; 519; 527; 580; 616; 764; 575; 615; 620; 630; 538; 502; 572; 549; 715; 753; 758; 277; 264; 769; 500; 284; 288; 684; 351; 329; 348; 338, 340; 339; 316; 311; 685; 200; 202; 211; 203; 206; 216; 218; 222; 232; 375; 376; 92; 290; 235; 247; 301; 295; 416; 412; 425. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone F routes above.

Commenter Name: Rechel, Eric

Organization:

Submission Code: rmc0049

Recommended: Closed

Zone F: Close all BLM roads into Coon Hollow because of the threatened plant Debeque phacelia, and west and north of Pyramid Rock. Because there are scattered individuals of the Colorado Hookless Cactus around Pyramid Rock all roads south of Pyramid Rock should also be closed. Need to close all roads of north of South Shale LWWC e.g., F155,F153,F107,F104,F100, F140, F159,F152, and F93.

– Route: F138

– Segment: 2689

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Other Considerations County Vested Interest
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
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Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 2742

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

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Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 2723

Designation

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Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

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- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to maintain administrative access to active oil and gas wells, but limit public access to provide for public safety at active well sites.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on listed species and in designated critical habitat for threatened and endangered plants.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: F138

Commenter Name: Chapel, Steve

Organization: Western Slope ATV Association

Submission Code: rmc0013

Recommened: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

F138,F140, F159,F153, F155 There is no genuine reason to call these administrative routes. They are perfect ATV routes and have been used by WSATVA members

Commenter Name: None

Organization: WSATVA

Submission Code: rmc0087

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

De Beque Trail Numbers: (These are some of the most important trails): F356, F376, F572, F571, F549, F380 & F375. Administrative Routes that should be opened: F772, F138, F140, F159, F153, F155, F211, F409, F416, F669, F772. The De Beque area is used by motorized recreationist three seasons out of the year and is home to the De Beque Poker Ride. It is an area especially important to motorized.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfc0089

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone F should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes F: 125; 115; 117; 122; 120;171;119;134;93;108; 100;104;94;107;138;140; 159;152;153;155;172; 196;174;195; 655; 556; 602; 649; 555; 560; 571; 595; 598; 599; 569; 612; 613; 518; 517; 519; 527; 580; 616; 764; 575; 615; 620; 630; 538; 502; 572; 549; 715; 753; 758; 277; 264; 769; 500; 284; 288; 684; 351; 329; 348; 338, 340; 339; 316; 311; 685; 200; 202; 211; 203; 206; 216; 218; 222; 232; 375; 376; 92; 290; 235; 247; 301; 295; 416; 412; 425. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone F routes above.

– Route: F152

– Segment: 580

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations County Vested Interest
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 2810

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 2822

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Reroute

- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Other Considerations County Vested Interest
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 2834

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Other Considerations County Vested Interest
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)

- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 2842

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Other Considerations County Vested Interest
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 2865

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Other Considerations County Vested Interest
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 2875

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations County Vested Interest
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails

- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 2884

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Other Considerations County Vested Interest
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 6825

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations County Vested Interest
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Study Site
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 2885

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Other Considerations County Vested Interest
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 2886

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations County Vested Interest
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 2928

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to maintain administrative access to active oil and gas wells, but limit public access to provide for public safety at active well sites.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 2929

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to maintain administrative access to active oil and gas wells, but limit public access to provide for public safety at active well sites.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 570

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: F152

Commenter Name: Rechel, Eric

Organization:

Submission Code: rmc0049

Reccomended: Closed

Zone F: Close all BLM roads into Coon Hollow because of the threatened plant Debeque phacelia, and west and north of Pyramid Rock. Because there are scattered individuals of the Colorado Hookless Cactus around Pyramid Rock all roads south of Pyramid Rock should also be closed. Need to close all roads of north of South Shale LWWC e.g., F155,F153,F107,F104,F100, F140, F159,F152, and F93.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfc0089

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone F should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes F: 125; 115; 117; 122; 120;171;119;134;93;108; 100;104;94;107;138;140; 159;152;153;155;172; 196;174;195; 655; 556; 602; 649; 555; 560; 571; 595; 598; 599; 569; 612; 613; 518; 517; 519; 527; 580; 616; 764; 575; 615; 620; 630; 538; 502; 572; 549; 715; 753; 758; 277; 264; 769; 500; 284; 288; 684; 351; 329; 348; 338, 340; 339; 316; 311; 685; 200; 202; 211; 203; 206; 216; 218; 222; 232; 375; 376; 92; 290; 235; 247; 301; 295; 416; 412; 425. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone F routes above.

– Route: F155

– Segment: 569

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Once Well is Abandoned

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on listed species and in designated critical habitat for threatened and endangered plants.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 2980

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Once Well is Abandoned

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to maintain administrative access to active oil and gas wells, but limit public access to provide for public safety at active well sites.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on listed species and in designated critical habitat for threatened and endangered plants.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 3027

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Once Well is Abandoned

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to maintain administrative access to active oil and gas wells, but limit public access to provide for public safety at active well sites.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce as much as practicable route density (miles/square mile) within 200 meters of known Threatened and Endangered plant occurrences throughout the field office.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on listed species and in designated critical habitat for threatened and endangered plants.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 6824

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Once Well is Abandoned

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce as much as practicable route density (miles/square mile) within 200 meters of known Threatened and Endangered plant occurrences throughout the field office.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on listed species and in designated critical habitat for threatened and endangered plants.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: F155

Commenter Name: Chapel, Steve
Submission Code: rmc0013

F138,F140, F159,F153, F155 There is no genuine reason to call these administrative routes. They are perfect ATV routes and have been used by WSATVA members

Organization: Western Slope ATV Association
Recommened: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Commenter Name: Rechel, Eric
Submission Code: rmc0049

Zone F: Close all BLM roads into Coon Hollow because of the threatened plant Debeque phacelia, and west and north of Pyramid Rock. Because there are scattered individuals of the Colorado Hookless Cactus around Pyramid Rock all roads south of Pyramid Rock should also be closed. Need to close all roads of north of South Shale LWWC e.g., F155,F153,F107,F104,F100, F140, F159,F152, and F93.

Organization:
Recommened: Closed

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon
Submission Code: cfc0089

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone F should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes F: 125; 115; 117; 122; 120;171;119;134;93;108; 100;104;94;107;138;140; 159;152;153;155;172; 196;174;195; 655; 556; 602; 649; 555; 560; 571; 595; 598; 599; 569; 612; 613; 518; 517; 519; 527; 580; 616; 764; 575; 615; 620; 630; 538; 502; 572; 549; 715; 753; 758; 277; 264; 769; 500; 284; 288; 684; 351; 329; 348; 338, 340; 339; 316; 311; 685; 200; 202; 211; 203; 206; 216; 218; 222; 232; 375; 376; 92; 290; 235; 247; 301; 295; 416; 412; 425. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone F routes above.

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club
Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

Commenter Name: None
Submission Code: rmc0087

De Beque Trail Numbers: (These are some of the most important trails): F356, F376, F572, F571, F549, F380 & F375. Administrative Routes that should be opened: F772, F138, F140, F159, F153, F155, F211, F409, F416, F669, F772. The De Beque area is used by motorized recreationist three seasons out of the year and is home to the De Beque Poker Ride. It is an area especially important to motorized.

Organization: WSATVA
Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

– Route: F159

– Segment: 2776

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only
Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Once Well is Abandoned

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route

- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
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- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 2808

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Once Well is Abandoned

Rationale

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 2843

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Once Well is Abandoned

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: F159

Commenter Name: Chapel, Steve

Submission Code: rmc0013

F138,F140, F159,F153, F155 There is no genuine reason to call these administrative routes. They are perfect ATV routes and have been used by WSATVA members

Organization: Western Slope ATV Association

Reccomended: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Commenter Name: None

Submission Code: rmc0087

De Beque Trail Numbers: (These are some of the most important trails): F356, F376, F572, F571, F549, F380 & F375. Administrative Routes that should be opened: F772, F138, F140, F159, F153, F155, F211, F409, F416, F669, F772. The De Beque area is used by motorized recreationist three seasons out of the year and is home to the De Beque Poker Ride. It is an area especially important to motorized.

Organization: WSATVA

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

Commenter Name: Rechel, Eric

Submission Code: rmc0049

Zone F: Close all BLM roads into Coon Hollow because of the threatened plant Debeque phacelia, and west and

Organization:

Reccomended: Closed

north of Pyramid Rock. Because there are scattered individuals of the Colorado Hookless Cactus around Pyramid Rock all roads south of Pyramid Rock should also be closed. Need to close all roads of north of South Shale LWWC e.g., F155,F153,F107,F104,F100, F140, F159,F152, and F93.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon
Submission Code: cfc0089

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone F should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes F: 125; 115; 117; 122; 120;171;119;134;93;108; 100;104;94;107;138;140; 159;152;153;155;172; 196;174;195; 655; 556; 602; 649; 555; 560; 571; 595; 598; 599; 569; 612; 613; 518; 517; 519; 527; 580; 616; 764; 575; 615; 620; 630; 538; 502; 572; 549; 715; 753; 758; 277; 264; 769; 500; 284; 288; 684; 351; 329; 348; 338, 340; 339; 316; 311; 685; 200; 202; 211; 203; 206; 216; 218; 222; 232; 375; 376; 92; 290; 235; 247; 301; 295; 416; 412; 425. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone F routes above.

– Route: F172

– Segment: 6965

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

— Segment: 6972

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Public Comments On Route: F172

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Submission Code: emc0595

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): I would like to see the BLM designate this trail as open to full-size motorized users. Trail Number(s): F195, F655, F609, F196, F172

Trail Name: Coon Hollow

Commenter Name: Winans, Scott

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0868**Recommened: Foot/Horse/Mechanized**

Routes in Coon Hollow remain open to mechanized access. F655, F195, F196, F176, F172, F555, F556, and unnumbered route crossing F602 and nearly connecting to F555 remain open for access to Shale Ridge area - remote and seldom traveled.

Commenter Name: Chapel, Steve

Organization: Western Slope ATV Association

Submission Code: emc0013

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

Routes F1 95-F196 To F172 This is the Coon Hollow area. Alternative B shows it becoming a 50" route. Due to the remote feeling of this route, combined with the ruggedness, views and great break locations, we believe this route should remain open to all users. The main users are jeeps and ATVers. It is an adventure to climb to the top and should be experienced by all.

Commenter Name: Grossman, David

Organization: Grand Valley Trails Alliance

Submission Code: emc0719

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

The historic, unique Coon Hollow Road (F655, F195) transects the proposed South Shale Ridge ACEC and the DWG proposes that it be "Cherry Stemmed" into the ACEC to allow recreational access via a narrow corridor. We ask that the GJFO of the BLM give serious consideration to managing the proposed Coon Hollow corridor as a limited "Primitive" road/trail, with all motorized vehicular use being the "Primary" recreational use. The recreation corridor within Coon Hollow to be a narrow management section to not infringe on the backcountry characteristics of the surrounding area any more than it currently does. The DWG was unable to reach a consensus on the details of the Coon Hollow Road/Trail with conservation focused members only willing to concede the lower section of the Coon Hollow Road (F655 to F195). The Quiet Trails Group representatives, with the exception of the Backcountry Horsemen, expressed concern about allowing a trail along the ridge and deep into an area with wild characteristics. The OHV and Backcountry Horsemen members of the DWG feel that the Coon Hollow Trail (F196 to F172) is of exceptional nature and in experience and challenge with a rating of 6 on their off-road scale which is unique to the region and that the Coon Hollow Road in the bottom has little value other than access.

Commenter Name: Smith, Jerry

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0773

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

Coon Hollow Jeep Road/Trail (North and West of De Beque, CO) Area F -- F195; F196; F172; F655; F609; and others 1. Some trail history: The Coon Hollow Jeep Road/Trail is a very significant and extremely rare kind of experience for Jeep-size vehicles and other OHVs in the entire GJFO jurisdiction and/or in the entire western U.S. In the GJFO management area, there are only three roads/trails that meet the following criteria: i. Primitive class 6 or 7 for difficulty and over 4-miles in length ii. Scenic, yet not easily seen or offensive from the immediate area iii. Challenge the drivers skills and the capabilities of their vehicle The Coon Hollow Road/Trail has been on BLM maps much longer than the South Shale Ridge has been inventoried as a "Wilderness Characteristics". Even though "Cherry Stemmed" within a Wilderness Characteristic area, the BLM has continued to identify it as a "Jeep Trail", the Affected Environment has shown no, or very little detrimental effects from the long time existence of the Coon Hollow Jeep Road/Trail. If allowed, the adoption of this trail may actually enhance the area with some work to slow the rate of erosion in key areas. The Coon Hollow road/trail has been added to the requested road/trail inventory for Special Recreation Permits (SRP) for the Grand Mesa Jeep Clubs annual "Rock Junction 2013" event. (On this SRP, we were turned down). The Coon Hollow Jeep Road/Trail has been documented on BLM maps for many years as a "Jeep Trail". The Grand Mesa Jeep Club may formally submit to the BLM for "Adopt-A-Trail" status of the Coon Hollow Jeep Road/Trail. This would allow the Grand Mesa Jeep Club to maintain this road/trail through volunteerism This would keep maintenance costs to a minimum for the BLM. It is expected that the brush growth encroaching on the trail will continue to be a serious problem for the next several years. The Mayor of De Beque (Wayne Klahn) vehemently supports keeping the Coon Hollow Jeep Road/Trail open to all motorized use. The community of De Beque will benefit directly socially and economically from keeping the Coon Hollow Jeep Road/Trail open to all motorized use. The Coon Hollow road/trail is relatively close to Interstate 70. Access from the interstate would be easy. As the Coon Hollow Jeep Road/Trail gains in notoriety, more traffic can be anticipated, as it would have "quick access" from an Interstate Highway. The findings in the Environmental Consequences chapter of this DRMP indicate that there are no natural resources at risk under the existing situation¹, therefore, there is no compelling need for drastic cutbacks. Unreasonable cutbacks in access are not warranted by the facts. 2. Expected Experiences At the west end of the trail there is a saddle that one crosses. As you top the saddle, your

heart will skip a beat or two as the view goes from one of relative close and confined to a panorama that expands before you showing a very wide view of western Colorado and into Utah. It is truly an experience that should be mandatory in everyones lifetime. The driving experience of the Coon Hollow Jeep Road/Trail going up is totally different than the coming down experience, making it two entirely unique experiences. Going up you see primarily blue sky and the narrow road through the trees and brush off the sides of the ridge. Going up you are unfamiliar with the trail and the obstacles. Your main focus is on the trail. Occasionally, your gaze will wander and you will become mesmerized by the beauty surrounding you. Coming down, the view through your windshield opens to a panorama of grand vistas clear to and over the town of De Begue to the Battlement Mesa. Your familiarity with the trail and the angle of the view before you makes you want to stop often for "Kodak Moments". Your appreciation for what God has made grows with every turn and crest overcome. As a "Cherry-stemmed" road/trail into an area with "Wilderness Characteristics", the Coon Hollow Jeep Road/Trail is extremely unique. This experience is rarely found anywhere. Anyone with a vehicle capable of accessing the upper Coon Hollow Jeep Road/Trail or who may ride with those that do, will have the opportunity to have a true "Wilderness Experience" without the need for all the personal physical exertion normally required. This access would allow people with disabilities, youth and/or the elderly not up to walking these distances and steep grades the pleasures of a true "Wilderness Experience" in a truly beautiful setting. The opportunity for "Quiet Users" to "get away from it all" will be much easier than they can experience in most designated Wilderness Areas. Their access to a "Wilderness Experience" of this magnitude without the exertion normally expected will draw many of them to accept the very occasional disturbance of a motorized vehicle and maybe become more tolerant of the slight disturbance. As a BLM identified "Cherry-stemmed" road/trail into an area with "Wilderness Characteristics", the existence of the Coon Hollow Jeep Road/Trail should have disallowed the surrounding area as qualified for "Wilderness Characteristics". Wilderness should have no significant signs of man and a road/trail is a significant sign of mans presence. We ask that the BLM give serious consideration to changing the 2013 RMP/TMP management of the entire length of the Coon Hollow Jeep Road/Trail as an Open, "Primitive" road/trail, with ALL Motorized vehicular use being the "Primary" recreational use under the designation of Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA).

Commenter Name: Hutchison, Hod

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: rmc0025

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): Rock crawling having fun in my Jeep. **Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping):** A few times a year, rock crawling. **Why you like this trail(challenges you vehicle, close to home, wildlife, history characteristics views):** Close to home and have fun in my Jeep. **Easy access from GJ.** **Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness):** To spend time with my friends and families. Please leave Coon Hollow open to all motor vehicles.

Commenter Name: None

Organization: WSATVA

Submission Code: rmc0087

Recommended: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Coon Hollow Trails: F655, F195, F609, F172, and F196. Coon Hollow is one of WSATVA's favorite routes to ride.

Commenter Name: Grahem, Kate

Organization: Conservation Colorado

Submission Code: rmc0084

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

It is a truly amazing thing to enter into Coon Hollow, the very heart of South Shale Ridge, there is not a sound but you and the birds, you are engulfed by two massive ridgelines (that is until you climb to the ridge top), the colors are incredible, the views are 360 degrees. We saw tons of evidence of wildlife. Elk and cat tracks were everywhere. And on a few occasions we would locate a nearby highpoint and then find our way to it. The solitude, silence, wildlife, and challenges are second to none. Also the plants are awesome. Please designate and manage as LWC to protect the cultural, wildlife, solitude, and primitive recreation resources. As well please designate and manage ACEC from Alt. C in your final plan. Please, close routes F196, F195, F172 to motorized and leave them open t foot horse and possibly mechanized. The wilderness experience would be greatly disrupted by motorized note.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft,
Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Coon Hollow Trail to top of Shale Ridge Overlook, This trail provides an adventuresome trip along a steep rocky road to a inspirational overlook of the DeBeque BLM area. It should be labeled open to motorize use because of the experience it allows for all forms of recreation. This road provides access to the head of Horseshoe Canyon. It is a picnic destination with the option of hiking down into the canyon. The road should be labeled open to motorized travel because it provides an primitive experience into a beautiful area.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

Coon Hollow F195, F655, F609 Main route *Marked to become ATV-width F196 Spur route near the western end of F195, taking off to the south and then west *Marked to become ATV-width F172 Spur route near the western end of F196, taking off to the west and then north *Marked to become ATV-width

Commenter Name: Cox, Kris

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

Submission Code: emc0788

Recommened: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

580, F633, F753, F513, F579, F503, F620, F744, F722 - central routes remain open to mechanized travel. Several of these routes are already recognized by BLM. F755, F756, F758 system accessible with alterations as needed to meet environmental and cultural protection needs. F549 & F571 remain open to mechanized access to allow travel off of the main access road to the area. Routes in Coon Hollow remain open to mechanized access. F655, F195, F196, F176, F172, F555, F556, and unnumbered route crossing F602 and nearly connecting to F555 remain open for access to Shale Ridge area - remote and seldom traveled.

Commenter Name: Bertolacci, Jason

Organization: International Mountain Bicycling Association

Submission Code: emc0912

Recommened: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

In addition, north of V.2 Road, Coon Hollow Road allows access to rather remote South Shale Ridge region. This area has characteristics of vast open space, Cedar trees and steep ridges. We would like to see this to remain accessible to mountain bicyclists. This area provides users with the opportunity to experience vast open areas in a very remote setting and allows for opportunities in which users will find solitude and quiet. Our recommendation for this area is to leave the existing routes open to mountain bikes. Spur roads should be left open in the area for the use of parking and or camping. These roads should be posted with signs that say road ends in "X" distance. Key Routes: - Major continuous singletrack routes bounded by V.2 and S Roads remain open to mechanized access. - F580, F633, F753, F513, F579, F503, F620, F744, F722 - central routes remain open to mechanized travel. Several of these routes are already recognized by BLM. - F755, F756, F758 system accessible with alterations as needed to meet environmental and cultural protection needs. - F549 & F571 remain open to mechanized access to allow travel off of the main access road to the area. - Routes in Coon Hollow remain open to mechanized access. - F655, F195, F196, F176, F172, F555, F556, and un-numbered route crossing F602 and nearly connecting to F555 remain open for access to Shale Ridge area - remote and seldom traveled. - All road and trail access generally south of S road remain accessible by mechanized traffic for remote access to Debeque Canyon region and for future connectivity to the Palisade area and deeper west. - F430, F316, F319, F351, F364, F352, F353 corridor - F323, F348, F339 corridor - F356, F376, F375 corridor - F398, F400, F391, F379 corridor - F218, F222, F223, F226, F233, F232 corridor - F216, F234, F230 corridor - F213, F200, F203, F206 corridor - F425 Zones H, I, J, Zones H, I, and J functionally form much of the northern boundary of the Grand Valley, ignoring Zone L which is comprised primarily of a maze of motorized trails.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfc0089

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone F should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes F: 125; 115; 117; 122; 120;171;119;134;93;108; 100;104;94;107;138;140; 159;152;153;155;172; 196;174;195; 655; 556; 602; 649; 555; 560; 571; 595; 598; 599; 569; 612; 613; 518; 517; 519; 527; 580; 616; 764; 575; 615; 620; 630; 538; 502; 572; 549; 715; 753; 758; 277; 264; 769; 500; 284; 288; 684; 351; 329; 348; 338, 340; 339; 316; 311; 685; 200; 202; 211; 203; 206; 216; 218; 222; 232; 375; 376; 92; 290; 235; 247; 301; 295; 416; 412; 425. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone F routes above.

Commenter Name: Cox, Kris

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

Submission Code: emc0788

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

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Commenter Name: Gilliam, Gene

Organization: WSATVA

Submission Code: rmc0087

Recommended: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

When I still lived in Silt I would bring my dogs and ride Coon Hollow for a day ride, before my wife retired. I've camped at different times in this area and rode most of the roads and trails in zone F. I've GPS a lot of the rides that I rode for the last ten years or more. Please keep the roads, double tracks and single track trail open OHV travel. This public land should be open for all the people to enjoy. Alternative B with trails F195, F185, F174, F196, f172, 50" or less can give the ATV and driver a work-out at different times. There are deer and other wildlife in this area. 360* scenic views are everywhere. Being able to ride in the fresh air make one feel alive and friends to talk to makes it even better. As the population increases, they need to have a place to play. Maybe the BLM office would be a place to go to play.

– Route: F174

– Segment: 3753

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental

concern.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Public Comments On Route: F174

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommened: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Coon Hollow Trail to top of Shale Ridge Overlook, This trail provides an adventuresome trip along a steep rocky road to a inspirational overlook of the DeBeque BLM area. It should be labeled open to motorize use because of the experience it allows for all forms of recreation. This road provides access to the head of Horseshoe Canyon. It is a picnic destination with the option of hiking down into the canyon. The road should be labeled open to motorized travel because it provides an primitive experience into a beautiful area.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfc0089

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

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– Route: F195

– Segment: 217

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing
- Maintain trail to meet trail design standards

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 3414

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Maintainence
- Drainage Crossing
- Maintain trail to meet trail design standards

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
- Water Stream Crossing
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 3420

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing
- Maintain trail to meet trail design standards

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 3422

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing
- Maintain trail to meet trail design standards

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 3459

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing
- Maintain trail to meet trail design standards

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation ACEC

- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
- Water Stream Crossing
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 3460

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing
- Maintain trail to meet trail design standards

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 3516

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Maintainence
- Drainage Crossing
- Maintain trail to meet trail design standards

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
- Water Stream Crossing
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 3584

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Maintainence
- Drainage Crossing
- Maintain trail to meet trail design standards

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
- Water Stream Crossing
- Range Study Site
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 6878

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing
- Maintain trail to meet trail design standards

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route

- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 3570

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

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- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: F195

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Submission Code: emc0595

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): I would like to see the BLM designate this trail as open to full-size motorized users. Trail Number(s): F195, F655, F609, F196, F172
Trail Name: Coon Hollow

Commenter Name: Potterveld, Jan

Submission Code: emc0634

Organization: Back Country Horsemen of Colorado

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trails F655 and F195 should continue to be open for all use. Trail F196 should remain open for ATV use as well as all quiet use. Trail F599 is a well maintained road and with its extension onto F555 leads to an abandoned Oil and Gas site. This provides excellent parking for horse trailers and can serve as a Trail Head for rides in the Coon Hollow area. The upper part of F555 should be changed to All Vehicles [Black]. The lower part of F555 which leads back to F655, Coon Hollow Rd, is suitable only for ATV and below. Trail F556 is at best an ATV track and perhaps only horse and foot. Consideration should be given to leaving F571 and F549 open to all as this provides an off road section to avoid the traffic on V.2 road. Off of V.2 road there is one short trail that I have explored in my Jeep SUV and it should stay open to all as it leads to some great views of Hoodoos in the ridge to the north. The is Trail F284 and F278 as shown in Alt. D.

Commenter Name: Chapel, Steve

Submission Code: emc0013

Organization: Western Slope ATV Association

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Routes F1 95-F196 To F172 This is the Coon Hollow area. Alternative B shows it becoming a 50" route. Due to the remote feeling of this route, combined with the ruggedness, views and great break locations, we believe this route should remain open to all users. The main users are jeeps and ATVers. It is an adventure to climb to the top and should be experienced by all.

Commenter Name: Grossman, David

Submission Code: emc0719

Organization: Grand Valley Trails Alliance

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

The historic, unique Coon Hollow Road (F655, F195) transects the proposed South Shale Ridge ACEC and the DWG proposes that it be "Cherry Stemmed" into the ACEC to allow recreational access via a narrow corridor. We ask that the GJFO of the BLM give serious consideration to managing the proposed Coon Hollow corridor as a limited "Primitive" road/trail, with all motorized vehicular use being the "Primary" recreational use. The recreation corridor within Coon Hollow to be a narrow management section to not infringe on the backcountry characteristics of the surrounding area any more than it currently does. The DWG was unable to reach a consensus on the details of the Coon Hollow Road/Trail with conservation focused members only willing to concede the lower section of the Coon Hollow Road (F655 to F195). The Quiet Trails Group representatives, with the exception of the Backcountry Horsemen, expressed concern about allowing a trail along the ridge and deep into an area with wild characteristics. The OHV and Backcountry Horsemen members of the DWG feel that the Coon Hollow Trail (F196 to F172) is of exceptional nature and in experience and challenge with a rating of 6 on their off-road scale which is unique to the region and that the Coon Hollow Road in the bottom has little value other than access.

Commenter Name: Smith, Jerry

Submission Code: emc0773

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Coon Hollow Jeep Road/Trail (North and West of De Beque, CO) Area F -- F195; F196; F172; F655; F609; and others 1. Some trail history: The Coon Hollow Jeep Road/Trail is a very significant and extremely rare kind of experience for Jeep-size vehicles and other OHVs in the entire GJFO jurisdiction and/or in the entire western U.S. In the GJFO management area, there are only three roads/trails that meet the following criteria: i. Primitive class 6

or 7 for difficulty and over 4-miles in length ii. Scenic, yet not easily seen or offensive from the immediate area iii. Challenge the drivers skills and the capabilities of their vehicle The Coon Hollow Road/Trail has been on BLM maps much longer than the South Shale Ridge has been inventoried as a "Wilderness Characteristics". Even though "Cherry Stemmed" within a Wilderness Characteristic area, the BLM has continued to identify it as a "Jeep Trail", the Affected Environment has shown no, or very little detrimental effects from the long time existence of the Coon Hollow Jeep Road/Trail. If allowed, the adoption of this trail may actually enhance the area with some work to slow the rate of erosion in key areas. The Coon Hollow road/trail has been added to the requested road/trail inventory for Special Recreation Permits (SRP) for the Grand Mesa Jeep Clubs annual "Rock Junction 2013" event. (On this SRP, we were turned down). The Coon Hollow Jeep Road/Trail has been documented on BLM maps for many years as a "Jeep Trail". The Grand Mesa Jeep Club may formally submit to the BLM for "Adopt-A-Trail" status of the Coon Hollow Jeep Road/Trail. This would allow the Grand Mesa Jeep Club to maintain this road/trail through volunteerism This would keep maintenance costs to a minimum for the BLM. It is expected that the brush growth encroaching on the trail will continue to be a serious problem for the next several years. The Mayor of De Beque (Wayne Klahn) vehemently supports keeping the Coon Hollow Jeep Road/Trail open to all motorized use. The community of De Beque will benefit directly socially and economically from keeping the Coon Hollow Jeep Road/Trail open to all motorized use. The Coon Hollow road/trail is relatively close to Interstate 70. Access from the interstate would be easy. As the Coon Hollow Jeep Road/Trail gains in notoriety, more traffic can be anticipated, as it would have "quick access" from an Interstate Highway. The findings in the Environmental Consequences chapter of this DRMP indicate that there are no natural resources at risk under the existing situation¹, therefore, there is no compelling need for drastic cutbacks. Unreasonable cutbacks in access are not warranted by the facts. 2. Expected Experiences At the west end of the trail there is a saddle that one crosses. As you top the saddle, your heart will skip a beat or two as the view goes from one of relative close and confined to a panorama that expands before you showing a very wide view of western Colorado and into Utah. It is truly an experience that should be mandatory in everyones lifetime. The driving experience of the Coon Hollow Jeep Road/Trail going up is totally different than the coming down experience, making it two entirely unique experiences. Going up you see primarily blue sky and the narrow road through the trees and brush off the sides of the ridge. Going up you are unfamiliar with the trail and the obstacles. Your main focus is on the trail. Occasionally, your gaze will wander and you will become mesmerized by the beauty surrounding you. Coming down, the view through your windshield opens to a panorama of grand vistas clear to and over the town of De Begue to the Battlement Mesa. Your familiarity with the trail and the angle of the view before you makes you want to stop often for "Kodak Moments". Your appreciation for what God has made grows with every turn and crest overcome. As a "Cherry-stemmed" road/trail into an area with "Wilderness Characteristics", the Coon Hollow Jeep Road/Trail is extremely unique. This experience is rarely found anywhere. Anyone with a vehicle capable of accessing the upper Coon Hollow Jeep Road/Trail or who may ride with those that do, will have the opportunity to have a true "Wilderness Experience" without the need for all the personal physical exertion normally required. This access would allow people with disabilities, youth and/or the elderly not up to walking these distances and steep grades the pleasures of a true "Wilderness Experience" in a truly beautiful setting. The opportunity for "Quiet Users" to "get away from it all" will be much easier than they can experience in most designated Wilderness Areas. Their access to a "Wilderness Experience" of this magnitude without the exertion normally expected will draw many of them to accept the very occasional disturbance of a motorized vehicle and maybe become more tolerant of the slight disturbance. As a BLM identified "Cherry-stemmed" road/trail into an area with "Wilderness Characteristics", the existence of the Coon Hollow Jeep Road/Trail should have disallowed the surrounding area as qualified for "Wilderness Characteristics". Wilderness should have no significant signs of man and a road/trail is a significant sign of mans presence. We ask that the BLM give serious consideration to changing the 2013 RMP/TMP management of the entire length of the Coon Hollow Jeep Road/Trail as an Open, "Primitive" road/trail, with ALL Motorized vehicular use being the "Primary" recreational use under the designation of Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA).

Commenter Name: Shepherd, Janice

Submission Code: emc0835

Organization: The Quiet Trails Group

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

We have strong concerns about the ATV trail (F196) off of Coon Hollow road (F195) and recommend that the BLM takes some action to prevent this road from expanding into a sensitive area. That could be closing it down seasonally to protect wildlife in the WEA, cherry stemming it at the intersection, erecting barriers to prevent its expansion, or simply changing it to nonmotorized use. Aside from its impacts on an area with wilderness characteristics, wildlife and sensitive plants, we are concerned about F196s long term sustainability as a motorized trail and would recommend emphasis on foot, horse and mechanized travel in this area.

Commenter Name: Hutchison, Hod

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: rmc0025

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): Rock crawling having fun in my Jeep. Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): A few times a year, rock crawling. Why you like this trait(challenges you vehicle, close to home, wildlife, history characteristics views): Close to home and have fun in my Jeep. Easy access from GJ. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): To spend time with my friends and families. Please leave Coon Hollow open to all motor vehicles.

Commenter Name: None

Organization: WSATVA

Submission Code: rmc0087

Recommended: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Coon Hollow Trails: F655, F195, F609, F172, and F196. Coon Hollow is one of WSATVA's favorite routes to ride.

Commenter Name: Graham, Kate

Organization: Conservation Colorado

Submission Code: rmc0084

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

It is a truly amazing thing to enter into Coon Hollow, the very heart of South Shale Ridge, there is not a sound but you and the birds, you are engulfed by two massive ridgelines (that is until you climb to the ridge top), the colors are incredible, the views are 360 degrees. We saw tons of evidence of wildlife. Elk and cat tracks were everywhere. And on a few occasions we would locate a nearby highpoint and then find our way to it. The solitude, silence, wildlife, and challenges are second to none. Also the plants are awesome. Please designate and manage as LWC to protect the cultural, wildlife, solitude, and primitive recreation resources. As well please designate and manage ACEC from Alt. C in your final plan. Please, close routes F196, F195, F172 to motorized and leave them open t foot horse and possibly mechanized. The wilderness experience would be greatly disrupted by motorized note.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Coon Hollow F195, F655, F609 Main route *Marked to become ATV-width F196 Spur route near the western end of F195, taking off to the south and then west *Marked to become ATV-width F172 Spur route near the western end of F196, taking off to the west and then north *Marked to become ATV-width

Commenter Name: Cox, Kris

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

Submission Code: emc0788

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

580, F633, F753, F513, F579, F503, F620, F744, F722 - central routes remain open to mechanized travel. Several of these routes are already recognized by BLM. F755, F756, F758 system accessible with alterations as needed to meet environmental and cultural protection needs. F549 & F571 remain open to mechanized access to allow travel off of the main access road to the area. Routes in Coon Hollow remain open to mechanized access. F655, F195, F196, F176, F172, F555, F556, and unnumbered route crossing F602 and nearly connecting to F555 remain open for access to Shale Ridge area - remote and seldom traveled.

Commenter Name: Bertolacci, Jason

Organization: International Mountain Bicycling Association

Submission Code: emc0912

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

In addition, north of V.2 Road, Coon Hollow Road allows access to rather remote South Shale Ridge region. This area has characteristics of vast open space, Cedar trees and steep ridges. We would like to see this to remain accessible to mountain bicyclists. This area provides users with the opportunity to experience vast open areas in a very remote setting and allows for opportunities in which users will find solitude and quiet. Our recommendation for this area is to leave the existing routes open to mountain bikes. Spur roads should be left open in the area for the use of parking and or camping. These roads should be posted with signs that say road ends in "X" distance. Key Routes: - Major continuous singletrack routes bounded by V.2 and S Roads remain open to mechanized access. - F580, F633, F753, F513, F579, F503, F620, F744, F722 - central routes remain open to mechanized travel. Several of these routes are already recognized by BLM. - F755, F756, F758 system accessible with alterations as needed to

meet environmental and cultural protection needs. - F549 & F571 remain open to mechanized access to allow travel off of the main access road to the area. - Routes in Coon Hollow remain open to mechanized access. - F655, F195, F196, F176, F172, F555, F556, and un-numbered route crossing F602 and nearly connecting to F555 remain open for access to Shale Ridge area - remote and seldom traveled. - All road and trail access generally south of S road remain accessible by mechanized traffic for remote access to Debeque Canyon region and for future connectivity to the Palisade area and deeper west. - F430, F316, F319, F351, F364, F352, F353 corridor - F323, F348, F339 corridor - F356, F376, F375 corridor - F398, F400, F391, F379 corridor - F218, F222, F223, F226, F233, F232 corridor - F216, F234, F230 corridor - F213, F200, F203, F206 corridor - F425 Zones H, I, J, Zones H, I, and J functionally form much of the northern boundary of the Grand Valley, ignoring Zone L which is comprised primarily of a maze of motorized trails.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfc0089

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone F should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes F: 125; 115; 117; 122; 120;171;119;134;93;108; 100;104;94;107;138;140; 159;152;153;155;172; 196;174;195; 655; 556; 602; 649; 555; 560; 571; 595; 598; 599; 569; 612; 613; 518; 517; 519; 527; 580; 616; 764; 575; 615; 620; 630; 538; 502; 572; 549; 715; 753; 758; 277; 264; 769; 500; 284; 288; 684; 351; 329; 348; 338, 340; 339; 316; 311; 685; 200; 202; 211; 203; 206; 216; 218; 222; 232; 375; 376; 92; 290; 235; 247; 301; 295; 416; 412; 425. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone F routes above.

Commenter Name: Cox, Kris

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

Submission Code: emc0788

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

F580, F633, F753, F513, F579, F503, F620, F744, F722 - central routes remain open to mechanized travel. Several of these routes are already recognized by BLM. F755, F756, F758 system accessible with alterations as needed to meet environmental and cultural protection needs. F549 & F571 remain open to mechanized access to allow travel off of the main access road to the area. Routes in Coon Hollow remain open to mechanized access. F655, F195, F196, F176, F172, F555, F556, and unnumbered route crossing F602 and nearly connecting to F555 remain open for access to Shale Ridge area - remote and seldom traveled.

Commenter Name: Gilliam, Gene

Organization: WSATVA

Submission Code: rmc0087

Recommended: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

When I still lived in Silt I would bring my dogs and ride Coon Hollow for a day ride, before my wife retired. I've camped at different times in this area and rode most of the roads and trails in zone F. I've GPS a lot of the rides that I rode for the last ten years or more. Please keep the roads, double tracks and single track trail open OHV travel. This public land should be open for all the people to enjoy. Alternative B with trails F195, F185, F174, F196, f172, 50" or less can give the ATV and driver a work-out at different times. There are deer and other wildlife in this area. 360* scenic views are everywhere. Being able to ride in the fresh air make one feel alive and friends to talk to makes it even better. As the population increases, they need to have a place to play. Maybe the BLM office would be a place to go to play.

Commenter Name: Winans, Scott

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0868

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Routes in Coon Hollow remain open to mechanized access. F655, F195, F196, F176, F172, F555, F556, and unnumbered route crossing F602 and nearly connecting to F555 remain open for access to Shale Ridge area - remote and seldom traveled.

— Route: F209

— Segment: 5979

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Wilderness Natural Area:** 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-highway vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Special Designation WSA
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered when protecting Wilderness Study Areas values.
- Designation was considered to reduce impairment of wilderness characteristics in areas managed for wilderness characteristics.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: F209

No public comments for this Route

– **Route: F211**

– **Segment: 5870**

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: F211

Commenter Name: Chapel, Steve

Submission Code: rmc0013

Organization: Western Slope ATV Association

Recommended: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

F211 It is proposed to be an administrative route in Alt B. It is not real clear which route is F211 but we refer to the blue admin route in this area. It offers an alternate path for ATVs, thereby increasing the recreational experience. It should be a 50" route. Once again, this area is used 3 seasons out of the year by WSATVA members.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0089

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone F should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes F: 125; 115; 117; 122; 120;171;119;134;93;108; 100;104;94;107;138;140; 159;152;153;155;172; 196;174;195; 655; 556; 602; 649; 555; 560; 571; 595; 598; 599; 569; 612; 613; 518; 517; 519; 527; 580; 616; 764; 575; 615; 620; 630; 538; 502; 572; 549; 715; 753; 758; 277; 264; 769; 500; 284; 288; 684; 351; 329; 348; 338, 340; 339; 316; 311; 685; 200; 202; 211; 203; 206; 216; 218; 222; 232; 375; 376; 92; 290; 235; 247; 301; 295; 416; 412; 425. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWS) and

Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone F routes above.

Commenter Name: None

Organization: WSATVA

Submission Code: rmc0087

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

De Beque Trail Numbers: (These are some of the most important trails): F356, F376, F572, F571, F549, F380 & F375. Administrative Routes that should be opened: F772, F138, F140, F159, F153, F155, F211, F409, F416, F669, F772. The De Beque area is used by motorized recreationist three seasons out of the year and is home to the De Beque Poker Ride. It is an area especially important to motorized.

– Route: F259

– Segment: 6951

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with slump areas.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: F259

No public comments for this Route

– Route: F260

– Segment: 2574

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Range Study Site
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

– Segment: 3610

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with slump areas.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 6950

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils

- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Public Comments On Route: F260

No public comments for this Route

– Route: F266

– Segment: 4538

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Once Well is Abandoned

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV

- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Water Stream Crossing
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to maintain administrative access to active oil and gas wells, but limit public access to provide for public safety at active well sites.
- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: F266

No public comments for this Route

– Route: F268

– Segment: 4561

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to maintain administrative access to active oil and gas wells, but limit public access to provide for public safety at active well sites.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4599

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 23405

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to maintain administrative access to active oil and gas wells, but limit public access to provide for public safety at active well sites.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: F268

Commenter Name: Grossman, David Organization: Grand Valley Trails Alliance

Submission Code: emc0719

Recommened: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

The series of stacked loops currently present within the proposed Castle Rock SRMA provide a challenging singletrack trail experience for motorized, mechanical and foot based recreation. We request the GJFO of the BLM give serious consideration to including the existing trails within the Castle Rock SRMA and to work with representatives of singletrack trail organizations and the DWG to reroute or mitigate any issues before any trail is considered for closure. The DWG recognizes that many of the existing routes and trails within the Castle Rock SRMA exemplify the goals and objectives of this SRMA and should be considered both individually and as a system of trails allowing for challenging singletrack experiences including; F744, F722, F620, F579, F268, F633, F758, F580, and F762.

– Route: F284

– Segment: 6928

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Cultural and Special Status Species Plants

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

– Segment: 21929

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Cultural and Special Status Species Plants

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Paleo Paleontological site Proximate (200m Buffer)
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to provide access to undeveloped campsites that exist along dead-end spur roads.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4058

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Paleo Paleontological site Proximate (200m Buffer)
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route

- Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to reduce ongoing damage to known paleontological sites, close routes that are inside or pass through sensitive paleontological sites, or identify mitigation necessary to protect sites.
- Designation was considered to reduce the potential for vandalism or collection of paleontological sites and reduce the number of routes in proximity to known paleontological localities.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on listed species and in designated critical habitat for threatened and endangered plants.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: F284

Commenter Name: Grossman, David

Submission Code: emc0719

Spur roads F284 and F278 off V.2 Road provide access to view some exceptional Hoodoos and get vehicles off of V.2 Road and the busy oil and gas traffic.

Organization: Grand Valley Trails Alliance

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

Commenter Name: Potterveld, Jan

Submission Code: emc0634

Trails F655 and F195 should continue to be open for all use. Trail F196 should remain open for ATV use as well as all quiet use. Trail F599 is a well maintained road and with its extension onto F555 leads to an abandoned Oil and Gas site. This provides excellent parking for horse trailers and can serve as a Trail Head for rides in the Coon Hollow area. The upper part of F555 should be changed to All Vehicles [Black]. The lower part of F555 which leads back to F655, Coon Hollow Rd, is suitable only for ATV and below. Trail F556 is at best an ATV track and perhaps only horse and foot. Consideration should be given to leaving F571 and F549 open to all as this provides an off road section to avoid the traffic on V.2 road. Off of V.2 road there is one short trail that I have explored in my Jeep SUV and it should stay open to all as it leads to some great views of Hoodoos in the ridge to the north. The is Trail F284 and F278 as shown in Alt. D.

Organization: Back Country Horsemen of Colorado

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfc0089

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone F should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes F: 125; 115; 117; 122; 120;171;119;134;93;108; 100;104;94;107;138;140; 159;152;153;155;172; 196;174;195; 655; 556; 602; 649; 555; 560; 571; 595; 598; 599; 569; 612; 613; 518; 517; 519; 527; 580; 616; 764; 575; 615; 620; 630; 538; 502; 572; 549; 715; 753; 758; 277; 264; 769; 500; 284; 288; 684; 351; 329; 348; 338, 340; 339; 316; 311; 685; 200; 202; 211; 203; 206; 216; 218; 222; 232; 375; 376; 92; 290; 235; 247; 301; 295; 416; 412; 425. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone F routes above.

– Route: F319

– Segment: 4722

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Stream Crossing
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

– Segment: 4833

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4725

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4730

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to maintain administrative access to active oil and gas wells, but limit public access to provide for public safety at active well sites.
- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: F319

Commenter Name: Winans, Scott

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0868

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

All road and trail access generally south of S road remain accessible by mechanized traffic for remote access to Debeque Canyon region and for future connectivity to the Palisade area and deeper west. These all allow for access into this area, where drivers are seldom found/heard. And perhaps in the future we can connect further south to trails in Zone M. O F430, F316, F319, F351, F364, F352, F353 corridor o F323, F348, F339 corridor o F356, F376, F375 corridor o F398, F400, F391, F379 corridor o F218, F222, F223, F226, F233, F232 corridor o F216, F234, F230 corridor o F213, F200, F203, F206 corridor o F425

Commenter Name: Bertolacci, Jason

Organization: International Mountain Bicycling Association

Submission Code: emc0912

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

In addition, north of V.2 Road, Coon Hollow Road allows access to rather remote South Shale Ridge region. This area has characteristics of vast open space, Cedar trees and steep ridges. We would like to see this to remain accessible to mountain bicyclists. This area provides users with the opportunity to experience vast open areas in a very remote setting and allows for opportunities in which users will find solitude and quiet. Our recommendation for this area is to leave the existing routes open to mountain bikes. Spur roads should be left open in the area for the use of parking and or camping. These roads should be posted with signs that say road ends in "X" distance. Key Routes: - Major continuous singletrack routes bounded by V.2 and S Roads remain open to mechanized access. - F580, F633, F753, F513, F579, F503, F620, F744, F722 - central routes remain open to mechanized travel. Several of these routes are already recognized by BLM. - F755, F756, F758 system accessible with alterations as needed to meet environmental and cultural protection needs. - F549 & F571 remain open to mechanized access to allow travel off of the main access road to the area. - Routes in Coon Hollow remain open to mechanized access. - F655, F195, F196, F176, F172, F555, F556, and un-numbered route crossing F602 and nearly connecting to F555 remain open for access to Shale Ridge area - remote and seldom traveled. - All road and trail access generally south of S road remain accessible by mechanized traffic for remote access to Debeque Canyon region and for future connectivity to the Palisade area and deeper west. - F430, F316, F319, F351, F364, F352, F353 corridor - F323, F348, F339 corridor - F356, F376, F375 corridor - F398, F400, F391, F379 corridor - F218, F222, F223, F226, F233, F232 corridor - F216, F234, F230 corridor - F213, F200, F203, F206 corridor - F425 Zones H, I, J, Zones H, I, and J functionally form much of the northern boundary of the Grand Valley, ignoring Zone L which is comprised primarily of a maze of motorized trails.

Commenter Name: Cox, Kris

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

Submission Code: emc0788

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

All road and trail access generally south of S road remain accessible by mechanized traffic for remote access to Debeque Canyon region and for future connectivity to the Palisade area and deeper west. O F430, F316, F319, F351, F364, F352, F353 corridor o F323, F348, F339 corridor o F356, F376, F375 corridor o F398, F400, F391, F379 corridor o F218, F222, F223, F226, F233, F232 corridor o F216, F234, F230 corridor o F213, F200, F203, F206 corridor o F425

– Route: F325

– Segment: 4729

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Stream Crossing
- Lands and Realty ROW
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: F325

No public comments for this Route

– Route: F350

– Segment: 4907

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4919

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: F350

No public comments for this Route

– Route: F356

– Segment: 5517

Designation

Proposed Designation: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

– Segment: 5526

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

— Segment: 5527

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails

Soils Fragile soils

- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Public Comments On Route: F356

Commenter Name: Winans, Scott

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0868

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

All road and trail access generally south of S road remain accessible by mechanized traffic for remote access to Debeque Canyon region and for future connectivity to the Palisade area and deeper west. These all allow for access into this area, where drivers are seldom found/heard. And perhaps in the future we can connect further south to trails in Zone M. O F430, F316, F319, F351, F364, F352, F353 corridor o F323, F348, F339 corridor o F356, F376, F375 corridor o F398, F400, F391, F379 corridor o F218, F222, F223, F226, F233, F232 corridor o F216, F234, F230 corridor o F213, F200, F203, F206 corridor o F425

Commenter Name: Chapel, Steve

Organization: Western Slope ATV Association

Submission Code: rmc0013

Recommended: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

F356 to F376 This is a VERY IMPORTANT ATV route. Alternative B does show it as a proposed 50" route and it should be. It is used as a club ride fall, winter and spring. This route is especially appealing on ATVs. It connects two larger roads and really increases the recreational experience for ATV users.

Commenter Name: None

Organization: WSATVA

Submission Code: rmc0087

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

De Beque Trail Numbers: (These are some of the most important trails): F356, F376, F572, F571, F549, F380 & F375. Administrative Routes that should be opened: F772, F138, F140, F159, F153, F155, F211, F409, F416, F669, F772. The De Beque area is used by motorized recreationist three seasons out of the year and is home to the De Beque Poker Ride. It is an area especially important to motorized.

Commenter Name: Bertolacci, Jason

Organization: International Mountain Bicycling Association

Submission Code: emc0912

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

In addition, north of V.2 Road, Coon Hollow Road allows access to rather remote South Shale Ridge region. This area has characteristics of vast open space, Cedar trees and steep ridges. We would like to see this to remain accessible to mountain bicyclists. This area provides users with the opportunity to experience vast open areas in a very remote setting and allows for opportunities in which users will find solitude and quiet. Our recommendation for this area is to leave the existing routes open to mountain bikes. Spur roads should be left open in the area for the

use of parking and or camping. These roads should be posted with signs that say road ends in "X" distance. Key Routes: - Major continuous singletrack routes bounded by V.2 and S Roads remain open to mechanized access. - F580, F633, F753, F513, F579, F503, F620, F744, F722 - central routes remain open to mechanized travel. Several of these routes are already recognized by BLM. - F755, F756, F758 system accessible with alterations as needed to meet environmental and cultural protection needs. - F549 & F571 remain open to mechanized access to allow travel off of the main access road to the area. - Routes in Coon Hollow remain open to mechanized access. - F655, F195, F196, F176, F172, F555, F556, and un-numbered route crossing F602 and nearly connecting to F555 remain open for access to Shale Ridge area - remote and seldom traveled. - All road and trail access generally south of S road remain accessible by mechanized traffic for remote access to Debeque Canyon region and for future connectivity to the Palisade area and deeper west. - F430, F316, F319, F351, F364, F352, F353 corridor - F323, F348, F339 corridor - F356, F376, F375 corridor - F398, F400, F391, F379 corridor - F218, F222, F223, F226, F233, F232 corridor - F216, F234, F230 corridor - F213, F200, F203, F206 corridor - F425 Zones H, I, J, Zones H, I, and J functionally form much of the northern boundary of the Grand Valley, ignoring Zone L which is comprised primarily of a maze of motorized trails.

Commenter Name: Cox, Kris

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

Submission Code: emc0788

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

All road and trail access generally south of S road remain accessible by mechanized traffic for remote access to Debeque Canyon region and for future connectivity to the Palisade area and deeper west. O F430, F316, F319, F351, F364, F352, F353 corridor o F323, F348, F339 corridor o F356, F376, F375 corridor o F398, F400, F391, F379 corridor o F218, F222, F223, F226, F233, F232 corridor o F216, F234, F230 corridor o F213, F200, F203, F206 corridor o F425

– Route: F375

– Segment: 7282

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Study Site
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood,

post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 5314

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing
- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Stream Crossing
- Lands and Realty ROW

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to protect shallow pipeline infrastructure, maintain administrative access (only) over pipeline facilities.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: F375

Commenter Name: None

Organization: WSATVA

Submission Code: rmc0087

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

De Beque Trail Numbers: (These are some of the most important trails): F356, F376, F572, F571, F549, F380 & F375. Administrative Routes that should be opened: F772, F138, F140, F159, F153, F155, F211, F409, F416, F669, F772. The De Beque area is used by motorized recreationist three seasons out of the year and is home to the De Beque Poker Ride. It is an area especially important to motorized.

Commenter Name: Bertolacci, Jason

Organization: International Mountain Bicycling Association

Submission Code: emc0912

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

In addition, north of V.2 Road, Coon Hollow Road allows access to rather remote South Shale Ridge region. This area has characteristics of vast open space, Cedar trees and steep ridges. We would like to see this to remain accessible to mountain bicyclists. This area provides users with the opportunity to experience vast open areas in a very remote setting and allows for opportunities in which users will find solitude and quiet. Our recommendation for this area is to leave the existing routes open to mountain bikes. Spur roads should be left open in the area for the use of parking and or camping. These roads should be posted with signs that say road ends in "X" distance. Key Routes: - Major continuous singletrack routes bounded by V.2 and S Roads remain open to mechanized access. - F580, F633, F753, F513, F579, F503, F620, F744, F722 - central routes remain open to mechanized travel. Several of these routes are already recognized by BLM. - F755, F756, F758 system accessible with alterations as needed to meet environmental and cultural protection needs. - F549 & F571 remain open to mechanized access to allow travel off of the main access road to the area. - Routes in Coon Hollow remain open to mechanized access. - F655, F195, F196, F176, F172, F555, F556, and un-numbered route crossing F602 and nearly connecting to F555 remain open for access to Shale Ridge area - remote and seldom traveled. - All road and trail access generally south of S road remain accessible by mechanized traffic for remote access to Debeque Canyon region and for future connectivity to the Palisade area and deeper west. - F430, F316, F319, F351, F364, F352, F353 corridor - F323, F348, F339 corridor - F356, F376, F375 corridor - F398, F400, F391, F379 corridor - F218, F222, F223, F226, F233, F232 corridor - F216, F234, F230 corridor - F213, F200, F203, F206 corridor - F425 Zones H, I, J, Zones H, I, and J functionally form much of the northern boundary of the Grand Valley, ignoring Zone L which is comprised primarily of a maze of motorized trails.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfc0089

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone F should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes F: 125; 115; 117; 122; 120;171;119;134;93;108; 100;104;94;107;138;140; 159;152;153;155;172; 196;174;195; 655; 556; 602; 649; 555; 560; 571; 595; 598; 599; 569; 612; 613; 518; 517; 519; 527; 580; 616; 764; 575; 615; 620; 630; 538; 502; 572; 549; 715; 753; 758; 277; 264; 769; 500; 284; 288; 684; 351; 329; 348; 338, 340; 339; 316; 311; 685; 200; 202; 211; 203; 206; 216; 218; 222; 232; 375; 376; 92; 290; 235; 247; 301; 295; 416; 412; 425. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone F routes above.

Commenter Name: Cox, Kris
Submission Code: emc0788

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter
Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

All road and trail access generally south of S road remain accessible by mechanized traffic for remote access to Debeque Canyon region and for future connectivity to the Palisade area and deeper west. O F430, F316, F319, F351, F364, F352, F353 corridor o F323, F348, F339 corridor o F356, F376, F375 corridor o F398, F400, F391, F379 corridor o F218, F222, F223, F226, F233, F232 corridor o F216, F234, F230 corridor o F213, F200, F203, F206 corridor o F425

Commenter Name: Winans, Scott
Submission Code: emc0868

Organization:
Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

All road and trail access generally south of S road remain accessible by mechanized traffic for remote access to Debeque Canyon region and for future connectivity to the Palisade area and deeper west. These all allow for access into this area, where drivers are seldom found/heard. And perhaps in the future we can connect further south to trails in Zone M. O F430, F316, F319, F351, F364, F352, F353 corridor o F323, F348, F339 corridor o F356, F376, F375 corridor o F398, F400, F391, F379 corridor o F218, F222, F223, F226, F233, F232 corridor o F216, F234, F230 corridor o F213, F200, F203, F206 corridor o F425

– Route: F383

– Segment: 5347

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

– Segment: 5518

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: F383

No public comments for this Route

– Route: F390

– Segment: 3635

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 5269

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: F390

No public comments for this Route

– Route: F391

– Segment: 5268

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 5270

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 2658

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: F391

Commenter Name: Bertolacci, Jason

Organization: International Mountain Bicycling Association

Submission Code: emc0912

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

In addition, north of V.2 Road, Coon Hollow Road allows access to rather remote South Shale Ridge region. This area has characteristics of vast open space, Cedar trees and steep ridges. We would like to see this to remain accessible to mountain bicyclists. This area provides users with the opportunity to experience vast open areas in a very remote setting and allows for opportunities in which users will find solitude and quiet. Our recommendation for this area is to leave the existing routes open to mountain bikes. Spur roads should be left open in the area for the use of parking and or camping. These roads should be posted with signs that say road ends in "X" distance. Key Routes: - Major continuous singletrack routes bounded by V.2 and S Roads remain open to mechanized access. - F580, F633, F753, F513, F579, F503, F620, F744, F722 - central routes remain open to mechanized travel. Several of these routes are already recognized by BLM. - F755, F756, F758 system accessible with alterations as needed to meet environmental and cultural protection needs. - F549 & F571 remain open to mechanized access to allow travel off of the main access road to the area. - Routes in Coon Hollow remain open to mechanized access. - F655, F195, F196, F176, F172, F555, F556, and un-numbered route crossing F602 and nearly connecting to F555 remain open for access to Shale Ridge area - remote and seldom traveled. - All road and trail access generally south of S road remain accessible by mechanized traffic for remote access to Debeque Canyon region and for future connectivity to the Palisade area and deeper west. - F430, F316, F319, F351, F364, F352, F353 corridor - F323, F348, F339 corridor - F356, F376, F375 corridor - F398, F400, F391, F379 corridor - F218, F222, F223, F226, F233, F232 corridor - F216, F234, F230 corridor - F213, F200, F203, F206 corridor - F425 Zones H, I, J, Zones H, I, and J functionally form much of the northern boundary of the Grand Valley, ignoring Zone L which is comprised primarily of a maze of motorized trails.

Commenter Name: Cox, Kris

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

Submission Code: emc0788

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

All road and trail access generally south of S road remain accessible by mechanized traffic for remote access to Debeque Canyon region and for future connectivity to the Palisade area and deeper west. O F430, F316, F319, F351, F364, F352, F353 corridor o F323, F348, F339 corridor o F356, F376, F375 corridor o F398, F400, F391, F379 corridor o F218, F222, F223, F226, F233, F232 corridor o F216, F234, F230 corridor o F213, F200, F203, F206 corridor o F425

Commenter Name: Winans, Scott

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0868

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

All road and trail access generally south of S road remain accessible by mechanized traffic for remote access to Debeque Canyon region and for future connectivity to the Palisade area and deeper west. These all allow for access into this area, where drivers are seldom found/heard. And perhaps in the future we can connect further south to trails in Zone M. O F430, F316, F319, F351, F364, F352, F353 corridor o F323, F348, F339 corridor o F356, F376, F375 corridor o F398, F400, F391, F379 corridor o F218, F222, F223, F226, F233, F232 corridor o F216, F234, F230 corridor o F213, F200, F203, F206 corridor o F425

– Route: F397

– Segment: 5079

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class IV

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: F397

No public comments for this Route

– Route: F398

– Segment: 5174

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only
Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 5179

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area

Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 5266

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 7177

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Lands and Realty ROW

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to protect shallow pipeline infrastructure, maintain administrative access (only) over pipeline facilities.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 5457

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to maintain administrative access to active oil and gas wells, but limit public access to provide for public safety at active well sites.
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- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 5465

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
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Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 5466

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

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Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: F398

Commenter Name: Bertolacci, Jason

Organization: International Mountain Bicycling Association

Submission Code: emc0912

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

In addition, north of V.2 Road, Coon Hollow Road allows access to rather remote South Shale Ridge region. This area has characteristics of vast open space, Cedar trees and steep ridges. We would like to see this to remain accessible to mountain bicyclists. This area provides users with the opportunity to experience vast open areas in a very remote setting and allows for opportunities in which users will find solitude and quiet. Our recommendation for this area is to leave the existing routes open to mountain bikes. Spur roads should be left open in the area for the use of parking and or camping. These roads should be posted with signs that say road ends in "X" distance. Key Routes: - Major continuous singletrack routes bounded by V.2 and S Roads remain open to mechanized access. - F580, F633, F753, F513, F579, F503, F620, F744, F722 - central routes remain open to mechanized travel. Several of these routes are already recognized by BLM. - F755, F756, F758 system accessible with alterations as needed to meet environmental and cultural protection needs. - F549 & F571 remain open to mechanized access to allow travel off of the main access road to the area. - Routes in Coon Hollow remain open to mechanized access. - F655, F195, F196, F176, F172, F555, F556, and un-numbered route crossing F602 and nearly connecting to F555 remain open for access to Shale Ridge area - remote and seldom traveled. - All road and trail access generally south of S road remain accessible by mechanized traffic for remote access to Debeque Canyon region and for future connectivity to the Palisade area and deeper west. - F430, F316, F319, F351, F364, F352, F353 corridor - F323, F348, F339 corridor - F356, F376, F375 corridor - F398, F400, F391, F379 corridor - F218, F222, F223, F226, F233, F232 corridor - F216, F234, F230 corridor - F213, F200, F203, F206 corridor - F425 Zones H, I, J, Zones H, I, and J functionally form much of the northern boundary of the Grand Valley, ignoring Zone L which is comprised primarily of a maze of motorized trails.

Commenter Name: Cox, Kris

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

Submission Code: emc0788

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

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Commenter Name: Winans, Scott
Submission Code: emc0868

Organization:
Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

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– Route: F400

– Segment: 5265

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area

Rationale for Decision

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Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

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Organization:

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– Route: F402

– Segment: 5062

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Right of Way

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: F402

No public comments for this Route

– Route: F403**– Segment: 5175****Designation** 

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils

- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 5063

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Right of Way

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4986

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access
- Work with Land Owner on Right of Way

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Wilderness Natural Area:** 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-highway vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class I
- Special Designation WSA

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
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- Designation was considered to preserve the visual character of the existing landscape, limit or reduce the number of routes in areas managed as VRM Class I
- Designation was considered when protecting Wilderness Study Areas values.
- Designation was considered to reduce impairment of wilderness characteristics in areas managed for wilderness characteristics.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: F403

No public comments for this Route

— Route: F409

— Segment: 4677

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class I
- Special Designation WSA

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 4756

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Wilderness Natural Area:** 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-highway vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class I
- Special Designation WSA

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 4577

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 4652

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Special Designation WSA

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered to reduce impairment of wilderness characteristics in areas managed for wilderness characteristics.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 4539

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: F409

Commenter Name: None

Organization: WSATVA

Submission Code: rmc0087

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

De Beque Trail Numbers: (These are some of the most important trails): F356, F376, F572, F571, F549, F380 & F375. Administrative Routes that should be opened: F772, F138, F140, F159, F153, F155, F211, F409, F416, F669, F772. The De Beque area is used by motorized recreationist three seasons out of the year and is home to the De Beque Poker Ride. It is an area especially important to motorized.

– Route: F416

– Segment: 4708

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Wilderness Natural Area:** 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-highway vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite

- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class I
- Special Designation WSA

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 4565

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Water Stream Crossing
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

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Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 4566

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 4591

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 4531

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: F416

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon
Submission Code: cfc0089

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone F should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes F: 125; 115; 117; 122; 120;171;119;134;93;108; 100;104;94;107;138;140; 159;152;153;155;172; 196;174;195; 655; 556; 602; 649; 555; 560; 571; 595; 598; 599; 569; 612; 613; 518; 517; 519; 527; 580; 616; 764; 575; 615; 620; 630; 538; 502; 572; 549; 715; 753; 758; 277; 264; 769; 500; 284; 288; 684; 351; 329; 348; 338, 340; 339; 316; 311; 685; 200; 202; 211; 203; 206; 216; 218; 222; 232; 375; 376; 92; 290; 235; 247; 301; 295; 416; 412; 425. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone F routes above.

Commenter Name: None
Submission Code: rmc0087

Organization: WSATVA
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

De Beque Trail Numbers: (These are some of the most important trails): F356, F376, F572, F571, F549, F380 & F375. Administrative Routes that should be opened: F772, F138, F140, F159, F153, F155, F211, F409, F416, F669, F772. The De Beque area is used by motorized recreationist three seasons out of the year and is home to the De Beque Poker Ride. It is an area especially important to motorized.

Commenter Name: Chapel, Steve
Submission Code: rmc0013

Organization: Western Slope ATV Association
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

F772 This area is shown as an Administrative route in Alt. B but should be open to allow access to the wilderness area. It shows open on alt. D. It should also be open so as to allow the possibility of future connection to F416, thereby forming loop access to the wilderness area.

– Route: F430

– Segment: 2597

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Range Study Site
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or

Tribes.

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 2607

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4416

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4422

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route

- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4443

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native

plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 7129

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: F430

Commenter Name: Winans, Scott

Submission Code: emc0868

Organization:

Recommened: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

All road and trail access generally south of S road remain accessible by mechanized traffic for remote access to Debeque Canyon region and for future connectivity to the Palisade area and deeper west. These all allow for access into this area, where drivers are seldom found/heard. And perhaps in the future we can connect further south to trails in Zone M. O F430, F316, F319, F351, F364, F352, F353 corridor o F323, F348, F339 corridor o F356, F376, F375 corridor o F398, F400, F391, F379 corridor o F218, F222, F223, F226, F233, F232 corridor o F216, F234, F230 corridor o F213, F200, F203, F206 corridor o F425

Commenter Name: Bertolacci, Jason

Organization: International Mountain Bicycling Association

Submission Code: emc0912

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

In addition, north of V.2 Road, Coon Hollow Road allows access to rather remote South Shale Ridge region. This area has characteristics of vast open space, Cedar trees and steep ridges. We would like to see this to remain accessible to mountain bicyclists. This area provides users with the opportunity to experience vast open areas in a very remote setting and allows for opportunities in which users will find solitude and quiet. Our recommendation for this area is to leave the existing routes open to mountain bikes. Spur roads should be left open in the area for the use of parking and or camping. These roads should be posted with signs that say road ends in "X" distance. Key Routes: - Major continuous singletrack routes bounded by V.2 and S Roads remain open to mechanized access. - F580, F633, F753, F513, F579, F503, F620, F744, F722 - central routes remain open to mechanized travel. Several of these routes are already recognized by BLM. - F755, F756, F758 system accessible with alterations as needed to meet environmental and cultural protection needs. - F549 & F571 remain open to mechanized access to allow travel off of the main access road to the area. - Routes in Coon Hollow remain open to mechanized access. - F655, F195, F196, F176, F172, F555, F556, and un-numbered route crossing F602 and nearly connecting to F555 remain open for access to Shale Ridge area - remote and seldom traveled. - All road and trail access generally south of S road remain accessible by mechanized traffic for remote access to Debeque Canyon region and for future connectivity to the Palisade area and deeper west. - F430, F316, F319, F351, F364, F352, F353 corridor - F323, F348, F339 corridor - F356, F376, F375 corridor - F398, F400, F391, F379 corridor - F218, F222, F223, F226, F233, F232 corridor - F216, F234, F230 corridor - F213, F200, F203, F206 corridor - F425 Zones H, I, J, Zones H, I, and J functionally form much of the northern boundary of the Grand Valley, ignoring Zone L which is comprised primarily of a maze of motorized trails.

Commenter Name: Cox, Kris

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

Submission Code: emc0788

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

All road and trail access generally south of S road remain accessible by mechanized traffic for remote access to Debeque Canyon region and for future connectivity to the Palisade area and deeper west. O F430, F316, F319, F351, F364, F352, F353 corridor o F323, F348, F339 corridor o F356, F376, F375 corridor o F398, F400, F391, F379 corridor o F218, F222, F223, F226, F233, F232 corridor o F216, F234, F230 corridor o F213, F200, F203, F206 corridor o F425

– Route: F434

– Segment: 4160

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Potential Tribal access needs

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV

- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty ROW

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to protect shallow pipeline infrastructure, maintain administrative access (only) over pipeline facilities.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4215

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Potential Tribal access needs

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Lands and Realty ROW

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to protect shallow pipeline infrastructure, maintain administrative access (only) over pipeline facilities.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4243

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Potential Tribal access needs

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Lands and Realty ROW

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to protect shallow pipeline infrastructure, maintain administrative access (only) over pipeline facilities.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4285

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Potential Tribal access needs

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4244

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Water Stream Crossing
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: F434

No public comments for this Route

– Route: F496

– Segment: 4560

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to

erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: F496

Commenter Name: Herron, Lydia

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0806

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

Zone F - Debeque With reference to routes proposed as closures in Alternative B: F500 is an alternative route vs. taking the main county road Westward. Slated for closure in Alt B, F758, F753, F755, F715, F579, F633, F615, F496 gives OHV users a loop ride option. F571 & F549 are used to connect two traileed areas vs. using the County Road. ATV users love trails and well take any old dirt road over nothing, but sure would rather take a fun trail, with diverse riding terrain vs. a graded flat dirt road. F772 is slated for administrative use in Alt B. This gives public access into the Bookcliffs Wilderness Study Area, therefore having a purpose to leave open for public use.

– Route: F500

– Segment: 4651

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Once Well is Abandoned

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or

Tribes.

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to maintain administrative access to active oil and gas wells, but limit public access to provide for public safety at active well sites.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4709

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Once Well is Abandoned

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct

impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.

- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 23416

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Once Well is Abandoned

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to maintain administrative access to active oil and gas wells, but limit public access to provide for public safety at active well sites.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: F500

Commenter Name: Herron, Lydia

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0806

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Zone F - Debeque With reference to routes proposed as closures in Alternative B: F500 is an alternative route vs. taking the main county road Westward. Slated for closure in Alt B, F758, F753, F755, F715, F579, F633, F615, F496 gives OHV users a loop ride option. F571 & F549 are used to connect two trailed areas vs. using the County Road. ATV users love trails and well take any old dirt road over nothing, but sure would rather take a fun trail, with diverse riding terrain vs. a graded flat dirt road. F772 is slated for administrative use in Alt B. This gives public access into the Bookcliffs Wilderness Study Area, therefore having a purpose to leave open for public use.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfc0089

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone F should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes F: 125; 115; 117; 122; 120;171;119;134;93;108; 100;104;94;107;138;140; 159;152;153;155;172; 196;174;195; 655; 556; 602; 649; 555; 560; 571; 595; 598; 599; 569; 612; 613; 518; 517; 519; 527; 580; 616; 764; 575; 615; 620; 630; 538; 502; 572; 549; 715; 753; 758; 277; 264; 769; 500; 284; 288; 684; 351; 329; 348; 338, 340; 339; 316; 311; 685; 200; 202; 211; 203; 206; 216; 218; 222; 232; 375; 376; 92; 290; 235; 247; 301; 295; 416; 412; 425. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone F routes above.

– Route: F501

– Segment: 6930

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails

- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

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- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Public Comments On Route: F501

No public comments for this Route

– Route: F502

– Segment: 4178

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

— Segment: 4170

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Stream Crossing

- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

— Segment: 4182

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Public Comments On Route: F502

Commenter Name: McClellan, Roz

Submission Code: emc0846

Organization: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative

Recommended: Foot/Horse

Zone F Castle Rocks Coon Hollow F 196 and its spurs - please close this little- used cherry stem to block up a bigger S. Shale Roadless area RMRI has been tracking Castle Rocks for a number of years as lack of enforcement has increased impacts from trials dirt bikes and mountain bikes on rare geological, paleontological, biological resources including special status plant and animal species such as sage grouse and cactus. We recommend closures of all recently created mt bike and dirt bike trails, including F551- F572-F502-F538-F536-F602-F575-F573-F580-F633-F579-F503-F715-F615. Castle Rocks should open to foot and horse only.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0089

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone F should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes F: 125; 115; 117; 122; 120;171;119;134;93;108; 100;104;94;107;138;140; 159;152;153;155;172; 196;174;195; 655; 556; 602; 649; 555; 560; 571; 595; 598; 599; 569; 612; 613; 518; 517; 519; 527; 580; 616; 764; 575; 615; 620; 630; 538; 502; 572; 549; 715; 753; 758; 277; 264; 769; 500; 284; 288; 684; 351; 329; 348; 338, 340; 339; 316; 311; 685; 200; 202; 211; 203; 206; 216; 218; 222; 232; 375; 376; 92; 290; 235; 247; 301; 295; 416; 412; 425. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone F routes above.

Commenter Name: No Record

Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record**Recommened: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle**

[Trails Preservation Alliance - www.coloradotpa.org][Subject: Combined input to the BLM RMP, from the TPA and COHVCO.] In sections 11 and 12, just south west of the Pyramid Rock ACEC is a system of single track routes that are used primarily by motorcycle trials riders. (specifically F551-F572-F502-F538-F536-F602-F575-F573-F580-F633-F579-F503-F715-F615) This is a very valuable recreation opportunity. We would like to see this opportunity developed for trials motorcyclists. It provides an opportunity for both casual use and organized competition of a very high caliber. The natural freatures of rock and slick rock are highly sought after for a quality trials location.

– Route: F503**– Segment: 3950****Designation** **Proposed Designation: Closed****Seasonal Limitations: None****Mitigation**

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

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- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed**Alternative A (Current): Undesignated****Alternative B (Preferred): Closed****Alternative C (Conservation): Closed**

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle**— Segment: 4166****Designation** **Proposed Designation: Closed****Seasonal Limitations: None****Mitigation**

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed**Alternative A (Current):** Undesignated**Alternative B (Preferred):** Closed**Alternative C (Conservation):** Closed**Alternative D (Development):** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 4262

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 4279

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 4283

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

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- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
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- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 4356

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails

- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Public Comments On Route: F503

Commenter Name: Winans, Scott

Submission Code: emc0868

Organization:

Recommened: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

This region provides a unique terrain and trail experience for the area, with mixed open country routes, small canyons, slickrock, and technically challenging terrain, a sense of wilderness and solitude while experiencing terrain found nowhere else in close proximity to communities in Mesa County. The Castle Rock area can serve as the core area for a mechanized singletrack trail system with developed trailhead areas off of V.2 Road. This would allow access for the development of singletrack trails going east and south to the Colorado River rim and west and south to the Little BookCliffs Wilderness Study Area boundary (but mechanized travel should not have to cease at that boundary). This would be complimentary to trail development conceived of for nearby Zones M, N, and O. Development in this region would be a substantial economic benefit to the nearby town of Debeque. In addition, north of V.2 Road, Coon Hollow Road allows access to rather remote South Shale Ridge region. This area has characteristics of vast open space, Cedar trees and steep ridges. I would like to see this remain accessible to mechanized use. This area has vast open areas in a very remote setting and allows for biking/exploring opportunities where it things are quiet. Key Points: Major continuous singletrack routes bounded by V.2 and S Roads remain open to mechanized access. F580, F633, F753, F513, F579, F503, F620, F744, F722 - central routes remain open to mechanized travel. Several of these routes are already recognized by BLM. F755, F756, F758 system accessible with alterations as needed to meet environmental and cultural protection needs. F549 & F571 remain open to mechanized access to allow travel off of the main access road to the area.

Commenter Name: Cox, Kris

Submission Code: emc0788

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

Recommened: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

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Commenter Name: Bertolacci, Jason

Organization: International Mountain Bicycling Association

Submission Code: emc0912

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

In addition, north of V.2 Road, Coon Hollow Road allows access to rather remote South Shale Ridge region. This area has characteristics of vast open space, Cedar trees and steep ridges. We would like to see this to remain accessible to mountain bicyclists. This area provides users with the opportunity to experience vast open areas in a very remote setting and allows for opportunities in which users will find solitude and quiet. Our recommendation for this area is to leave the existing routes open to mountain bikes. Spur roads should be left open in the area for the use of parking and or camping. These roads should be posted with signs that say road ends in "X" distance. Key Routes: - Major continuous singletrack routes bounded by V.2 and S Roads remain open to mechanized access. - F580, F633, F753, F513, F579, F503, F620, F744, F722 - central routes remain open to mechanized travel. Several of these routes are already recognized by BLM. - F755, F756, F758 system accessible with alterations as needed to meet environmental and cultural protection needs. - F549 & F571 remain open to mechanized access to allow travel off of the main access road to the area. - Routes in Coon Hollow remain open to mechanized access. - F655, F195, F196, F176, F172, F555, F556, and un-numbered route crossing F602 and nearly connecting to F555 remain open for access to Shale Ridge area - remote and seldom traveled. - All road and trail access generally south of S road remain accessible by mechanized traffic for remote access to Debeque Canyon region and for future connectivity to the Palisade area and deeper west. - F430, F316, F319, F351, F364, F352, F353 corridor - F323, F348, F339 corridor - F356, F376, F375 corridor - F398, F400, F391, F379 corridor - F218, F222, F223, F226, F233, F232 corridor - F216, F234, F230 corridor - F213, F200, F203, F206 corridor - F425 Zones H, I, J, Zones H, I, and J functionally form much of the northern boundary of the Grand Valley, ignoring Zone L which is comprised primarily of a maze of motorized trails.

Commenter Name: McClellan, Roz

Organization: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative

Submission Code: emc0846

Recommended: Foot/Horse

Zone F Castle Rocks Coon Hollow F 196 and its spurs - please close this little- used cherry stem to block up a bigger S. Shale Roadless area RMRI has been tracking Castle Rocks for a number of years as lack of enforcement has increased impacts from trials dirt bikes and mountain bikes on rare geological, paleontological, biological resources including special status plant and animal species such as sage grouse and cactus. We recommend closures of all recently created mt bike and dirt bike trails, including F551- F572- F502- F538- F536- F602- F575- F573- F580- F633- F579- F503- F715- F615. Castle Rocks should open to foot and horse only.

Commenter Name: Cox, Kris

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

Submission Code: emc0788

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

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Commenter Name: No Record

Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

[Trails Preservation Alliance - www.coloradotpa.org][Subject: Combined input to the BLM RMP, from the TPA and COHVCO.] In sections 11 and 12, just south west of the Pyramid Rock ACEC is a system of single track routes that are used primarily by motorcycle trials riders. (specifically F551- F572- F502- F538- F536- F602- F575- F573- F580-

F633-F579-F503-F715-F615) This is a very valuable recreation opportunity. We would like to see this opportunity developed for trials motorcyclists. It provides an opportunity for both casual use and organized competition of a very high caliber. The natural features of rock and slick rock are highly sought after for a quality trials location.

– Route: F508

– Segment: 4051

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: F508

No public comments for this Route

– Route: F512

– Segment: 4065

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: F512

No public comments for this Route

– Route: F514

– Segment: 4176

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

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- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to maintain administrative access to active oil and gas wells, but limit public access to provide for public safety at active well sites.
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- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4292

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

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Resources and / or Uses Present

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- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
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- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4331

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None**Mitigation**

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4340**Designation** 

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

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- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
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- Soils Fragile soils
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4177

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

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- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: F514

No public comments for this Route

– Route: F517

– Segment: 4020

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route

- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 4133

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 7108

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

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Resources and / or Uses Present

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- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4035

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4155

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Once Well is Abandoned

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4148

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Once Well is Abandoned

Rationale

Designation Criteria

Minimize Damage: Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: F517

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0089

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone F should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes F: 125; 115; 117; 122; 120;171;119;134;93;108; 100;104;94;107;138;140; 159;152;153;155;172; 196;174;195; 655; 556; 602; 649; 555; 560; 571; 595; 598; 599; 569; 612; 613; 518; 517; 519; 527; 580; 616; 764; 575; 615; 620; 630; 538; 502; 572; 549; 715; 753; 758; 277; 264; 769; 500; 284; 288; 684; 351; 329; 348; 338, 340; 339; 316; 311; 685; 200; 202; 211; 203; 206; 216; 218; 222; 232; 375; 376; 92; 290; 235; 247; 301; 295; 416; 412; 425. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone F routes above.

– Route: F518

– Segment: 4034

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to reduce as much as practicable route density (miles/square mile) within 200 meters of known Threatened and Endangered plant occurrences throughout the field office.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 7113

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II

- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce as much as practicable route density (miles/square mile) within 200 meters of known Threatened and Endangered plant occurrences throughout the field office.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: F518

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfc0089

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone F should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes F: 125; 115; 117; 122; 120;171;119;134;93;108; 100;104;94;107;138;140; 159;152;153;155;172; 196;174;195; 655; 556; 602; 649; 555; 560; 571; 595; 598; 599; 569; 612; 613; 518; 517; 519; 527; 580; 616; 764; 575; 615; 620; 630; 538; 502; 572; 549; 715; 753; 758; 277; 264; 769; 500; 284; 288; 684; 351; 329; 348; 338, 340; 339; 316; 311; 685; 200; 202; 211; 203; 206; 216; 218; 222; 232; 375; 376; 92; 290; 235; 247; 301; 295; 416; 412; 425. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone F routes above.

– Route: F520

– Segment: 4280

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 3958

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Once Well is Abandoned

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4281

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and

setting characteristics of cultural sites).

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4289

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Once Well is Abandoned

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to maintain administrative access to active oil and gas wells, but limit public access to provide for public safety at active well sites.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates

in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: F520

No public comments for this Route

– Route: F527

– Segment: 2603

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

— Segment: 4374

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

— Segment: 4251

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

— Segment: 4259

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

— Segment: 4400

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to

erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

— Segment: 4254

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

— Segment: 4385

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Once Well is Abandoned

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4399

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Once Well is Abandoned

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 6437

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Once Well is Abandoned

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 1206

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Public Comments On Route: F527

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfc0089

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone F should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes F: 125; 115; 117; 122; 120;171;119;134;93;108; 100;104;94;107;138;140; 159;152;153;155;172; 196;174;195; 655; 556; 602; 649; 555; 560; 571; 595; 598; 599; 569; 612; 613; 518; 517; 519; 527; 580; 616; 764; 575; 615; 620; 630; 538; 502; 572; 549; 715; 753; 758; 277; 264; 769; 500; 284; 288; 684; 351; 329; 348; 338, 340; 339; 316; 311; 685; 200; 202; 211; 203; 206; 216; 218; 222; 232; 375; 376; 92; 290; 235; 247; 301; 295; 416; 412; 425. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone F routes above.

– Route: F528

– Segment: 3953

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Public Comments On Route: F528

No public comments for this Route

– Route: F529

– Segment: 4378

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4398

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Study Site

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 7134

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Study Site

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: F529

No public comments for this Route

– Route: F530

– Segment: 4412

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: F530

No public comments for this Route

– Route: F536

– Segment: 2585

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 2589

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4185

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A (Current):** Undesignated
- Alternative B (Preferred):** Closed
- Alternative C (Conservation):** Closed
- Alternative D (Development):** Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4194

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A (Current):** Undesignated
- Alternative B (Preferred):** Closed
- Alternative C (Conservation):** Closed
- Alternative D (Development):** Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: F536

Commenter Name: McClellan, Roz
Submission Code: emc0846

Organization: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative
Reccomended: Foot/Horse

Zone F Castle Rocks Coon Hollow F 196 and its spurs - please close this little- used cherry stem to block up a biger

S. Shale Roadless area RMRI has been tracking Castle Rocks for a number of years as lack of enforcement has increased impacts from trials dirt bikes and mountain bikes on rare geological, paleontological, biological resources including special status plant and animal species such as sage grouse and cactus. We recommend closures of all recently created mt bike and dirt bike trails, including F551- F572-F502-F538-F536-F602-F575-F573-F580-F633-F579-F503-F715-F615. Castle Rocks should open to foot and horse only.

Commenter Name: No Record

Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

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– Route: F537

– Segment: 4205

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
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plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: F537

No public comments for this Route

– Route: F538

– Segment: 2583

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Once Well is Abandoned

Rationale

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to maintain administrative access to active oil and gas wells, but limit public access to provide for public safety at active well sites.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4162

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Once Well is Abandoned

Rationale

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

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Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4164

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Once Well is Abandoned

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- Special Designation VRM Class IV

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: F538

Commenter Name: McClellan, Roz

Submission Code: emc0846

Organization: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative

Recommened: Foot/Horse

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— Route: F539**— Segment: 2584****Designation ?****Proposed Designation: Closed****Seasonal Limitations: None****Mitigation**

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4204

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4210

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4219

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and

other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: F539

No public comments for this Route

– Route: F540

– Segment: 4240

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern

- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Public Comments On Route: F540

No public comments for this Route

– Route: F544

– Segment: 4098

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II

- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: F544

No public comments for this Route

– Route: F546

– Segment: 6933

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Public Comments On Route: F546

Commenter Name: Grossman, David

Organization: Grand Valley Trails Alliance

Submission Code: emc0719

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

OHV trail F571 when combined with F572, F550 and F546 provides a trail connecting Coon Hollow Road to the Castle Rock trail system. F571 provides a much needed safe bypass of busy V.2 Road. This route gives access to views of Hoodoos and improves the length and trail experience away from the oil and gas traffic on V.2 Road.

– Route: F555

– Segment: 3597

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route

- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on listed species and in designated critical habitat for threatened and endangered plants.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 3608

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 6999

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on listed species and in designated critical habitat for threatened and endangered plants.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 3526

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
- Range Study Site
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 219

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 3382

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Once Well is Abandoned

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling

- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to maintain administrative access to active oil and gas wells, but limit public access to provide for public safety at active well sites.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on listed species and in designated critical habitat for threatened and endangered plants.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 6866

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Once Well is Abandoned

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 23403

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Once Well is Abandoned

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 3433

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Sign private property

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation ACEC

Special Designation VRM Class II

- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
- Water Stream Crossing
- Range Study Site
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: F555

Commenter Name: Solomon, James

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0614

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trails: (F555, F571, F572, F560): These trails connect V.2 road and the Coon Hollow area. They provide an important link between these two roads and allow for a much enhanced experience as opposed to riding down the gas roads. There are areas of slick rock and challenges that add a great deal to the recreation experience. This two-track trail enhances the recreation experience and adds a great deal to the overall enjoyment of this area. The Option B, Preferred Alternative closes these routes to motorized recreation. There is no documented proof exhibited in the EIS that shows substantial evidence that there are resource issues impacted by motorized travel. The BLM has made an error in closing these trails and a much better option would be Option A, no action.

Commenter Name: Marshall, Travis

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0630

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trails: (F555, F571, F572, F560): These trails connect V.2 road and the Coon Hollow area. They provide an important link between these two roads and allow for a much enhanced experience as opposed to riding down the gas roads. There are areas of slick rock and challenges that add a great deal to the recreation experience. This two-track trail enhances the recreation experience and adds a great deal to the overall enjoyment of this area. The Option B, Preferred Alternative closes these routes to motorized recreation. There is no documented proof exhibited in the EIS that shows substantial evidence that there are resource issues impacted by motorized travel. The BLM has made an error in closing these trails and a much better option would be Option A, no action.

Commenter Name: Potterveld, Jan

Organization: Back Country Horsemen of Colorado

Submission Code: emc0634

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trails F655 and F195 should continue to be open for all use. Trail F196 should remain open for ATV use as well as all quiet use. Trail F599 is a well maintained road and with its extension onto F555 leads to an abandoned Oil and Gas site. This provides excellent parking for horse trailers and can serve as a Trail Head for rides in the Coon Hollow area. The upper part of F555 should be changed to All Vehicles [Black]. The lower part of F555 which leads back to F655, Coon Hollow Rd, is suitable only for ATV and below. Trail F556 is at best an ATV track and perhaps only horse and foot. Consideration should be given to leaving F571 and F549 open to all as this provides an off road section to avoid the traffic on V.2 road. Off of V.2 road there is one short trail that I have explored in my Jeep SUV and it should stay open to all as it leads to some great views of Hoodoos in the ridge to the north. The is Trail F284 and F278 as shown in Alt. D.

Commenter Name: Winans, Scott
Submission Code: emc0868

Organization:
Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Routes in Coon Hollow remain open to mechanized access. F655, F195, F196, F176, F172, F555, F556, and unnumbered route crossing F602 and nearly connecting to F555 remain open for access to Shale Ridge area - remote and seldom traveled.

Commenter Name: Grossman, David
Submission Code: emc0719

Organization: Grand Valley Trails Alliance
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trails F599 and F555 provide excellent access along the Eastern boundary of the proposed South Shale Ridge ACEC and North/South access in the area as well as a good trail experience. F555 terminates to the North at an old oil well pad that allows for good access for hikes into the proposed ACEC as well as an important staging area for horse trailers and horseback adventures.

Commenter Name: Potter, Monte
Submission Code: emc0926

Organization:
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Castle Rock Trail System Zone (F): Option (D) which allows the trail system to stay open and stay intact meets most of the Route Designation Criteria as summarized on p. M-11, Appendix M. The trail system creates a loop trail. The system is recognized in local maps and social media. The trail resolves user conflicts because of remoteness and proximity to Grand Junction. The trail was not previously designated but developed in an area that was labeled Open to Cross Country Travel. We would encourage the BLM to keep this trail system open and follow a planned process to mitigate any problem areas within the existing trail system. Trails: (F555, F571, F572, F560): We recommend Alternative (A). These trails connect V.2 road and the Coon Hollow area. They provide an important link between these two roads and allow for a much enhanced experience as opposed to riding down the gas roads. There are areas of slick rock and challenges that add a great deal to the recreation experience. This two-track trail enhances the recreation experience and adds a great deal to the overall enjoyment of this area. The Option B, Preferred Alternative closes these routes to motorized recreation. There is no documented proof exhibited in the EIS that shows substantial evidence that there are resource issues impacted by motorized travel. The BLM has made an error in closing these trails and a much better option would be Option A, no action. Zone (H) North of Coal Gulch: Option (D) Trail (H)52, & (H)40, complete the loop between Coal Gulch and Garvey Canyon. It is important to keep this connection open for >50" motorized travel. Zone (I) 21 Road-Hwy 139A: Option (D) Trail (I)1027, provides a loop ride from Coal Gulch to Garvey Canyon and back on 16 Road. This is a desirable option for >50" motorized travel. This trail provides a scenic view and remote feeling traversing between canyons. This is an important route for ATV's, Motorcycles and possibly mountain bikes. Zone (M) Cameo/Coal Canyon and Main Canyon area: M420, M410, & M414 are listed as "Vested Interest" by Mesa County Roads and Right of Way. This road may have been inadvertently closed without proper authority granted by the Mesa County Commissioners. Please comment on this issue. If the road was inappropriately closed, then it should be reopened to motorized travel immediately. In Zone (P) Bangs Canyon/Snyder Flats area: Trails P450, P288, P286, P440, P309, P315, P312, P308, & P314 should be left open to motorized travel. These routes access areas above Snyder Flats which adds diversity and interest to other recreation options in the BLM Field office area. Trails P291 and P402, should remain open to motorized travel as option (D) would allow. This route offers a full day of exploring in a very unusual area. The slick rock formations and canyons area some of the highlights. To traverse the length of this route is a good days journey and allows a fulfilling social outing with friends. Zone (V) Gateway: This area features interesting mining history, outstanding scenery, and is a great place for people to explore. The area is very remote, with a feeling of being back in another time period. Our comment pertains to keeping as many of the routes open in this area simply because of the experiences that they provide. Many old roads lead back into mining areas or scenic overlooks into Maverick canyon. Closing these routes would create significant administrative problems for the BLM. Just the signing of closed routes would probably take years at great expense and then the enforcement of these closures would be difficult. A much better option would be to leave the roads open and let the people enjoy the possibilities of exploring this incredible country.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

These trails connect V.2 road and the Coon Hollow area. They provide an important link between these two roads

and allow for a much enhanced experience as opposed to riding down the gas roads. There are areas of slick rock and challenges that add a great deal to the recreation experience. This two-track trail enhances the recreation experience and adds a great deal to the overall enjoyment of this area. The Option B, Preferred Alternative closes these routes to motorized recreation. There is no documented proof exhibited in the EIS that shows substantial evidence that there are resource issues impacted by motorized travel. The BLM has made an error in closing these trails and a much better option would be Option A, no action.

Commenter Name: Cox, Kris

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

Submission Code: emc0788

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

580, F633, F753, F513, F579, F503, F620, F744, F722 - central routes remain open to mechanized travel. Several of these routes are already recognized by BLM. F755, F756, F758 system accessible with alterations as needed to meet environmental and cultural protection needs. F549 & F571 remain open to mechanized access to allow travel off of the main access road to the area. Routes in Coon Hollow remain open to mechanized access. F655, F195, F196, F176, F172, F555, F556, and unnumbered route crossing F602 and nearly connecting to F555 remain open for access to Shale Ridge area - remote and seldom traveled.

Commenter Name: Bertolacci, Jason

Organization: International Mountain Bicycling Association

Submission Code: emc0912

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

In addition, north of V.2 Road, Coon Hollow Road allows access to rather remote South Shale Ridge region. This area has characteristics of vast open space, Cedar trees and steep ridges. We would like to see this to remain accessible to mountain bicyclists. This area provides users with the opportunity to experience vast open areas in a very remote setting and allows for opportunities in which users will find solitude and quiet. Our recommendation for this area is to leave the existing routes open to mountain bikes. Spur roads should be left open in the area for the use of parking and or camping. These roads should be posted with signs that say road ends in "X" distance. Key Routes: - Major continuous singletrack routes bounded by V.2 and S Roads remain open to mechanized access. - F580, F633, F753, F513, F579, F503, F620, F744, F722 - central routes remain open to mechanized travel. Several of these routes are already recognized by BLM. - F755, F756, F758 system accessible with alterations as needed to meet environmental and cultural protection needs. - F549 & F571 remain open to mechanized access to allow travel off of the main access road to the area. - Routes in Coon Hollow remain open to mechanized access. - F655, F195, F196, F176, F172, F555, F556, and un-numbered route crossing F602 and nearly connecting to F555 remain open for access to Shale Ridge area - remote and seldom traveled. - All road and trail access generally south of S road remain accessible by mechanized traffic for remote access to Debeque Canyon region and for future connectivity to the Palisade area and deeper west. - F430, F316, F319, F351, F364, F352, F353 corridor - F323, F348, F339 corridor - F356, F376, F375 corridor - F398, F400, F391, F379 corridor - F218, F222, F223, F226, F233, F232 corridor - F216, F234, F230 corridor - F213, F200, F203, F206 corridor - F425 Zones H, I, J, Zones H, I, and J functionally form much of the northern boundary of the Grand Valley, ignoring Zone L which is comprised primarily of a maze of motorized trails.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfc0089

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone F should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes F: 125; 115; 117; 122; 120;171;119;134;93;108; 100;104;94;107;138;140; 159;152;153;155;172; 196;174;195; 655; 556; 602; 649; 555; 560; 571; 595; 598; 599; 569; 612; 613; 518; 517; 519; 527; 580; 616; 764; 575; 615; 620; 630; 538; 502; 572; 549; 715; 753; 758; 277; 264; 769; 500; 284; 288; 684; 351; 329; 348; 338, 340; 339; 316; 311; 685; 200; 202; 211; 203; 206; 216; 218; 222; 232; 375; 376; 92; 290; 235; 247; 301; 295; 416; 412; 425. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone F routes above.

Commenter Name: Cox, Kris

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

Submission Code: emc0788

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

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meet environmental and cultural protection needs. F549 & F571 remain open to mechanized access to allow travel off of the main access road to the area. Routes in Coon Hollow remain open to mechanized access. F655, F195, F196, F176, F172, F555, F556, and unnumbered route crossing F602 and nearly connecting to F555 remain open for access to Shale Ridge area - remote and seldom traveled.

– Route: F560

– Segment: 2578

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on listed species and in designated critical habitat for threatened and endangered plants.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 3746

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 3795

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to reduce as much as practicable route density (miles/square mile) within 200 meters of known Threatened and Endangered plant occurrences throughout the field office.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on listed species and in designated critical habitat for threatened and endangered plants.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: F560

Commenter Name: Solomon, James
Submission Code: emc0614

Organization:
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trails: (F555, F571, F572, F560): These trails connect V.2 road and the Coon Hollow area. They provide an important link between these two roads and allow for a much enhanced experience as opposed to riding down the gas roads. There are areas of slick rock and challenges that add a great deal to the recreation experience. This two-track trail enhances the recreation experience and adds a great deal to the overall enjoyment of this area. The Option B, Preferred Alternative closes these routes to motorized recreation. There is no documented proof exhibited in the EIS that shows substantial evidence that there are resource issues impacted by motorized travel. The BLM has made an error in closing these trails and a much better option would be Option A, no action.

Commenter Name: Marshall, Travis
Submission Code: emc0630

Organization:
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trails: (F555, F571, F572, F560): These trails connect V.2 road and the Coon Hollow area. They provide an important link between these two roads and allow for a much enhanced experience as opposed to riding down the gas roads. There are areas of slick rock and challenges that add a great deal to the recreation experience. This two-track trail enhances the recreation experience and adds a great deal to the overall enjoyment of this area. The Option B, Preferred Alternative closes these routes to motorized recreation. There is no documented proof exhibited in the EIS that shows substantial evidence that there are resource issues impacted by motorized travel. The BLM has made an error in closing these trails and a much better option would be Option A, no action.

Commenter Name: Potter, Monte
Submission Code: emc0926

Organization:
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Castle Rock Trail System Zone (F): Option (D) which allows the trail system to stay open and stay intact meets most of the Route Designation Criteria as summarized on p. M-11, Appendix M. The trail system creates a loop trail. The system is recognized in local maps and social media. The trail resolves user conflicts because of remoteness and proximity to Grand Junction. The trail was not previously designated but developed in an area that was labeled Open to Cross Country Travel. We would encourage the BLM to keep this trail system open and follow a planned process to mitigate any problem areas within the existing trail system. Trails: (F555, F571, F572, F560): We recommend Alternative (A). These trails connect V.2 road and the Coon Hollow area. They provide an important link between these two roads and allow for a much enhanced experience as opposed to riding down the gas roads. There are areas of slick rock and challenges that add a great deal to the recreation experience. This two-track trail enhances the recreation experience and adds a great deal to the overall enjoyment of this area. The Option B, Preferred Alternative closes these routes to motorized recreation. There is no documented proof exhibited in the EIS that shows substantial evidence that there are resource issues impacted by motorized travel. The BLM has made an error in closing these trails and a much better option would be Option A, no action. Zone (H) North of Coal Gulch: Option (D) Trail (H)52, & (H)40, complete the loop between Coal Gulch and Garvey Canyon. It is important to keep this connection open for >50" motorized travel. Zone (I) 21 Road-Hwy 139A: Option (D) Trail (I)1027, provides a loop ride from Coal Gulch to Garvey Canyon and back on 16 Road. This is a desirable option for >50" motorized travel. This trail provides a scenic view and remote feeling traversing between canyons. This is an important route for ATV's, Motorcycles and possibly mountain bikes. Zone (M) Cameo/Coal Canyon and Main Canyon area: M420, M410, & M414 are listed as "Vested Interest" by Mesa County Roads and Right of Way. This road may have been inadvertently closed without proper authority granted by the Mesa County Commissioners. Please comment on this issue. If the road was inappropriately closed, then it should be reopened to motorized travel immediately. In Zone (P) Bangs Canyon/Snyder Flats area: Trails P450, P288, P286, P440, P309, P315, P312, P308, & P314 should be left open to motorized travel. These routes access areas above Snyder Flats which adds diversity and interest to other recreation options in the BLM Field office area. Trails P291 and P402, should remain open to motorized travel as option (D) would allow. This route offers a full day of exploring in a very unusual area. The slick rock formations and canyons area some of the highlights. To traverse the length of this route is a good days journey and allows a fulfilling social outing with friends. Zone (V) Gateway: This area features interesting mining history, outstanding scenery, and is a great place for people to explore. The area is very remote, with a feeling of being back in another time period. Our comment pertains to keeping as many of the routes open in this area simply because of the experiences that they provide. Many old roads lead back into mining areas or scenic overlooks into Maverick canyon. Closing these routes would create significant administrative problems for the BLM. Just the signing of closed routes would probably take years at great expense and then the enforcement of these closures would be difficult. A much better option would be to leave the roads open and let the people enjoy the possibilities of exploring

this incredible country.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

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Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfc0089

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

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– Route: F571

– Segment: 2577

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 3726

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 3841

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Special Status Species plants

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 4090

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Special Status Species plants

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
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Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: F571

Commenter Name: Solomon, James

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0614

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

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Commenter Name: Marshall, Travis

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0630

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

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Commenter Name: Chapel, Steve

Organization: Western Slope ATV Association

Submission Code: rmc0013

Recommended: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

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Commenter Name: Grossman, David
Submission Code: emc0719

Organization: Grand Valley Trails Alliance
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

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Commenter Name: Herron, Lydia
Submission Code: emc0806

Organization:
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

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Commenter Name: Potter, Monte
Submission Code: emc0926

Organization:
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

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Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

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Commenter Name: Cox, Kris

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

Submission Code: emc0788

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

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Commenter Name: Bertolacci, Jason

Organization: International Mountain Bicycling Association

Submission Code: emc0912

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

In addition, north of V.2 Road, Coon Hollow Road allows access to rather remote South Shale Ridge region. This area has characteristics of vast open space, Cedar trees and steep ridges. We would like to see this to remain accessible to mountain bicyclists. This area provides users with the opportunity to experience vast open areas in a very remote setting and allows for opportunities in which users will find solitude and quiet. Our recommendation for this area is to leave the existing routes open to mountain bikes. Spur roads should be left open in the area for the use of parking and or camping. These roads should be posted with signs that say road ends in "X" distance. Key Routes: - Major continuous singletrack routes bounded by V.2 and S Roads remain open to mechanized access. - F580, F633, F753, F513, F579, F503, F620, F744, F722 - central routes remain open to mechanized travel. Several of these routes are already recognized by BLM. - F755, F756, F758 system accessible with alterations as needed to meet environmental and cultural protection needs. - F549 & F571 remain open to mechanized access to allow travel off of the main access road to the area. - Routes in Coon Hollow remain open to mechanized access. - F655, F195, F196, F176, F172, F555, F556, and un-numbered route crossing F602 and nearly connecting to F555 remain open for access to Shale Ridge area - remote and seldom traveled. - All road and trail access generally south of S road remain accessible by mechanized traffic for remote access to Debeque Canyon region and for future connectivity to the Palisade area and deeper west. - F430, F316, F319, F351, F364, F352, F353 corridor - F323, F348, F339 corridor - F356, F376, F375 corridor - F398, F400, F391, F379 corridor - F218, F222, F223, F226, F233, F232 corridor - F216, F234, F230 corridor - F213, F200, F203, F206 corridor - F425 Zones H, I, J, Zones H, I, and J functionally form much of the northern boundary of the Grand Valley, ignoring Zone L which is comprised primarily of a maze of motorized trails.

Commenter Name: Potterveld, Jan

Organization: Back Country Horsemen of Colorado

Submission Code: emc0634

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trails F655 and F195 should continue to be open for all use. Trail F196 should remain open for ATV use as well as all quiet use. Trail F599 is a well maintained road and with its extension onto F555 leads to an abandoned Oil and Gas site. This provides excellent parking for horse trailers and can serve as a Trail Head for rides in the Coon Hollow area. The upper part of F555 should be changed to All Vehicles [Black]. The lower part of F555 which leads back to F655, Coon Hollow Rd, is suitable only for ATV and below. Trail F556 is at best an ATV track and perhaps only horse and foot. Consideration should be given to leaving F571 and F549 open to all as this provides an off road section to avoid the traffic on V.2 road. Off of V.2 road there is one short trail that I have explored in my Jeep SUV

and it should stay open to all as it leads to some great views of Hoodoos in the ridge to the north. The is Trail F284 and F278 as shown in Alt. D.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfc0089

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone F should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes F: 125; 115; 117; 122; 120;171;119;134;93;108; 100;104;94;107;138;140; 159;152;153;155;172; 196;174;195; 655; 556; 602; 649; 555; 560; 571; 595; 598; 599; 569; 612; 613; 518; 517; 519; 527; 580; 616; 764; 575; 615; 620; 630; 538; 502; 572; 549; 715; 753; 758; 277; 264; 769; 500; 284; 288; 684; 351; 329; 348; 338, 340; 339; 316; 311; 685; 200; 202; 211; 203; 206; 216; 218; 222; 232; 375; 376; 92; 290; 235; 247; 301; 295; 416; 412; 425. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone F routes above.

Commenter Name: None

Organization: WSATVA

Submission Code: rmc0087

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

De Beque Trail Numbers: (These are some of the most important trails): F356, F376, F572, F571, F549, F380 & F375. Administrative Routes that should be opened: F772, F138, F140, F159, F153, F155, F211, F409, F416, F669, F772. The De Beque area is used by motorized recreationist three seasons out of the year and is home to the De Beque Poker Ride. It is an area especially important to motorized.

Commenter Name: Winans, Scott

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0868

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

This region provides a unique terrain and trail experience for the area, with mixed open country routes, small canyons, slickrock, and technically challenging terrain, a sense of wilderness and solitude while experiencing terrain found nowhere else in close proximity to communities in Mesa County. The Castle Rock area can serve as the core area for a mechanized singletrack trail system with developed trailhead areas off of V.2 Road. This would allow access for the development of singletrack trails going east and south to the Colorado River rim and west and south to the Little BookCliffs Wilderness Study Area boundary (but mechanized travel should not have to cease at that boundary). This would be complimentary to trail development conceived of for nearby Zones M, N, and O. Development in this region would be a substantial economic benefit to the nearby town of Debeque. In addition, north of V.2 Road, Coon Hollow Road allows access to rather remote South Shale Ridge region. This area has characteristics of vast open space, Cedar trees and steep ridges. I would like to see this remain accessible to mechanized use. This area has vast open areas in a very remote setting and allows for biking/exploring opportunities where it things are quiet. Key Points: Major continuous singletrack routes bounded by V.2 and S Roads remain open to mechanized access. F580, F633, F753, F513, F579, F503, F620, F744, F722 - central routes remain open to mechanized travel. Several of these routes are already recognized by BLM. F755, F756, F758 system accessible with alterations as needed to meet environmental and cultural protection needs. F549 & F571 remain open to mechanized access to allow travel off of the main access road to the area.

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— **Route: F572**

— **Segment: 4062**

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation ACEC
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- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

— Segment: 4072

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

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Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

— Segment: 4091

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

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Rationale

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Organization:

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Commenter Name: McClellan, Roz
Submission Code: emc0846

Organization: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative
Recommended: Foot/Horse

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Commenter Name: None
Submission Code: rmc0087

Organization: WSATVA
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Commenter Name: Hundtroft,
Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

These trails connect V.2 road and the Coon Hollow area. They provide an important link between these two roads and allow for a much enhanced experience as opposed to riding down the gas roads. There are areas of slick rock and challenges that add a great deal to the recreation experience. This two-track trail enhances the recreation experience and adds a great deal to the overall enjoyment of this area. The Option B, Preferred Alternative closes these routes to motorized recreation. There is no documented proof exhibited in the EIS that shows substantial evidence that there are resource issues impacted by motorized travel. The BLM has made an error in closing these

trails and a much better option would be Option A, no action.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfc0089

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone F should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes F: 125; 115; 117; 122; 120;171;119;134;93;108; 100;104;94;107;138;140; 159;152;153;155;172; 196;174;195; 655; 556; 602; 649; 555; 560; 571; 595; 598; 599; 569; 612; 613; 518; 517; 519; 527; 580; 616; 764; 575; 615; 620; 630; 538; 502; 572; 549; 715; 753; 758; 277; 264; 769; 500; 284; 288; 684; 351; 329; 348; 338, 340; 339; 316; 311; 685; 200; 202; 211; 203; 206; 216; 218; 222; 232; 375; 376; 92; 290; 235; 247; 301; 295; 416; 412; 425. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone F routes above.

Commenter Name: No Record

Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

[Trails Preservation Alliance - www.coloradotpa.org][Subject: Combined input to the BLM RMP, from the TPA and COHVCO.] In sections 11 and 12, just south west of the Pyramid Rock ACEC is a system of single track routes that are used primarily by motorcycle trials riders. (specifically F551-F572-F502-F538-F536-F602-F575-F573-F580-F633-F579-F503-F715-F615) This is a very valuable recreation opportunity. We would like to see this opportunity developed for trials motorcyclists. It provides an opportunity for both casual use and organized competition of a very high caliber. The natural features of rock and slick rock are highly sought after for a quality trials location.

– Route: F573

– Segment: 4381

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Potential Tribal access needs

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4390

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Potential Tribal access needs

Rationale

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Resources and / or Uses Present

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- Cultural Resource Concern
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- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

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Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4409

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Potential Tribal access needs

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4410

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Potential Tribal access needs

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

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- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
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Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4411

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Potential Tribal access needs

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

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- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4414

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

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Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4415

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

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- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: F573

Commenter Name: McClellan, Roz

Submission Code: emc0846

Organization: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative

Recommended: Foot/Horse

Zone F Castle Rocks Coon Hollow F 196 and its spurs - please close this little- used cherry stem to block up a bigger S. Shale Roadless area RMRI has been tracking Castle Rocks for a number of years as lack of enforcement has increased impacts from trials dirt bikes and mountain bikes on rare geological, paleontological, biological resources including special status plant and animal species such as sage grouse and cactus. We recommend closures of all recently created mt bike and dirt bike trails, including F551- F572-F502-F538-F536-F602-F575-F573-F580-F633-F579-F503-F715-F615. Castle Rocks should open to foot and horse only.

Commenter Name: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Organization: No Record

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

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– Route: F575

– Segment: 4330

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

– Segment: 4372

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

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- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
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- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

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Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4389

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

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Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4149

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

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- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 2601

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
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Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4273

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
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- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4329

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4263

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern

- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4432

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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Tribes.

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- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4338

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4339

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: F575

Commenter Name: McClellan, Roz

Submission Code: emc0846

Organization: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative

Reccomended: Foot/Horse

Zone F Castle Rocks Coon Hollow F 196 and its spurs - please close this little- used cherry stem to block up a bigger S. Shale Roadless area RMRI has been tracking Castle Rocks for a number of years as lack of enforcement has increased impacts from trials dirt bikes and mountain bikes on rare geological, paleontological, biological resources including special status plant and animal species such as sage grouse and cactus. We recommend closures of all recently created mt bike and dirt bike trails, including F551- F572-F502-F538-F536-F602-F575-F573-F580-F633-F579-F503-F715-F615. Castle Rocks should open to foot and horse only.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfc0089

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone F should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes F: 125; 115; 117; 122; 120;171;119;134;93;108; 100;104;94;107;138;140; 159;152;153;155;172; 196;174;195; 655; 556; 602; 649; 555; 560; 571; 595; 598; 599; 569; 612; 613; 518; 517; 519; 527; 580; 616; 764; 575; 615; 620; 630; 538; 502; 572; 549; 715; 753; 758; 277; 264; 769; 500; 284; 288; 684; 351; 329; 348; 338, 340; 339; 316; 311; 685; 200; 202; 211; 203; 206; 216; 218; 222; 232; 375; 376; 92; 290; 235; 247; 301; 295; 416; 412; 425. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone F routes above.

Commenter Name: No Record

Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

[Trails Preservation Alliance - www.coloradotpa.org][Subject: Combined input to the BLM RMP, from the TPA and COHVCO.] In sections 11 and 12, just south west of the Pyramid Rock ACEC is a system of single track routes that are used primarily by motorcycle trials riders. (specifically F551-F572-F502-F538-F536-F602-F575-F573-F580-F633-F579-F503-F715-F615) This is a very valuable recreation opportunity. We would like to see this opportunity developed for trials motorcyclists. It provides an opportunity for both casual use and organized competition of a very high caliber. The natural features of rock and slick rock are highly sought after for a quality trials location.

– Route: F579

– Segment: 4249

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Paleo Paleontological site Proximate (200m Buffer)
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails

- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to reduce ongoing damage to known paleontological sites, close routes that are inside or pass through sensitive paleontological sites, or identify mitigation necessary to protect sites.
- Designation was considered to reduce the potential for vandalism or collection of paleontological sites and reduce the number of routes in proximity to known paleontological localities.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on listed species and in designated critical habitat for threatened and endangered plants.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 4336

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 4357

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 4368

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle**Public Comments On Route: F579**

Commenter Name: Winans, Scott

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0868

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

This region provides a unique terrain and trail experience for the area, with mixed open country routes, small canyons, slickrock, and technically challenging terrain, a sense of wilderness and solitude while experiencing terrain found nowhere else in close proximity to communities in Mesa County. The Castle Rock area can serve as the core area for a mechanized singletrack trail system with developed trailhead areas off of V.2 Road. This would allow access for the development of singletrack trails going east and south to the Colorado River rim and west and south to the Little BookCliffs Wilderness Study Area boundary (but mechanized travel should not have to cease at that boundary). This would be complimentary to trail development conceived of for nearby Zones M, N, and O. Development in this region would be a substantial economic benefit to the nearby town of Debeque. In addition, north of V.2 Road, Coon Hollow Road allows access to rather remote South Shale Ridge region. This area has characteristics of vast open space, Cedar trees and steep ridges. I would like to see this remain accessible to mechanized use. This area has vast open areas in a very remote setting and allows for biking/exploring opportunities where it things are quiet. Key Points: Major continuous singletrack routes bounded by V.2 and S Roads remain open to mechanized access. F580, F633, F753, F513, F579, F503, F620, F744, F722 - central routes remain open to mechanized travel. Several of these routes are already recognized by BLM. F755, F756, F758 system accessible with alterations as needed to meet environmental and cultural protection needs. F549 & F571 remain open to mechanized access to allow travel off of the main access road to the area.

Commenter Name: Howe, John

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0133

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

My comments are focused on Zone F. I support Alternative D for Zone F, which calls for designation of the Castle Rock SRMA in the triangular area bordered by V.2 Road on the North and S Road (referred to as CV1 Road on the Zone F maps). I urge the BLM to not adopt Alternatives B or C for this area because these alternatives appear to close off completely the unique recreation opportunities offered by this area. Although Alternative B proposes the establishment of an ERMA for the Castle Rock area, the alternative recommends closing the single track trail network. The single track trail network is which is one of the key reasons for creating a recreation management area in the first place. I have used the single track trails in the proposed SRMA for mountain biking. I value the feeling of remoteness, the lack of crowds, the unique terrain and the high desert environment. In particular, the terrain offers a high degree of difficulty and unique rock features concentrated in a relatively small area that are not available together in other areas managed by the Grand Junction Field Office. The single track trails in the proposed SRMA have been compared favorably to Gooseberry Mesa, Utah, a world famous mountain biking destination. In an area already renowned for mountain biking opportunities, the Castle Rock trails offer an experience that should be preserved. Although my particular use of the Castle Rock single track trails is for mountain biking, I support the designation of these trails as "motorcycle" in Alternative D. The "motorcycle" designation allows multi-purpose use of these trails, which allows more user groups to experience these trails. Alternative D represents the management goals that I would like to see adopted for this area, in particular the continued availability of the single track trails system within the proposed SRMA boundary. The trail names are hard to distinguish on the Zone F map; however, the single track trails appear to be designated as follows: F579, F580, F615, F633, F715, F753, F756, F758 and F764.

Commenter Name: Grossman, David Organization: Grand Valley Trails Alliance

Submission Code: emc0719

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

The series of stacked loops currently present within the proposed Castle Rock SRMA provide a challenging singletrack trail experience for motorized, mechanical and foot based recreation. We request the GJFO of the BLM give serious consideration to including the existing trails within the Castle Rock SRMA and to work with representatives of singletrack trail organizations and the DWG to reroute or mitigate any issues before any trail is considered for closure. The DWG recognizes that many of the existing routes and trails within the Castle Rock SRMA exemplify the goals and objectives of this SRMA and should be considered both individually and as a system of trails allowing for challenging singletrack experiences including; F744, F722, F620, F579, F268, F633, F758, F580, and F762.

Commenter Name: Herron, Lydia

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0806

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Zone F - Debeque With reference to routes proposed as closures in Alternative B: F500 is an alternative route vs. taking the main county road Westward. Slated for closure in Alt B, F758, F753, F755, F715, F579, F633, F615, F496 gives OHV users a loop ride option. F571 & F549 are used to connect two trailed areas vs. using the County Road. ATV users love trails and well take any old dirt road over nothing, but sure would rather take a fun trail, with diverse riding terrain vs. a graded flat dirt road. F772 is slated for administrative use in Alt B. This gives public access into the Bookcliffs Wilderness Study Area, therefore having a purpose to leave open for public use.

Commenter Name: Cox, Kris

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

Submission Code: emc0788

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

F580, F633, F753, F513, F579, F503, F620, F744, F722 - central routes remain open to mechanized travel. Several of these routes are already recognized by BLM. F755, F756, F758 system accessible with alterations as needed to meet environmental and cultural protection needs. F549 & F571 remain open to mechanized access to allow travel off of the main access road to the area. Routes in Coon Hollow remain open to mechanized access. F655, F195, F196, F176, F172, F555, F556, and unnumbered route crossing F602 and nearly connecting to F555 remain open for access to Shale Ridge area - remote and seldom traveled.

Commenter Name: Bertolacci, Jason

Organization: International Mountain Bicycling Association

Submission Code: emc0912

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

In addition, north of V.2 Road, Coon Hollow Road allows access to rather remote South Shale Ridge region. This area has characteristics of vast open space, Cedar trees and steep ridges. We would like to see this to remain accessible to mountain bicyclists. This area provides users with the opportunity to experience vast open areas in a very remote setting and allows for opportunities in which users will find solitude and quiet. Our recommendation for this area is to leave the existing routes open to mountain bikes. Spur roads should be left open in the area for the use of parking and or camping. These roads should be posted with signs that say road ends in "X" distance. Key Routes: - Major continuous singletrack routes bounded by V.2 and S Roads remain open to mechanized access. - F580, F633, F753, F513, F579, F503, F620, F744, F722 - central routes remain open to mechanized travel. Several of these routes are already recognized by BLM. - F755, F756, F758 system accessible with alterations as needed to meet environmental and cultural protection needs. - F549 & F571 remain open to mechanized access to allow travel off of the main access road to the area. - Routes in Coon Hollow remain open to mechanized access. - F655, F195, F196, F176, F172, F555, F556, and un-numbered route crossing F602 and nearly connecting to F555 remain open for access to Shale Ridge area - remote and seldom traveled. - All road and trail access generally south of S road remain accessible by mechanized traffic for remote access to Debeque Canyon region and for future connectivity to the Palisade area and deeper west. - F430, F316, F319, F351, F364, F352, F353 corridor - F323, F348, F339 corridor - F356, F376, F375 corridor - F398, F400, F391, F379 corridor - F218, F222, F223, F226, F233, F232 corridor - F216, F234, F230 corridor - F213, F200, F203, F206 corridor - F425 Zones H, I, J, Zones H, I, and J functionally form much of the northern boundary of the Grand Valley, ignoring Zone L which is comprised primarily of a maze of motorized trails.

Commenter Name: Cox, Kris

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

Submission Code: emc0788

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

580, F633, F753, F513, F579, F503, F620, F744, F722 - central routes remain open to mechanized travel. Several of these routes are already recognized by BLM. F755, F756, F758 system accessible with alterations as needed to meet environmental and cultural protection needs. F549 & F571 remain open to mechanized access to allow travel off of the main access road to the area. Routes in Coon Hollow remain open to mechanized access. F655, F195, F196, F176, F172, F555, F556, and unnumbered route crossing F602 and nearly connecting to F555 remain open for access to Shale Ridge area - remote and seldom traveled.

Commenter Name: McClellan, Roz

Organization: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative

Submission Code: emc0846

Recommended: Foot/Horse

Zone F Castle Rocks Coon Hollow F 196 and its spurs - please close this little- used cherry stem to block up a bigger S. Shale Roadless area RMRI has been tracking Castle Rocks for a number of years as lack of enforcement has increased impacts from trials dirt bikes and mountain bikes on rare geological, paleontological, biological resources including special status plant and animal species such as sage grouse and cactus. We recommend closures of all recently created mt bike and dirt bike trails, including F551- F572-F502-F538-F536-F602-F575-F573-F580-F633-F579-F503-F715-F615. Castle Rocks should open to foot and horse only.

Commenter Name: No Record

Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

[Trails Preservation Alliance - www.coloradotpa.org][Subject: Combined input to the BLM RMP, from the TPA and COHVCO.] In sections 11 and 12, just south west of the Pyramid Rock ACEC is a system of single track routes that are used primarily by motorcycle trials riders. (specifically F551-F572-F502-F538-F536-F602-F575-F573-F580-F633-F579-F503-F715-F615) This is a very valuable recreation opportunity. We would like to see this opportunity developed for trials motorcyclists. It provides an opportunity for both casual use and organized competition of a very high caliber. The natural features of rock and slick rock are highly sought after for a quality trials location.

– Route: F580

– Segment: 4343

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Potential Tribal access needs

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native

plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4347

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Potential Tribal access needs

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

– Segment: 4406

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Potential Tribal access needs

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to maintain administrative access to active oil and gas wells, but limit public access to provide for public safety at active well sites.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
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- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

– Segment: 4407

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Potential Tribal access needs

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)**— Segment: 7133****Designation** 

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Potential Tribal access needs

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4232

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 4296

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails

Special Designation VRM Class IV

- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 4301

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 4369

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 4387

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None**Mitigation**

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 4395**Designation** 

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 4426

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails

Soils Fragile soils

- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 7126

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 4238

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Public Comments On Route: F580

Commenter Name: Winans, Scott

Submission Code: emc0868

Organization:

Recommened: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

This region provides a unique terrain and trail experience for the area, with mixed open country routes, small canyons, slickrock, and technically challenging terrain, a sense of wilderness and solitude while experiencing terrain

found nowhere else in close proximity to communities in Mesa County. The Castle Rock area can serve as the core area for a mechanized singletrack trail system with developed trailhead areas off of V.2 Road. This would allow access for the development of singletrack trails going east and south to the Colorado River rim and west and south to the Little BookCliffs Wilderness Study Area boundary (but mechanized travel should not have to cease at that boundary). This would be complimentary to trail development conceived of for nearby Zones M, N, and O. Development in this region would be a substantial economic benefit to the nearby town of Debeque. In addition, north of V.2 Road, Coon Hollow Road allows access to rather remote South Shale Ridge region. This area has characteristics of vast open space, Cedar trees and steep ridges. I would like to see this remain accessible to mechanized use. This area has vast open areas in a very remote setting and allows for biking/exploring opportunities where it things are quiet. Key Points: Major continuous singletrack routes bounded by V.2 and S Roads remain open to mechanized access. F580, F633, F753, F513, F579, F503, F620, F744, F722 - central routes remain open to mechanized travel. Several of these routes are already recognized by BLM. F755, F756, F758 system accessible with alterations as needed to meet environmental and cultural protection needs. F549 & F571 remain open to mechanized access to allow travel off of the main access road to the area.

Commenter Name: Howe, John

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0133

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

My comments are focused on Zone F. I support Alternative D for Zone F, which calls for designation of the Castle Rock SRMA in the triangular area bordered by V.2 Road on the North and S Road (referred to as CV1 Road on the Zone F maps). I urge the BLM to not adopt Alternatives B or C for this area because these alternatives appear to close off completely the unique recreation opportunities offered by this area. Although Alternative B proposes the establishment of an ERMA for the Castle Rock area, the alternative recommends closing the single track trail network. The single track trail network is which is one of the key reasons for creating a recreation management area in the first place. I have used the single track trails in the proposed SRMA for mountain biking. I value the feeling of remoteness, the lack of crowds, the unique terrain and the high desert environment. In particular, the terrain offers a high degree of difficulty and unique rock features concentrated in a relatively small area that are not available together in other areas managed by the Grand Junction Field Office. The single track trails in the proposed SRMA have been compared favorably to Gooseberry Mesa, Utah, a world famous mountain biking destination. In an area already renowned for mountain biking opportunities, the Castle Rock trails offer an experience that should be preserved. Although my particular use of the Castle Rock single track trails is for mountain biking, I support the designation of these trails as "motorcycle" in Alternative D. The "motorcycle" designation allows multi-purpose use of these trails, which allows more user groups to experience these trails. Alternative D represents the management goals that I would like to see adopted for this area, in particular the continued availability of the single track trails system within the proposed SRMA boundary. The trail names are hard to distinguish on the Zone F map; however, the single track trails appear to be designated as follows: F579, F580, F615, F633, F715, F753, F756, F758 and F764.

Commenter Name: Grossman, David **Organization:** Grand Valley Trails Alliance

Submission Code: emc0719

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

The series of stacked loops currently present within the proposed Castle Rock SRMA provide a challenging singletrack trail experience for motorized, mechanical and foot based recreation. We request the GJFO of the BLM give serious consideration to including the existing trails within the Castle Rock SRMA and to work with representatives of singletrack trail organizations and the DWG to reroute or mitigate any issues before any trail is considered for closure. The DWG recognizes that many of the existing routes and trails within the Castle Rock SRMA exemplify the goals and objectives of this SRMA and should be considered both individually and as a system of trails allowing for challenging singletrack experiences including; F744, F722, F620, F579, F268, F633, F758, F580, and F762.

Commenter Name: Cox, Kris

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

Submission Code: emc0788

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

F580, F633, F753, F513, F579, F503, F620, F744, F722 - central routes remain open to mechanized travel. Several of these routes are already recognized by BLM. F755, F756, F758 system accessible with alterations as needed to meet environmental and cultural protection needs. F549 & F571 remain open to mechanized access to allow travel off of the main access road to the area. Routes in Coon Hollow remain open to mechanized access. F655, F195, F196, F176, F172, F555, F556, and unnumbered route crossing F602 and nearly connecting to F555 remain open for

access to Shale Ridge area - remote and seldom traveled.

Commenter Name: Bertolacci, Jason

Organization: International Mountain Bicycling Association

Submission Code: emc0912

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

In addition, north of V.2 Road, Coon Hollow Road allows access to rather remote South Shale Ridge region. This area has characteristics of vast open space, Cedar trees and steep ridges. We would like to see this to remain accessible to mountain bicyclists. This area provides users with the opportunity to experience vast open areas in a very remote setting and allows for opportunities in which users will find solitude and quiet. Our recommendation for this area is to leave the existing routes open to mountain bikes. Spur roads should be left open in the area for the use of parking and or camping. These roads should be posted with signs that say road ends in "X" distance. Key Routes: - Major continuous singletrack routes bounded by V.2 and S Roads remain open to mechanized access. - F580, F633, F753, F513, F579, F503, F620, F744, F722 - central routes remain open to mechanized travel. Several of these routes are already recognized by BLM. - F755, F756, F758 system accessible with alterations as needed to meet environmental and cultural protection needs. - F549 & F571 remain open to mechanized access to allow travel off of the main access road to the area. - Routes in Coon Hollow remain open to mechanized access. - F655, F195, F196, F176, F172, F555, F556, and un-numbered route crossing F602 and nearly connecting to F555 remain open for access to Shale Ridge area - remote and seldom traveled. - All road and trail access generally south of S road remain accessible by mechanized traffic for remote access to Debeque Canyon region and for future connectivity to the Palisade area and deeper west. - F430, F316, F319, F351, F364, F352, F353 corridor - F323, F348, F339 corridor - F356, F376, F375 corridor - F398, F400, F391, F379 corridor - F218, F222, F223, F226, F233, F232 corridor - F216, F234, F230 corridor - F213, F200, F203, F206 corridor - F425 Zones H, I, J, Zones H, I, and J functionally form much of the northern boundary of the Grand Valley, ignoring Zone L which is comprised primarily of a maze of motorized trails.

Commenter Name: Cox, Kris

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

Submission Code: emc0788

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

580, F633, F753, F513, F579, F503, F620, F744, F722 - central routes remain open to mechanized travel. Several of these routes are already recognized by BLM. F755, F756, F758 system accessible with alterations as needed to meet environmental and cultural protection needs. F549 & F571 remain open to mechanized access to allow travel off of the main access road to the area. Routes in Coon Hollow remain open to mechanized access. F655, F195, F196, F176, F172, F555, F556, and unnumbered route crossing F602 and nearly connecting to F555 remain open for access to Shale Ridge area - remote and seldom traveled.

Commenter Name: McClellan, Roz

Organization: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative

Submission Code: emc0846

Recommended: Foot/Horse

Zone F Castle Rocks Coon Hollow F 196 and its spurs - please close this little- used cherry stem to block up a bigger S. Shale Roadless area RMRI has been tracking Castle Rocks for a number of years as lack of enforcement has increased impacts from trials dirt bikes and mountain bikes on rare geological, paleontological, biological resources including special status plant and animal species such as sage grouse and cactus. We recommend closures of all recently created mt bike and dirt bike trails, including F551- F572-F502-F538-F536-F602-F575-F573-F580-F633-F579-F503-F715-F615. Castle Rocks should open to foot and horse only.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfc0089

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone F should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes F: 125; 115; 117; 122; 120;171;119;134;93;108; 100;104;94;107;138;140; 159;152;153;155;172; 196;174;195; 655; 556; 602; 649; 555; 560; 571; 595; 598; 599; 569; 612; 613; 518; 517; 519; 527; 580; 616; 764; 575; 615; 620; 630; 538; 502; 572; 549; 715; 753; 758; 277; 264; 769; 500; 284; 288; 684; 351; 329; 348; 338, 340; 339; 316; 311; 685; 200; 202; 211; 203; 206; 216; 218; 222; 232; 375; 376; 92; 290; 235; 247; 301; 295; 416; 412; 425. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone F routes above.

Commenter Name: Cooper, Anthony **Organization:**

Submission Code: emc0897

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Zone F (De Beque) - I started riding at the De Beque trail system near Castle Rock about three years ago. The single track trails that are offered in Zone F are some of the best single track trails I have ever ridden. They are tight, twisty, technical, beautiful, challenging and well laid out. Also, the trails are never really that far away from a road just in case someone gets hurt it's easy to get them back to the truck. Since these trails are tight, twist and technical, the speeds are kept to a minimum, resulting in a much more sustainable trail. I truly believe the single track trails offered in Zone F are very sustainable due to how well they were laid out. Another reason De Beque single track is unique is because it periodically offers slick rock style riding where you get on a huge slab of rock and the trail twists its way around the slick rock. Nowhere else near Grand Junction can you ride something like this. The closest place to slick rock riding is Moab, Utah. The De Beque trails that I use most are F649, F758, and F580. There may be more trails I use but the map was hard to distinguish which number went with what trail. Anyway, I believe these are the trails that comprise up a terrific 40-mile single track loop that takes about 2-3 hours to complete on a motorcycle. I've ridden all over Colorado, Idaho, and Wyoming at different trail networks and I got to say that this 40-mile loop in De Beque is about the best single track trail I have ever ridden. It flows, it's sustainable, it's challenging, it's unique. For Zone F, I prefer and recommend that the BLM adopt Alternative D for the RMP.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

In the Castle Rock quadrant, Option (D) should be the preferred option as a basis for maintaining a workable, sustainable trail system. The existing single track trail system fulfills the need for the type of recreation opportunities that the riders are seeking. As indicated in the SRMA planning chart, this is a unique area that has features, challenges, views, and opportunities that are not available anywhere else in the GJ FO. See Appendix K, Castle Rock SRMA, Table 8, Alternative D, (Page K-35). Also, consistent with the BLM's "Outcomes-Based Recreation Management Philosophy" that focuses on the positive and beneficial outcomes derived from recreational activities, rather than emphasizing the recreation activities themselves, this trail system is high up on the scale for meeting this criteria.

Commenter Name: No Record

Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

[Trails Preservation Alliance - www.coloradotpa.org][Subject: Combined input to the BLM RMP, from the TPA and COHVCO.] In sections 11 and 12, just south west of the Pyramid Rock ACEC is a system of single track routes that are used primarily by motorcycle trials riders. (specifically F551-F572-F502-F538-F536-F602-F575-F573-F580-F633-F579-F503-F715-F615) This is a very valuable recreation opportunity. We would like to see this opportunity developed for trials motorcyclists. It provides an opportunity for both casual use and organized competition of a very high caliber. The natural features of rock and slick rock are highly sought after for a quality trials location.

– Route: F603

– Segment: 3448

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
- Water Stream Crossing
- Range Study Site
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on listed species and in designated critical habitat for threatened and endangered plants.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 3447

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling

- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

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- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to reduce as much as practicable route density (miles/square mile) within 200 meters of known Threatened and Endangered plant occurrences throughout the field office.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on listed species and in designated critical habitat for threatened and endangered plants.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 23400

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)

Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 23401

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat

Rationale for Decision

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concern.

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: F603

No public comments for this Route

– Route: F607

– Segment: 3513

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 3515

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 3540

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 6485

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 23362

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation ACEC

- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 6487

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: F607

No public comments for this Route

– Route: F613

– Segment: 4080

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce as much as practicable route density (miles/square mile) within 200 meters of known Threatened and Endangered plant occurrences throughout the field office.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of

roads, routes and trails.

- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 4026

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to reduce as much as practicable route density (miles/square mile) within 200 meters of known Threatened and Endangered plant occurrences throughout the field office.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4260

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to reduce as much as practicable route density (miles/square mile) within 200 meters of known Threatened and Endangered plant occurrences throughout the field office.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4293

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None**Mitigation**

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Public Comments On Route: F613

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0089

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone F should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes F: 125; 115; 117; 122; 120;171;119;134;93;108; 100;104;94;107;138;140; 159;152;153;155;172; 196;174;195; 655; 556; 602; 649; 555; 560; 571; 595; 598; 599; 569; 612; 613; 518; 517; 519; 527; 580; 616; 764; 575; 615; 620; 630; 538; 502; 572; 549; 715; 753; 758; 277; 264; 769; 500; 284; 288; 684; 351; 329; 348; 338, 340; 339; 316; 311; 685; 200; 202; 211; 203; 206; 216; 218; 222; 232; 375; 376; 92; 290; 235; 247; 301; 295; 416; 412; 425. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone F routes above.

– Route: F614**– Segment: 4383****Designation ?**

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 6439

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only
Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: F614

No public comments for this Route

– Route: F615

– Segment: 4506

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce as much as practicable route density (miles/square mile) within 200 meters of known Threatened and Endangered plant occurrences throughout the field office.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: F615

Commenter Name: Howe, John

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0133

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

My comments are focused on Zone F. I support Alternative D for Zone F, which calls for designation of the Castle Rock SRMA in the triangular area bordered by V.2 Road on the North and S Road (referred to as CV1 Road on the Zone F maps). I urge the BLM to not adopt Alternatives B or C for this area because these alternatives appear to close off completely the unique recreation opportunities offered by this area. Although Alternative B proposes the establishment of an ERMA for the Castle Rock area, the alternative recommends closing the single track trail network. The single track trail network is which is one of the key reasons for creating a recreation management area in the first place. I have used the single track trails in the proposed SRMA for mountain biking. I value the feeling of remoteness, the lack of crowds, the unique terrain and the high desert environment. In particular, the terrain offers a high degree of difficulty and unique rock features concentrated in a relatively small area that are not available together in other areas managed by the Grand Junction Field Office. The single track trails in the proposed SRMA have been compared favorably to Gooseberry Mesa, Utah, a world famous mountain biking destination. In an area already renowned for mountain biking opportunities, the Castle Rock trails offer an experience that should be preserved. Although my particular use of the Castle Rock single track trails is for mountain biking, I support the designation of these trails as "motorcycle" in Alternative D. The "motorcycle" designation allows multi-purpose use

of these trails, which allows more user groups to experience these trails. Alternative D represents the management goals that I would like to see adopted for this area, in particular the continued availability of the single track trails system within the proposed SRMA boundary. The trail names are hard to distinguish on the Zone F map; however, the single track trails appear to be designated as follows: F579, F580, F615, F633, F715, F753, F756, F758 and F764.

Commenter Name: Herron, Lydia

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0806

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Zone F - Debeque With reference to routes proposed as closures in Alternative B: F500 is an alternative route vs. taking the main county road Westward. Slated for closure in Alt B, F758, F753, F755, F715, F579, F633, F615, F496 gives OHV users a loop ride option. F571 & F549 are used to connect two trailed areas vs. using the County Road. ATV users love trails and will take any old dirt road over nothing, but sure would rather take a fun trail, with diverse riding terrain vs. a graded flat dirt road. F772 is slated for administrative use in Alt B. This gives public access into the Bookcliffs Wilderness Study Area, therefore having a purpose to leave open for public use.

Commenter Name: McClellan, Roz

Organization: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative

Submission Code: emc0846

Recommended: Foot/Horse

Zone F Castle Rocks Coon Hollow F 196 and its spurs - please close this little-used cherry stem to block up a bigger S. Shale Roadless area RMRI has been tracking Castle Rocks for a number of years as lack of enforcement has increased impacts from trials dirt bikes and mountain bikes on rare geological, paleontological, biological resources including special status plant and animal species such as sage grouse and cactus. We recommend closures of all recently created mt bike and dirt bike trails, including F551- F572-F502-F538-F536-F602-F575-F573-F580-F633-F579-F503-F715-F615. Castle Rocks should open to foot and horse only.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfc0089

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone F should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes F: 125; 115; 117; 122; 120;171;119;134;93;108; 100;104;94;107;138;140; 159;152;153;155;172; 196;174;195; 655; 556; 602; 649; 555; 560; 571; 595; 598; 599; 569; 612; 613; 518; 517; 519; 527; 580; 616; 764; 575; 615; 620; 630; 538; 502; 572; 549; 715; 753; 758; 277; 264; 769; 500; 284; 288; 684; 351; 329; 348; 338, 340; 339; 316; 311; 685; 200; 202; 211; 203; 206; 216; 218; 222; 232; 375; 376; 92; 290; 235; 247; 301; 295; 416; 412; 425. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone F routes above.

Commenter Name: No Record

Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

[Trails Preservation Alliance - www.coloradotpa.org][Subject: Combined input to the BLM RMP, from the TPA and COHVCO.] In sections 11 and 12, just south west of the Pyramid Rock ACEC is a system of single track routes that are used primarily by motorcycle trials riders. (specifically F551-F572-F502-F538-F536-F602-F575-F573-F580-F633-F579-F503-F715-F615) This is a very valuable recreation opportunity. We would like to see this opportunity developed for trials motorcyclists. It provides an opportunity for both casual use and organized competition of a very high caliber. The natural features of rock and slick rock are highly sought after for a quality trials location.

– Route: F616

– Segment: 4451

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to maintain administrative access to active oil and gas wells, but limit public access to provide for public safety at active well sites.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: F616

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfc0089

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone F should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes F: 125; 115; 117; 122; 120;171;119;134;93;108; 100;104;94;107;138;140; 159;152;153;155;172; 196;174;195; 655; 556; 602; 649; 555; 560; 571; 595; 598; 599; 569; 612; 613; 518; 517; 519; 527; 580; 616; 764; 575; 615; 620; 630; 538; 502; 572; 549; 715; 753; 758; 277; 264; 769; 500; 284; 288; 684; 351; 329; 348; 338, 340; 339; 316; 311; 685; 200; 202; 211; 203; 206; 216; 218; 222; 232; 375; 376; 92; 290; 235; 247; 301; 295; 416; 412; 425. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone F routes above.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

In the Castle Rock quadrant, Option (D) should be the preferred option as a basis for maintaining a workable, sustainable trail system. The existing single track trail system fulfills the need for the type of recreation opportunities that the riders are seeking. As indicated in the SRMA planning chart, this is a unique area that has features, challenges, views, and opportunities that are not available anywhere else in the GJ FO. See Appendix K,

Castle Rock SRMA, Table 8, Alternative D, (Page K-35). Also, consistent with the BLM's "Outcomes-Based Recreation Management Philosophy" that focuses on the positive and beneficial outcomes derived from recreational activities, rather than emphasizing the recreation activities themselves, this trail system is high up on the scale for meeting this criteria.

– Route: F619

– Segment: 2594

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to maintain administrative access to active oil and gas wells, but limit public access to provide for public safety at active well sites.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)**— Segment: 4300****Designation** **Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only****Seasonal Limitations: None****Mitigation**

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed**Alternative A (Current):** Undesignated**Alternative B (Preferred):** Admin/Permitted Use Only**Alternative C (Conservation):** Admin/Permitted Use Only**Alternative D (Development):** Open (All modes of travel)**— Segment: 4327****Designation** 

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4337

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: F619

No public comments for this Route

– Route: F620

– Segment: 4184

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 4199

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern

- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4212

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
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- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4233

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

– Segment: 4247

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

– Segment: 4255

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
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- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
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- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4152

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 4197

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 4241

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 4258

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Public Comments On Route: F620

Commenter Name: Winans, Scott

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0868

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

This region provides a unique terrain and trail experience for the area, with mixed open country routes, small canyons, slickrock, and technically challenging terrain, a sense of wilderness and solitude while experiencing terrain found nowhere else in close proximity to communities in Mesa County. The Castle Rock area can serve as the core area for a mechanized singletrack trail system with developed trailhead areas off of V.2 Road. This would allow access for the development of singletrack trails going east and south to the Colorado River rim and west and south to the Little BookCliffs Wilderness Study Area boundary (but mechanized travel should not have to cease at that boundary). This would be complimentary to trail development conceived of for nearby Zones M, N, and O. Development in this region would be a substantial economic benefit to the nearby town of Debeque. In addition, north of V.2 Road, Coon Hollow Road allows access to rather remote South Shale Ridge region. This area has characteristics of vast open space, Cedar trees and steep ridges. I would like to see this remain accessible to mechanized use. This area has vast open areas in a very remote setting and allows for biking/exploring opportunities where it things are quiet. Key Points: Major continuous singletrack routes bounded by V.2 and S Roads remain open to mechanized access. F580, F633, F753, F513, F579, F503, F620, F744, F722 - central routes remain open to mechanized travel. Several of these routes are already recognized by BLM. F755, F756, F758 system accessible with alterations as needed to meet environmental and cultural protection needs. F549 & F571 remain open to mechanized access to allow travel off of the main access road to the area.

Commenter Name: Grossman, David **Organization:** Grand Valley Trails Alliance

Submission Code: emc0719

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

The series of stacked loops currently present within the proposed Castle Rock SRMA provide a challenging singletrack trail experience for motorized, mechanical and foot based recreation. We request the GJFO of the BLM give serious consideration to including the existing trails within the Castle Rock SRMA and to work with representatives of singletrack trail organizations and the DWG to reroute or mitigate any issues before any trail is considered for closure. The DWG recognizes that many of the existing routes and trails within the Castle Rock SRMA exemplify the goals and objectives of this SRMA and should be considered both individually and as a system of trails allowing for challenging singletrack experiences including; F744, F722, F620, F579, F268, F633, F758, F580, and F762.

Commenter Name: Cox, Kris

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

Submission Code: emc0788

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

F580, F633, F753, F513, F579, F503, F620, F744, F722 - central routes remain open to mechanized travel. Several of these routes are already recognized by BLM. F755, F756, F758 system accessible with alterations as needed to meet environmental and cultural protection needs. F549 & F571 remain open to mechanized access to allow travel off of the main access road to the area. Routes in Coon Hollow remain open to mechanized access. F655, F195, F196, F176, F172, F555, F556, and unnumbered route crossing F602 and nearly connecting to F555 remain open for access to Shale Ridge area - remote and seldom traveled.

Commenter Name: Bertolacci, Jason

Organization: International Mountain Bicycling Association

Submission Code: emc0912

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

In addition, north of V.2 Road, Coon Hollow Road allows access to rather remote South Shale Ridge region. This area has characteristics of vast open space, Cedar trees and steep ridges. We would like to see this to remain accessible to mountain bicyclists. This area provides users with the opportunity to experience vast open areas in a very remote setting and allows for opportunities in which users will find solitude and quiet. Our recommendation for this area is to leave the existing routes open to mountain bikes. Spur roads should be left open in the area for the use of parking and or camping. These roads should be posted with signs that say road ends in "X" distance. Key

Routes: - Major continuous singletrack routes bounded by V.2 and S Roads remain open to mechanized access. - F580, F633, F753, F513, F579, F503, F620, F744, F722 - central routes remain open to mechanized travel. Several of these routes are already recognized by BLM. - F755, F756, F758 system accessible with alterations as needed to meet environmental and cultural protection needs. - F549 & F571 remain open to mechanized access to allow travel off of the main access road to the area. - Routes in Coon Hollow remain open to mechanized access. - F655, F195, F196, F176, F172, F555, F556, and un-numbered route crossing F602 and nearly connecting to F555 remain open for access to Shale Ridge area - remote and seldom traveled. - All road and trail access generally south of S road remain accessible by mechanized traffic for remote access to Debeque Canyon region and for future connectivity to the Palisade area and deeper west. - F430, F316, F319, F351, F364, F352, F353 corridor - F323, F348, F339 corridor - F356, F376, F375 corridor - F398, F400, F391, F379 corridor - F218, F222, F223, F226, F233, F232 corridor - F216, F234, F230 corridor - F213, F200, F203, F206 corridor - F425 Zones H, I, J, Zones H, I, and J functionally form much of the northern boundary of the Grand Valley, ignoring Zone L which is comprised primarily of a maze of motorized trails.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfc0089

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone F should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes F: 125; 115; 117; 122; 120;171;119;134;93;108; 100;104;94;107;138;140; 159;152;153;155;172; 196;174;195; 655; 556; 602; 649; 555; 560; 571; 595; 598; 599; 569; 612; 613; 518; 517; 519; 527; 580; 616; 764; 575; 615; 620; 630; 538; 502; 572; 549; 715; 753; 758; 277; 264; 769; 500; 284; 288; 684; 351; 329; 348; 338, 340; 339; 316; 311; 685; 200; 202; 211; 203; 206; 216; 218; 222; 232; 375; 376; 92; 290; 235; 247; 301; 295; 416; 412; 425. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone F routes above.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

In the Castle Rock quadrant, Option (D) should be the preferred option as a basis for maintaining a workable, sustainable trail system. The existing single track trail system fulfills the need for the type of recreation opportunities that the riders are seeking. As indicated in the SRMA planning chart, this is a unique area that has features, challenges, views, and opportunities that are not available anywhere else in the GJ FO. See Appendix K, Castle Rock SRMA, Table 8, Alternative D, (Page K-35). Also, consistent with the BLM's "Outcomes-Based Recreation Management Philosophy" that focuses on the positive and beneficial outcomes derived from recreational activities, rather than emphasizing the recreation activities themselves, this trail system is high up on the scale for meeting this criteria.

Commenter Name: Cox, Kris

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

Submission Code: emc0788

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

580, F633, F753, F513, F579, F503, F620, F744, F722 - central routes remain open to mechanized travel. Several of these routes are already recognized by BLM. F755, F756, F758 system accessible with alterations as needed to meet environmental and cultural protection needs. F549 & F571 remain open to mechanized access to allow travel off of the main access road to the area. Routes in Coon Hollow remain open to mechanized access. F655, F195, F196, F176, F172, F555, F556, and unnumbered route crossing F602 and nearly connecting to F555 remain open for access to Shale Ridge area - remote and seldom traveled.

– Route: F623

– Segment: 4342

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
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- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Public Comments On Route: F623

No public comments for this Route

– Route: F627

– Segment: 4335

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4362

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing

- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: F627

No public comments for this Route

– Route: F628

– Segment: 4394

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Energy Access COGCC well

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to maintain administrative access to active oil and gas wells, but limit public access to provide for public safety at active well sites.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: F628

No public comments for this Route

– Route: F630

– Segment: 4150

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 3944

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails

- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 4136

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and

setting characteristics of cultural sites).

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 4140

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: F630

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfc0089

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone F should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes F: 125; 115; 117; 122; 120;171;119;134;93;108; 100;104;94;107;138;140; 159;152;153;155;172; 196;174;195; 655; 556; 602; 649; 555; 560; 571; 595; 598; 599; 569; 612; 613; 518; 517; 519; 527; 580; 616; 764; 575; 615; 620; 630; 538; 502; 572; 549; 715; 753; 758; 277; 264; 769; 500; 284; 288; 684; 351; 329; 348; 338, 340; 339; 316; 311; 685; 200; 202; 211; 203; 206; 216; 218; 222; 232; 375; 376; 92; 290; 235; 247; 301; 295; 416; 412; 425. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone F routes above.

– Route: F633

– Segment: 4236

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 4341

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 4433

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling

Cultural Resource Concern

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed**Alternative A (Current):** Undesignated**Alternative B (Preferred):** Closed**Alternative C (Conservation):** Closed**Alternative D (Development):** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle**— Segment: 4441****Designation ?****Proposed Designation:** Closed**Seasonal Limitations:** None**Mitigation**

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 4442

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 4492

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle**— Segment: 4493****Designation** **Proposed Designation: Closed****Seasonal Limitations: None****Mitigation**

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed**Alternative A (Current):** Undesignated**Alternative B (Preferred):** Closed**Alternative C (Conservation):** Closed**Alternative D (Development):** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle**— Segment: 4554****Designation** **Proposed Designation: Closed**

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce as much as practicable route density (miles/square mile) within 200 meters of known Threatened and Endangered plant occurrences throughout the field office.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 4528

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 4529

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Public Comments On Route: F633

Commenter Name: Winans, Scott

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0868

Reccomended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

This region provides a unique terrain and trail experience for the area, with mixed open country routes, small canyons, slickrock, and technically challenging terrain, a sense of wilderness and solitude while experiencing terrain found nowhere else in close proximity to communities in Mesa County. The Castle Rock area can serve as the core area for a mechanized singletrack trail system with developed trailhead areas off of V.2 Road. This would allow access for the development of singletrack trails going east and south to the Colorado River rim and west and south to the Little BookCliffs Wilderness Study Area boundary (but mechanized travel should not have to cease at that boundary). This would be complimentary to trail development conceived of for nearby Zones M, N, and O. Development in this region would be a substantial economic benefit to the nearby town of Debeque. In addition, north of V.2 Road, Coon Hollow Road allows access to rather remote South Shale Ridge region. This area has characteristics of vast open space, Cedar trees and steep ridges. I would like to see this remain accessible to mechanized use. This area has vast open areas in a very remote setting and allows for biking/exploring opportunities where it things are quiet. Key Points: Major continuous singletrack routes bounded by V.2 and S Roads remain open to mechanized access. F580, F633, F753, F513, F579, F503, F620, F744, F722 - central routes remain open to mechanized travel. Several of these routes are already recognized by BLM. F755, F756, F758 system

accessible with alterations as needed to meet environmental and cultural protection needs. F549 & F571 remain open to mechanized access to allow travel off of the main access road to the area.

Commenter Name: Howe, John

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0133

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

My comments are focused on Zone F. I support Alternative D for Zone F, which calls for designation of the Castle Rock SRMA in the triangular area bordered by V.2 Road on the North and S Road (referred to as CV1 Road on the Zone F maps). I urge the BLM to not adopt Alternatives B or C for this area because these alternatives appear to close off completely the unique recreation opportunities offered by this area. Although Alternative B proposes the establishment of an ERMA for the Castle Rock area, the alternative recommends closing the single track trail network. The single track trail network is which is one of the key reasons for creating a recreation management area in the first place. I have used the single track trails in the proposed SRMA for mountain biking. I value the feeling of remoteness, the lack of crowds, the unique terrain and the high desert environment. In particular, the terrain offers a high degree of difficulty and unique rock features concentrated in a relatively small area that are not available together in other areas managed by the Grand Junction Field Office. The single track trails in the proposed SRMA have been compared favorably to Gooseberry Mesa, Utah, a world famous mountain biking destination. In an area already renowned for mountain biking opportunities, the Castle Rock trails offer an experience that should be preserved. Although my particular use of the Castle Rock single track trails is for mountain biking, I support the designation of these trails as "motorcycle" in Alternative D. The "motorcycle" designation allows multi-purpose use of these trails, which allows more user groups to experience these trails. Alternative D represents the management goals that I would like to see adopted for this area, in particular the continued availability of the single track trails system within the proposed SRMA boundary. The trail names are hard to distinguish on the Zone F map; however, the single track trails appear to be designated as follows: F579, F580, F615, F633, F715, F753, F756, F758 and F764.

Commenter Name: Grossman, David

Organization: Grand Valley Trails Alliance

Submission Code: emc0719

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

The series of stacked loops currently present within the proposed Castle Rock SRMA provide a challenging singletrack trail experience for motorized, mechanical and foot based recreation. We request the GJFO of the BLM give serious consideration to including the existing trails within the Castle Rock SRMA and to work with representatives of singletrack trail organizations and the DWG to reroute or mitigate any issues before any trail is considered for closure. The DWG recognizes that many of the existing routes and trails within the Castle Rock SRMA exemplify the goals and objectives of this SRMA and should be considered both individually and as a system of trails allowing for challenging singletrack experiences including; F744, F722, F620, F579, F268, F633, F758, F580, and F762.

Commenter Name: Cox, Kris

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

Submission Code: emc0788

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

F580, F633, F753, F513, F579, F503, F620, F744, F722 - central routes remain open to mechanized travel. Several of these routes are already recognized by BLM. F755, F756, F758 system accessible with alterations as needed to meet environmental and cultural protection needs. F549 & F571 remain open to mechanized access to allow travel off of the main access road to the area. Routes in Coon Hollow remain open to mechanized access. F655, F195, F196, F176, F172, F555, F556, and unnumbered route crossing F602 and nearly connecting to F555 remain open for access to Shale Ridge area - remote and seldom traveled.

Commenter Name: Bertolacci, Jason

Organization: International Mountain Bicycling Association

Submission Code: emc0912

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

In addition, north of V.2 Road, Coon Hollow Road allows access to rather remote South Shale Ridge region. This area has characteristics of vast open space, Cedar trees and steep ridges. We would like to see this to remain accessible to mountain bicyclists. This area provides users with the opportunity to experience vast open areas in a very remote setting and allows for opportunities in which users will find solitude and quiet. Our recommendation for this area is to leave the existing routes open to mountain bikes. Spur roads should be left open in the area for the use of parking and or camping. These roads should be posted with signs that say road ends in "X" distance. Key

Routes: - Major continuous singletrack routes bounded by V.2 and S Roads remain open to mechanized access. - F580, F633, F753, F513, F579, F503, F620, F744, F722 - central routes remain open to mechanized travel. Several of these routes are already recognized by BLM. - F755, F756, F758 system accessible with alterations as needed to meet environmental and cultural protection needs. - F549 & F571 remain open to mechanized access to allow travel off of the main access road to the area. - Routes in Coon Hollow remain open to mechanized access. - F655, F195, F196, F176, F172, F555, F556, and un-numbered route crossing F602 and nearly connecting to F555 remain open for access to Shale Ridge area - remote and seldom traveled. - All road and trail access generally south of S road remain accessible by mechanized traffic for remote access to Debeque Canyon region and for future connectivity to the Palisade area and deeper west. - F430, F316, F319, F351, F364, F352, F353 corridor - F323, F348, F339 corridor - F356, F376, F375 corridor - F398, F400, F391, F379 corridor - F218, F222, F223, F226, F233, F232 corridor - F216, F234, F230 corridor - F213, F200, F203, F206 corridor - F425 Zones H, I, J, Zones H, I, and J functionally form much of the northern boundary of the Grand Valley, ignoring Zone L which is comprised primarily of a maze of motorized trails.

Commenter Name: Cox, Kris

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

Submission Code: emc0788

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

580, F633, F753, F513, F579, F503, F620, F744, F722 - central routes remain open to mechanized travel. Several of these routes are already recognized by BLM. F755, F756, F758 system accessible with alterations as needed to meet environmental and cultural protection needs. F549 & F571 remain open to mechanized access to allow travel off of the main access road to the area. Routes in Coon Hollow remain open to mechanized access. F655, F195, F196, F176, F172, F555, F556, and unnumbered route crossing F602 and nearly connecting to F555 remain open for access to Shale Ridge area - remote and seldom traveled.

Commenter Name: McClellan, Roz

Organization: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative

Submission Code: emc0846

Recommended: Foot/Horse

Zone F Castle Rocks Coon Hollow F 196 and its spurs - please close this little- used cherry stem to block up a bigger S. Shale Roadless area RMRI has been tracking Castle Rocks for a number of years as lack of enforcement has increased impacts from trials dirt bikes and mountain bikes on rare geological, paleontological, biological resources including special status plant and animal species such as sage grouse and cactus. We recommend closures of all recently created mt bike and dirt bike trails, including F551- F572- F502- F538- F536- F602- F575- F573- F580- F633- F579- F503- F715- F615. Castle Rocks should open to foot and horse only.

Commenter Name: Herron, Lydia

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0806

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Zone F - Debeque With reference to routes proposed as closures in Alternative B: F500 is an alternative route vs. taking the main county road Westward. Slated for closure in Alt B, F758, F753, F755, F715, F579, F633, F615, F496 gives OHV users a loop ride option. F571 & F549 are used to connect two trailed areas vs. using the County Road. ATV users love trails and well take any old dirt road over nothing, but sure would rather take a fun trail, with diverse riding terrain vs. a graded flat dirt road. F772 is slated for administrative use in Alt B. This gives public access into the Bookcliffs Wilderness Study Area, therefore having a purpose to leave open for public use.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

In the Castle Rock quadrant, Option (D) should be the preferred option as a basis for maintaining a workable, sustainable trail system. The existing single track trail system fulfills the need for the type of recreation opportunities that the riders are seeking. As indicated in the SRMA planning chart, this is a unique area that has features, challenges, views, and opportunities that are not available anywhere else in the GJ FO. See Appendix K, Castle Rock SRMA, Table 8, Alternative D, (Page K-35). Also, consistent with the BLM's "Outcomes-Based Recreation Management Philosophy" that focuses on the positive and beneficial outcomes derived from recreational activities, rather than emphasizing the recreation activities themselves, this trail system is high up on the scale for meeting this criteria.

Commenter Name: No Record

Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Recommened: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

[Trails Preservation Alliance - www.coloradotpa.org][Subject: Combined input to the BLM RMP, from the TPA and COHVCO.] In sections 11 and 12, just south west of the Pyramid Rock ACEC is a system of single track routes that are used primarily by motorcycle trials riders. (specifically F551-F572-F502-F538-F536-F602-F575-F573-F580-F633-F579-F503-F715-F615) This is a very valuable recreation opportunity. We would like to see this opportunity developed for trials motorcyclists. It provides an opportunity for both casual use and organized competition of a very high caliber. The natural freatures of rock and slick rock are highly sought after for a quality trials location.

– Route: F637

– Segment: 4158

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: F637

No public comments for this Route

– Route: F639

– Segment: 4328

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: F639

No public comments for this Route

– Route: F640

– Segment: 3935

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

– Segment: 3941

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Public Comments On Route: F640

No public comments for this Route

– Route: F641

– Segment: 4183

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: F641

No public comments for this Route

– Route: F655

– Segment: 3529

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 3551

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 3583

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 3694

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 3708

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 6957

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II

- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 6959

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 6966

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Paleo Paleontological site In or Through
- Paleo Paleontological site Proximate (200m Buffer)
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 6992

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 6998

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 3478

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or

other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Paleo Paleontological site Proximate (200m Buffer)
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to reduce ongoing damage to known paleontological sites, close routes that are inside or pass through sensitive paleontological sites, or identify mitigation necessary to protect sites.
- Designation was considered to reduce the potential for vandalism or collection of paleontological sites and reduce the number of routes in proximity to known paleontological localities.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on listed species and in designated critical habitat for threatened and endangered plants.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 6885

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on listed species and in designated critical habitat for threatened and endangered plants.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 3678

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Potential cultural mitigation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 3679

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: F655

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: emc0595

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): I would like to see the BLM designate this trail as open to full-size motorized users. Trail Number(s): F195, F655, F609, F196, F172
Trail Name: Coon Hollow

Commenter Name: Potterveld, Jan

Organization: Back Country Horsemen of Colorado

Submission Code: emc0634

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trails F655 and F195 should continue to be open for all use. Trail F196 should remain open for ATV use as well as all quiet use. Trail F599 is a well maintained road and with its extension onto F555 leads to an abandoned Oil and Gas site. This provides excellent parking for horse trailers and can serve as a Trail Head for rides in the Coon Hollow area. The upper part of F555 should be changed to All Vehicles [Black]. The lower part of F555 which leads back to F655, Coon Hollow Rd, is suitable only for ATV and below. Trail F556 is at best an ATV track and perhaps only horse and foot. Consideration should be given to leaving F571 and F549 open to all as this provides an off road section to avoid the traffic on V.2 road. Off of V.2 road there is one short trail that I have explored in my Jeep SUV and it should stay open to all as it leads to some great views of Hoodoos in the ridge to the north. The is Trail F284 and F278 as shown in Alt. D.

Commenter Name: Winans, Scott

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0868

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Routes in Coon Hollow remain open to mechanized access. F655, F195, F196, F176, F172, F555, F556, and unnumbered route crossing F602 and nearly connecting to F555 remain open for access to Shale Ridge area - remote and seldom traveled.

Commenter Name: Grossman, David

Organization: Grand Valley Trails Alliance

Submission Code: emc0719

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

The historic, unique Coon Hollow Road (F655, F195) transects the proposed South Shale Ridge ACEC and the DWG proposes that it be "Cherry Stemmed" into the ACEC to allow recreational access via a narrow corridor. We ask that the GJFO of the BLM give serious consideration to managing the proposed Coon Hollow corridor as a limited "Primitive" road/trail, with all motorized vehicular use being the "Primary" recreational use. The recreation corridor within Coon Hollow to be a narrow management section to not infringe on the backcountry characteristics of the surrounding area any more than it currently does. The DWG was unable to reach a consensus on the details of the Coon Hollow Road/Trail with conservation focused members only willing to concede the lower section of the Coon Hollow Road (F655 to F195). The Quiet Trails Group representatives, with the exception of the Backcountry Horsemen, expressed concern about allowing a trail along the ridge and deep into an area with wild characteristics. The OHV and Backcountry Horsemen members of the DWG feel that the Coon Hollow Trail (F196 to F172) is of exceptional nature and in experience and challenge with a rating of 6 on their off-road scale which is unique to the region and that the Coon Hollow Road in the bottom has little value other than access.

Commenter Name: Smith, Jerry

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0773

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Coon Hollow Jeep Road/Trail (North and West of De Beque, CO) Area F -- F195; F196; F172; F655; F609; and others 1. Some trail history: The Coon Hollow Jeep Road/Trail is a very significant and extremely rare kind of experience for Jeep-size vehicles and other OHVs in the entire GJFO jurisdiction and/or in the entire western U.S. In the GJFO management area, there are only three roads/trails that meet the following criteria: i. Primitive class 6 or 7 for difficulty and over 4-miles in length ii. Scenic, yet not easily seen or offensive from the immediate area iii. Challenge the drivers skills and the capabilities of their vehicle The Coon Hollow Road/Trail has been on BLM maps much longer than the South Shale Ridge has been inventoried as a "Wilderness Characteristics". Even though "Cherry Stemmed" within a Wilderness Characteristic area, the BLM has continued to identify it as a "Jeep Trail", the Affected Environment has shown no, or very little detrimental effects from the long time existence of the Coon Hollow Jeep Road/Trail. If allowed, the adoption of this trail may actually enhance the area with some work to slow

the rate of erosion in key areas. The Coon Hollow road/trail has been added to the requested road/trail inventory for Special Recreation Permits (SRP) for the Grand Mesa Jeep Clubs annual "Rock Junction 2013" event. (On this SRP, we were turned down). The Coon Hollow Jeep Road/Trail has been documented on BLM maps for many years as a "Jeep Trail". The Grand Mesa Jeep Club may formally submit to the BLM for "Adopt-A-Trail" status of the Coon Hollow Jeep Road/Trail. This would allow the Grand Mesa Jeep Club to maintain this road/trail through volunteerism. This would keep maintenance costs to a minimum for the BLM. It is expected that the brush growth encroaching on the trail will continue to be a serious problem for the next several years. The Mayor of De Beque (Wayne Klahn) vehemently supports keeping the Coon Hollow Jeep Road/Trail open to all motorized use. The community of De Beque will benefit directly socially and economically from keeping the Coon Hollow Jeep Road/Trail open to all motorized use. The Coon Hollow road/trail is relatively close to Interstate 70. Access from the interstate would be easy. As the Coon Hollow Jeep Road/Trail gains in notoriety, more traffic can be anticipated, as it would have "quick access" from an Interstate Highway. The findings in the Environmental Consequences chapter of this DRMP indicate that there are no natural resources at risk under the existing situation¹, therefore, there is no compelling need for drastic cutbacks. Unreasonable cutbacks in access are not warranted by the facts. 2. Expected Experiences At the west end of the trail there is a saddle that one crosses. As you top the saddle, your heart will skip a beat or two as the view goes from one of relative close and confined to a panorama that expands before you showing a very wide view of western Colorado and into Utah. It is truly an experience that should be mandatory in everyones lifetime. The driving experience of the Coon Hollow Jeep Road/Trail going up is totally different than the coming down experience, making it two entirely unique experiences. Going up you see primarily blue sky and the narrow road through the trees and brush off the sides of the ridge. Going up you are unfamiliar with the trail and the obstacles. Your main focus is on the trail. Occasionally, your gaze will wander and you will become mesmerized by the beauty surrounding you. Coming down, the view through your windshield opens to a panorama of grand vistas clear to and over the town of De Begue to the Battlement Mesa. Your familiarity with the trail and the angle of the view before you makes you want to stop often for "Kodak Moments". Your appreciation for what God has made grows with every turn and crest overcome. As a "Cherry-stemmed" road/trail into an area with "Wilderness Characteristics", the Coon Hollow Jeep Road/Trail is extremely unique. This experience is rarely found anywhere. Anyone with a vehicle capable of accessing the upper Coon Hollow Jeep Road/Trail or who may ride with those that do, will have the opportunity to have a true "Wilderness Experience" without the need for all the personal physical exertion normally required. This access would allow people with disabilities, youth and/or the elderly not up to walking these distances and steep grades the pleasures of a true "Wilderness Experience" in a truly beautiful setting. The opportunity for "Quiet Users" to "get away from it all" will be much easier than they can experience in most designated Wilderness Areas. Their access to a "Wilderness Experience" of this magnitude without the exertion normally expected will draw many of them to accept the very occasional disturbance of a motorized vehicle and maybe become more tolerant of the slight disturbance. As a BLM identified "Cherry-stemmed" road/trail into an area with "Wilderness Characteristics", the existence of the Coon Hollow Jeep Road/Trail should have disallowed the surrounding area as qualified for "Wilderness Characteristics". Wilderness should have no significant signs of man and a road/trail is a significant sign of mans presence. We ask that the BLM give serious consideration to changing the 2013 RMP/TMP management of the entire length of the Coon Hollow Jeep Road/Trail as an Open, "Primitive" road/trail, with ALL Motorized vehicular use being the "Primary" recreational use under the designation of Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA).

Commenter Name: Hutchison, Hod

Submission Code: rmc0025

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): Rock crawling having fun in my Jeep. **Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping):** A few times a year, rock crawling. **Why you like this trail(challenges you vehicle, close to home, wildlife, history characteristics views):** Close to home and have fun in my Jeep. **Easy access from GJ. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness):** To spend time with my friends and families. Please leave Coon Hollow open to all motor vehicles.

Commenter Name: None

Submission Code: rmc0087

Organization: WSATVA

Recommended: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Coon Hollow Trails: F655, F195, F609, F172, and F196. Coon Hollow is one of WSATVA's favorite routes to ride.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Coon Hollow F195, F655, F609 Main route *Marked to become ATV-width F196 Spur route near the western end of F195, taking off to the south and then west *Marked to become ATV-width F172 Spur route near the western end of F196, taking off to the west and then north *Marked to become ATV-width

Commenter Name: Cox, Kris

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

Submission Code: emc0788

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

580, F633, F753, F513, F579, F503, F620, F744, F722 - central routes remain open to mechanized travel. Several of these routes are already recognized by BLM. F755, F756, F758 system accessible with alterations as needed to meet environmental and cultural protection needs. F549 & F571 remain open to mechanized access to allow travel off of the main access road to the area. Routes in Coon Hollow remain open to mechanized access. F655, F195, F196, F176, F172, F555, F556, and unnumbered route crossing F602 and nearly connecting to F555 remain open for access to Shale Ridge area - remote and seldom traveled.

Commenter Name: Bertolacci, Jason

Organization: International Mountain Bicycling Association

Submission Code: emc0912

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

In addition, north of V.2 Road, Coon Hollow Road allows access to rather remote South Shale Ridge region. This area has characteristics of vast open space, Cedar trees and steep ridges. We would like to see this to remain accessible to mountain bicyclists. This area provides users with the opportunity to experience vast open areas in a very remote setting and allows for opportunities in which users will find solitude and quiet. Our recommendation for this area is to leave the existing routes open to mountain bikes. Spur roads should be left open in the area for the use of parking and or camping. These roads should be posted with signs that say road ends in "X" distance. Key Routes: - Major continuous singletrack routes bounded by V.2 and S Roads remain open to mechanized access. - F580, F633, F753, F513, F579, F503, F620, F744, F722 - central routes remain open to mechanized travel. Several of these routes are already recognized by BLM. - F755, F756, F758 system accessible with alterations as needed to meet environmental and cultural protection needs. - F549 & F571 remain open to mechanized access to allow travel off of the main access road to the area. - Routes in Coon Hollow remain open to mechanized access. - F655, F195, F196, F176, F172, F555, F556, and un-numbered route crossing F602 and nearly connecting to F555 remain open for access to Shale Ridge area - remote and seldom traveled. - All road and trail access generally south of S road remain accessible by mechanized traffic for remote access to Debeque Canyon region and for future connectivity to the Palisade area and deeper west. - F430, F316, F319, F351, F364, F352, F353 corridor - F323, F348, F339 corridor - F356, F376, F375 corridor - F398, F400, F391, F379 corridor - F218, F222, F223, F226, F233, F232 corridor - F216, F234, F230 corridor - F213, F200, F203, F206 corridor - F425 Zones H, I, J, Zones H, I, and J functionally form much of the northern boundary of the Grand Valley, ignoring Zone L which is comprised primarily of a maze of motorized trails.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfc0089

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone F should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes F: 125; 115; 117; 122; 120;171;119;134;93;108; 100;104;94;107;138;140; 159;152;153;155;172; 196;174;195; 655; 556; 602; 649; 555; 560; 571; 595; 598; 599; 569; 612; 613; 518; 517; 519; 527; 580; 616; 764; 575; 615; 620; 630; 538; 502; 572; 549; 715; 753; 758; 277; 264; 769; 500; 284; 288; 684; 351; 329; 348; 338, 340; 339; 316; 311; 685; 200; 202; 211; 203; 206; 216; 218; 222; 232; 375; 376; 92; 290; 235; 247; 301; 295; 416; 412; 425. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone F routes above.

Commenter Name: Cox, Kris

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

Submission Code: emc0788

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

F580, F633, F753, F513, F579, F503, F620, F744, F722 - central routes remain open to mechanized travel. Several of these routes are already recognized by BLM. F755, F756, F758 system accessible with alterations as needed to meet environmental and cultural protection needs. F549 & F571 remain open to mechanized access to allow travel

off of the main access road to the area. Routes in Coon Hollow remain open to mechanized access. F655, F195, F196, F176, F172, F555, F556, and unnumbered route crossing F602 and nearly connecting to F555 remain open for access to Shale Ridge area - remote and seldom traveled.

Commenter Name: No Record

Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

It is a quiet area with good easy trails/loops for horses. It's scenic- dramatic colorful rock faces, green fringed cattle ponds, and extensive flora. Please ensure SAFE off road parking/pull outs for horse trailers along route F655 - hunters also need these pull outs for parking and unloading. There are lots of Native American Cultural sites around here. If you follow the old Coon Hollow trail you can climb up and overlook Sulphur Flats down to the river There are lots of stockponds! Thank you, Fiona Lloyd

– Route: F669

– Segment: 2596

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4309

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: F669

Commenter Name: None

Submission Code: rmc0087

Organization: WSATVA

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

De Beque Trail Numbers: (These are some of the most important trails): F356, F376, F572, F571, F549, F380 & F375. Administrative Routes that should be opened: F772, F138, F140, F159, F153, F155, F211, F409, F416, F669, F772. The De Beque area is used by motorized recreationist three seasons out of the year and is home to the De Beque Poker Ride. It is an area especially important to motorized.

— Route: F701

— Segment: 7110

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: F701

No public comments for this Route

— Route: F708

— Segment: 7105

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
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- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: F708

No public comments for this Route

— **Route: F715**

— **Segment: 4302**

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 4303

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the

compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Paleo Paleontological site Proximate (200m Buffer)
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

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- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to reduce ongoing damage to known paleontological sites, close routes that are inside or pass through sensitive paleontological sites, or identify mitigation necessary to protect sites.
- Designation was considered to reduce the potential for vandalism or collection of paleontological sites and reduce the number of routes in proximity to known paleontological localities.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Public Comments On Route: F715

Commenter Name: Howe, John

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0133

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

My comments are focused on Zone F. I support Alternative D for Zone F, which calls for designation of the Castle Rock SRMA in the triangular area bordered by V.2 Road on the North and S Road (referred to as CV1 Road on the Zone F maps). I urge the BLM to not adopt Alternatives B or C for this area because these alternatives appear to close off completely the unique recreation opportunities offered by this area. Although Alternative B proposes the establishment of an ERMA for the Castle Rock area, the alternative recommends closing the single track trail network. The single track trail network is which is one of the key reasons for creating a recreation management area in the first place. I have used the single track trails in the proposed SRMA for mountain biking. I value the feeling of remoteness, the lack of crowds, the unique terrain and the high desert environment. In particular, the terrain offers a high degree of difficulty and unique rock features concentrated in a relatively small area that are not available together in other areas managed by the Grand Junction Field Office. The single track trails in the proposed SRMA have been compared favorably to Gooseberry Mesa, Utah, a world famous mountain biking destination. In an area

already renowned for mountain biking opportunities, the Castle Rock trails offer an experience that should be preserved. Although my particular use of the Castle Rock single track trails is for mountain biking, I support the designation of these trails as "motorcycle" in Alternative D. The "motorcycle" designation allows multi-purpose use of these trails, which allows more user groups to experience these trails. Alternative D represents the management goals that I would like to see adopted for this area, in particular the continued availability of the single track trails system within the proposed SRMA boundary. The trail names are hard to distinguish on the Zone F map; however, the single track trails appear to be designated as follows: F579, F580, F615, F633, F715, F753, F756, F758 and F764.

Commenter Name: Herron, Lydia

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0806

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Zone F - Debeque With reference to routes proposed as closures in Alternative B: F500 is an alternative route vs. taking the main county road Westward. Slated for closure in Alt B, F758, F753, F755, F715, F579, F633, F615, F496 gives OHV users a loop ride option. F571 & F549 are used to connect two trailed areas vs. using the County Road. ATV users love trails and well take any old dirt road over nothing, but sure would rather take a fun trail, with diverse riding terrain vs. a graded flat dirt road. F772 is slated for administrative use in Alt B. This gives public access into the Bookcliffs Wilderness Study Area, therefore having a purpose to leave open for public use.

Commenter Name: McClellan, Roz

Organization: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative

Submission Code: emc0846

Recommended: Foot/Horse

Zone F Castle Rocks Coon Hollow F 196 and its spurs - please close this little- used cherry stem to block up a bigger S. Shale Roadless area RMRI has been tracking Castle Rocks for a number of years as lack of enforcement has increased impacts from trials dirt bikes and mountain bikes on rare geological, paleontological, biological resources including special status plant and animal species such as sage grouse and cactus. We recommend closures of all recently created mt bike and dirt bike trails, including F551- F572-F502-F538-F536-F602-F575-F573-F580-F633-F579-F503-F715-F615. Castle Rocks should open to foot and horse only.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfc0089

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone F should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes F: 125; 115; 117; 122; 120;171;119;134;93;108; 100;104;94;107;138;140; 159;152;153;155;172; 196;174;195; 655; 556; 602; 649; 555; 560; 571; 595; 598; 599; 569; 612; 613; 518; 517; 519; 527; 580; 616; 764; 575; 615; 620; 630; 538; 502; 572; 549; 715; 753; 758; 277; 264; 769; 500; 284; 288; 684; 351; 329; 348; 338, 340; 339; 316; 311; 685; 200; 202; 211; 203; 206; 216; 218; 222; 232; 375; 376; 92; 290; 235; 247; 301; 295; 416; 412; 425. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone F routes above.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

In the Castle Rock quadrant, Option (D) should be the preferred option as a basis for maintaining a workable, sustainable trail system. The existing single track trail system fulfills the need for the type of recreation opportunities that the riders are seeking. As indicated in the SRMA planning chart, this is a unique area that has features, challenges, views, and opportunities that are not available anywhere else in the GJ FO. See Appendix K, Castle Rock SRMA, Table 8, Alternative D, (Page K-35). Also, consistent with the BLM's "Outcomes-Based Recreation Management Philosophy" that focuses on the positive and beneficial outcomes derived from recreational activities, rather than emphasizing the recreation activities themselves, this trail system is high up on the scale for meeting this criteria.

Commenter Name: No Record

Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

[Trails Preservation Alliance - www.coloradotpa.org][Subject: Combined input to the BLM RMP, from the TPA and COHVCO.] In sections 11 and 12, just south west of the Pyramid Rock ACEC is a system of single track routes that

are used primarily by motorcycle trials riders. (specifically F551-F572-F502-F538-F536-F602-F575-F573-F580-F633-F579-F503-F715-F615) This is a very valuable recreation opportunity. We would like to see this opportunity developed for trials motorcyclists. It provides an opportunity for both casual use and organized competition of a very high caliber. The natural features of rock and slick rock are highly sought after for a quality trials location.

– Route: F722

– Segment: 3936

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 4134

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 4138

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 4151

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV

- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

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- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 4153

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 3627

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on listed species and in designated

critical habitat for threatened and endangered plants.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 3942

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 3946

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 4069

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide**— Segment: 4117****Designation ?****Proposed Designation: Closed****Seasonal Limitations: None****Mitigation**

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed**Alternative A (Current): Undesignated****Alternative B (Preferred): Closed****Alternative C (Conservation): Closed****Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle****— Segment: 4137****Designation ?**

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— **Segment: 6931**

Designation 

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

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Resources and / or Uses Present

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- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Public Comments On Route: F722

Commenter Name: Winans, Scott

Submission Code: emc0868

Organization:

Recommened: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

This region provides a unique terrain and trail experience for the area, with mixed open country routes, small canyons, slickrock, and technically challenging terrain, a sense of wilderness and solitude while experiencing terrain found nowhere else in close proximity to communities in Mesa County. The Castle Rock area can serve as the core area for a mechanized singletrack trail system with developed trailhead areas off of V.2 Road. This would allow access for the development of singletrack trails going east and south to the Colorado River rim and west and south to the Little BookCliffs Wilderness Study Area boundary (but mechanized travel should not have to cease at that boundary). This would be complimentary to trail development conceived of for nearby Zones M, N, and O. Development in this region would be a substantial economic benefit to the nearby town of Debeque. In addition,

north of V.2 Road, Coon Hollow Road allows access to rather remote South Shale Ridge region. This area has characteristics of vast open space, Cedar trees and steep ridges. I would like to see this remain accessible to mechanized use. This area has vast open areas in a very remote setting and allows for biking/exploring opportunities where it things are quiet. Key Points: Major continuous singletrack routes bounded by V.2 and S Roads remain open to mechanized access. F580, F633, F753, F513, F579, F503, F620, F744, F722 - central routes remain open to mechanized travel. Several of these routes are already recognized by BLM. F755, F756, F758 system accessible with alterations as needed to meet environmental and cultural protection needs. F549 & F571 remain open to mechanized access to allow travel off of the main access road to the area.

Commenter Name: Grossman, David **Organization:** Grand Valley Trails Alliance

Submission Code: emc0719

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

The series of stacked loops currently present within the proposed Castle Rock SRMA provide a challenging singletrack trail experience for motorized, mechanical and foot based recreation. We request the GJFO of the BLM give serious consideration to including the existing trails within the Castle Rock SRMA and to work with representatives of singletrack trail organizations and the DWG to reroute or mitigate any issues before any trail is considered for closure. The DWG recognizes that many of the existing routes and trails within the Castle Rock SRMA exemplify the goals and objectives of this SRMA and should be considered both individually and as a system of trails allowing for challenging singletrack experiences including; F744, F722, F620, F579, F268, F633, F758, F580, and F762.

Commenter Name: Cox, Kris

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

Submission Code: emc0788

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

F580, F633, F753, F513, F579, F503, F620, F744, F722 - central routes remain open to mechanized travel. Several of these routes are already recognized by BLM. F755, F756, F758 system accessible with alterations as needed to meet environmental and cultural protection needs. F549 & F571 remain open to mechanized access to allow travel off of the main access road to the area. Routes in Coon Hollow remain open to mechanized access. F655, F195, F196, F176, F172, F555, F556, and unnumbered route crossing F602 and nearly connecting to F555 remain open for access to Shale Ridge area - remote and seldom traveled.

Commenter Name: Bertolacci, Jason

Organization: International Mountain Bicycling Association

Submission Code: emc0912

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

In addition, north of V.2 Road, Coon Hollow Road allows access to rather remote South Shale Ridge region. This area has characteristics of vast open space, Cedar trees and steep ridges. We would like to see this to remain accessible to mountain bicyclists. This area provides users with the opportunity to experience vast open areas in a very remote setting and allows for opportunities in which users will find solitude and quiet. Our recommendation for this area is to leave the existing routes open to mountain bikes. Spur roads should be left open in the area for the use of parking and or camping. These roads should be posted with signs that say road ends in "X" distance. Key Routes: - Major continuous singletrack routes bounded by V.2 and S Roads remain open to mechanized access. - F580, F633, F753, F513, F579, F503, F620, F744, F722 - central routes remain open to mechanized travel. Several of these routes are already recognized by BLM. - F755, F756, F758 system accessible with alterations as needed to meet environmental and cultural protection needs. - F549 & F571 remain open to mechanized access to allow travel off of the main access road to the area. - Routes in Coon Hollow remain open to mechanized access. - F655, F195, F196, F176, F172, F555, F556, and un-numbered route crossing F602 and nearly connecting to F555 remain open for access to Shale Ridge area - remote and seldom traveled. - All road and trail access generally south of S road remain accessible by mechanized traffic for remote access to Debeque Canyon region and for future connectivity to the Palisade area and deeper west. - F430, F316, F319, F351, F364, F352, F353 corridor - F323, F348, F339 corridor - F356, F376, F375 corridor - F398, F400, F391, F379 corridor - F218, F222, F223, F226, F233, F232 corridor - F216, F234, F230 corridor - F213, F200, F203, F206 corridor - F425 Zones H, I, J, Zones H, I, and J functionally form much of the northern boundary of the Grand Valley, ignoring Zone L which is comprised primarily of a maze of motorized trails.

Commenter Name: Cox, Kris

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

Submission Code: emc0788

Reccomended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

580, F633, F753, F513, F579, F503, F620, F744, F722 - central routes remain open to mechanized travel. Several of these routes are already recognized by BLM. F755, F756, F758 system accessible with alterations as needed to meet environmental and cultural protection needs. F549 & F571 remain open to mechanized access to allow travel off of the main access road to the area. Routes in Coon Hollow remain open to mechanized access. F655, F195, F196, F176, F172, F555, F556, and unnumbered route crossing F602 and nearly connecting to F555 remain open for access to Shale Ridge area - remote and seldom traveled.

– Route: F729

– Segment: 4112

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
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- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 4135

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Public Comments On Route: F729

No public comments for this Route

– Route: F739

– Segment: 3938

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Public Comments On Route: F739

No public comments for this Route

– Route: F742

– Segment: 4127

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Public Comments On Route: F742

No public comments for this Route

– Route: F744

– Segment: 3943

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

– Segment: 4181

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed **Seasonal Limitations: None**

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

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Resources and / or Uses Present

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- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
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- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

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- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Public Comments On Route: F744

Commenter Name: Winans, Scott

Submission Code: emc0868

Organization:

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

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Submission Code: emc0719

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Commenter Name: Cox, Kris

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

Submission Code: emc0788

Reccomended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

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Commenter Name: Bertolacci, Jason

Organization: International Mountain Bicycling Association

Submission Code: emc0912

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Commenter Name: Cox, Kris

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

Submission Code: emc0788

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

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– Route: F753

– Segment: 4171

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 4198

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 4172

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 4193

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle**Public Comments On Route: F753****Commenter Name:** Winans, Scott**Organization:****Submission Code:** emc0868**Recommended:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized

This region provides a unique terrain and trail experience for the area, with mixed open country routes, small canyons, slickrock, and technically challenging terrain, a sense of wilderness and solitude while experiencing terrain found nowhere else in close proximity to communities in Mesa County. The Castle Rock area can serve as the core area for a mechanized singletrack trail system with developed trailhead areas off of V.2 Road. This would allow access for the development of singletrack trails going east and south to the Colorado River rim and west and south to the Little BookCliffs Wilderness Study Area boundary (but mechanized travel should not have to cease at that boundary). This would be complimentary to trail development conceived of for nearby Zones M, N, and O. Development in this region would be a substantial economic benefit to the nearby town of Debeque. In addition, north of V.2 Road, Coon Hollow Road allows access to rather remote South Shale Ridge region. This area has characteristics of vast open space, Cedar trees and steep ridges. I would like to see this remain accessible to mechanized use. This area has vast open areas in a very remote setting and allows for biking/exploring opportunities where it things are quiet. Key Points: Major continuous singletrack routes bounded by V.2 and S Roads remain open to mechanized access. F580, F633, F753, F513, F579, F503, F620, F744, F722 - central routes remain open to mechanized travel. Several of these routes are already recognized by BLM. F755, F756, F758 system accessible with alterations as needed to meet environmental and cultural protection needs. F549 & F571 remain open to mechanized access to allow travel off of the main access road to the area.

Commenter Name: Howe, John**Organization:****Submission Code:** cfc0133**Recommended:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

My comments are focused on Zone F. I support Alternative D for Zone F, which calls for designation of the Castle Rock SRMA in the triangular area bordered by V.2 Road on the North and S Road (referred to as CV1 Road on the Zone F maps). I urge the BLM to not adopt Alternatives B or C for this area because these alternatives appear to close off completely the unique recreation opportunities offered by this area. Although Alternative B proposes the establishment of an ERMA for the Castle Rock area, the alternative recommends closing the single track trail network. The single track trail network is which is one of the key reasons for creating a recreation management area in the first place. I have used the single track trails in the proposed SRMA for mountain biking. I value the feeling of remoteness, the lack of crowds, the unique terrain and the high desert environment. In particular, the terrain offers a high degree of difficulty and unique rock features concentrated in a relatively small area that are not available together in other areas managed by the Grand Junction Field Office. The single track trails in the proposed SRMA have been compared favorably to Gooseberry Mesa, Utah, a world famous mountain biking destination. In an area already renowned for mountain biking opportunities, the Castle Rock trails offer an experience that should be preserved. Although my particular use of the Castle Rock single track trails is for mountain biking, I support the designation of these trails as "motorcycle" in Alternative D. The "motorcycle" designation allows multi-purpose use of these trails, which allows more user groups to experience these trails. Alternative D represents the management goals that I would like to see adopted for this area, in particular the continued availability of the single track trails system within the proposed SRMA boundary. The trail names are hard to distinguish on the Zone F map; however, the single track trails appear to be designated as follows: F579, F580, F615, F633, F715, F753, F756, F758 and F764.

Commenter Name: Herron, Lydia**Organization:****Submission Code:** emc0806**Recommended:** Open (All modes of travel)

Zone F - Debeque With reference to routes proposed as closures in Alternative B: F500 is an alternative route vs. taking the main county road Westward. Slated for closure in Alt B, F758, F753, F755, F715, F579, F633, F615, F496 gives OHV users a loop ride option. F571 & F549 are used to connect two trailed areas vs. using the County Road. ATV users love trails and well take any old dirt road over nothing, but sure would rather take a fun trail, with diverse riding terrain vs. a graded flat dirt road. F772 is slated for administrative use in Alt B. This gives public access into the Bookcliffs Wilderness Study Area, therefore having a purpose to leave open for public use.

Commenter Name: Cox, Kris
Submission Code: emc0788

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter
Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

F580, F633, F753, F513, F579, F503, F620, F744, F722 - central routes remain open to mechanized travel. Several of these routes are already recognized by BLM. F755, F756, F758 system accessible with alterations as needed to meet environmental and cultural protection needs. F549 & F571 remain open to mechanized access to allow travel off of the main access road to the area. Routes in Coon Hollow remain open to mechanized access. F655, F195, F196, F176, F172, F555, F556, and unnumbered route crossing F602 and nearly connecting to F555 remain open for access to Shale Ridge area - remote and seldom traveled.

Commenter Name: Bertolacci, Jason

Organization: International Mountain Bicycling Association

Submission Code: emc0912

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

In addition, north of V.2 Road, Coon Hollow Road allows access to rather remote South Shale Ridge region. This area has characteristics of vast open space, Cedar trees and steep ridges. We would like to see this to remain accessible to mountain bicyclists. This area provides users with the opportunity to experience vast open areas in a very remote setting and allows for opportunities in which users will find solitude and quiet. Our recommendation for this area is to leave the existing routes open to mountain bikes. Spur roads should be left open in the area for the use of parking and or camping. These roads should be posted with signs that say road ends in "X" distance. Key Routes: - Major continuous singletrack routes bounded by V.2 and S Roads remain open to mechanized access. - F580, F633, F753, F513, F579, F503, F620, F744, F722 - central routes remain open to mechanized travel. Several of these routes are already recognized by BLM. - F755, F756, F758 system accessible with alterations as needed to meet environmental and cultural protection needs. - F549 & F571 remain open to mechanized access to allow travel off of the main access road to the area. - Routes in Coon Hollow remain open to mechanized access. - F655, F195, F196, F176, F172, F555, F556, and un-numbered route crossing F602 and nearly connecting to F555 remain open for access to Shale Ridge area - remote and seldom traveled. - All road and trail access generally south of S road remain accessible by mechanized traffic for remote access to Debeque Canyon region and for future connectivity to the Palisade area and deeper west. - F430, F316, F319, F351, F364, F352, F353 corridor - F323, F348, F339 corridor - F356, F376, F375 corridor - F398, F400, F391, F379 corridor - F218, F222, F223, F226, F233, F232 corridor - F216, F234, F230 corridor - F213, F200, F203, F206 corridor - F425 Zones H, I, J, Zones H, I, and J functionally form much of the northern boundary of the Grand Valley, ignoring Zone L which is comprised primarily of a maze of motorized trails.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon
Submission Code: cfc0089

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone F should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes F: 125; 115; 117; 122; 120;171;119;134;93;108; 100;104;94;107;138;140; 159;152;153;155;172; 196;174;195; 655; 556; 602; 649; 555; 560; 571; 595; 598; 599; 569; 612; 613; 518; 517; 519; 527; 580; 616; 764; 575; 615; 620; 630; 538; 502; 572; 549; 715; 753; 758; 277; 264; 769; 500; 284; 288; 684; 351; 329; 348; 338, 340; 339; 316; 311; 685; 200; 202; 211; 203; 206; 216; 218; 222; 232; 375; 376; 92; 290; 235; 247; 301; 295; 416; 412; 425. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone F routes above.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

In the Castle Rock quadrant, Option (D) should be the preferred option as a basis for maintaining a workable, sustainable trail system. The existing single track trail system fulfills the need for the type of recreation opportunities that the riders are seeking. As indicated in the SRMA planning chart, this is a unique area that has features, challenges, views, and opportunities that are not available anywhere else in the GJ FO. See Appendix K, Castle Rock SRMA, Table 8, Alternative D, (Page K-35). Also, consistent with the BLM's "Outcomes-Based Recreation Management Philosophy" that focuses on the positive and beneficial outcomes derived from recreational activities, rather than emphasizing the recreation activities themselves, this trail system is high up on the scale for meeting this criteria.

Commenter Name: Cox, Kris
Submission Code: emc0788

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter
Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

580, F633, F753, F513, F579, F503, F620, F744, F722 - central routes remain open to mechanized travel. Several of these routes are already recognized by BLM. F755, F756, F758 system accessible with alterations as needed to meet environmental and cultural protection needs. F549 & F571 remain open to mechanized access to allow travel off of the main access road to the area. Routes in Coon Hollow remain open to mechanized access. F655, F195, F196, F176, F172, F555, F556, and unnumbered route crossing F602 and nearly connecting to F555 remain open for access to Shale Ridge area - remote and seldom traveled.

– Route: F755

– Segment: 7116

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Public Comments On Route: F755

Commenter Name: Winans, Scott
Submission Code: emc0868

Organization:
Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

This region provides a unique terrain and trail experience for the area, with mixed open country routes, small canyons, slickrock, and technically challenging terrain, a sense of wilderness and solitude while experiencing terrain found nowhere else in close proximity to communities in Mesa County. The Castle Rock area can serve as the core area for a mechanized singletrack trail system with developed trailhead areas off of V.2 Road. This would allow access for the development of singletrack trails going east and south to the Colorado River rim and west and south to the Little BookCliffs Wilderness Study Area boundary (but mechanized travel should not have to cease at that boundary). This would be complimentary to trail development conceived of for nearby Zones M, N, and O. Development in this region would be a substantial economic benefit to the nearby town of Debeque. In addition, north of V.2 Road, Coon Hollow Road allows access to rather remote South Shale Ridge region. This area has characteristics of vast open space, Cedar trees and steep ridges. I would like to see this remain accessible to mechanized use. This area has vast open areas in a very remote setting and allows for biking/exploring opportunities where it things are quiet. Key Points: Major continuous singletrack routes bounded by V.2 and S Roads remain open to mechanized access. F580, F633, F753, F513, F579, F503, F620, F744, F722 - central routes remain open to mechanized travel. Several of these routes are already recognized by BLM. F755, F756, F758 system accessible with alterations as needed to meet environmental and cultural protection needs. F549 & F571 remain open to mechanized access to allow travel off of the main access road to the area.

Commenter Name: Herron, Lydia
Submission Code: emc0806

Organization:
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

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Commenter Name: Cox, Kris
Submission Code: emc0788

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter
Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

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Commenter Name: Bertolacci, Jason
Submission Code: emc0912

Organization: International Mountain Bicycling Association
Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

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Commenter Name: Cox, Kris
Submission Code: emc0788

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter
Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

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– Route: F757

– Segment: 4261

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Public Comments On Route: F757

No public comments for this Route

– Route: F758

– Segment: 2593

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.

- Designation was considered to reduce as much as practicable route density (miles/square mile) within 200 meters of known Threatened and Endangered plant occurrences throughout the field office.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 2605

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 2606

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 4174

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 4221

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or

Tribes.

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 4295

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 4222

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 4223

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 4224

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Public Comments On Route: F758

Commenter Name: Howe, John

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0133

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

My comments are focused on Zone F. I support Alternative D for Zone F, which calls for designation of the Castle Rock SRMA in the triangular area bordered by V.2 Road on the North and S Road (referred to as CV1 Road on the Zone F maps). I urge the BLM to not adopt Alternatives B or C for this area because these alternatives appear to close off completely the unique recreation opportunities offered by this area. Although Alternative B proposes the establishment of an ERMA for the Castle Rock area, the alternative recommends closing the single track trail network. The single track trail network is which is one of the key reasons for creating a recreation management area in the first place. I have used the single track trails in the proposed SRMA for mountain biking. I value the feeling of remoteness, the lack of crowds, the unique terrain and the high desert environment. In particular, the terrain offers a high degree of difficulty and unique rock features concentrated in a relatively small area that are not available together in other areas managed by the Grand Junction Field Office. The single track trails in the proposed SRMA have been compared favorably to Gooseberry Mesa, Utah, a world famous mountain biking destination. In an area

already renowned for mountain biking opportunities, the Castle Rock trails offer an experience that should be preserved. Although my particular use of the Castle Rock single track trails is for mountain biking, I support the designation of these trails as "motorcycle" in Alternative D. The "motorcycle" designation allows multi-purpose use of these trails, which allows more user groups to experience these trails. Alternative D represents the management goals that I would like to see adopted for this area, in particular the continued availability of the single track trails system within the proposed SRMA boundary. The trail names are hard to distinguish on the Zone F map; however, the single track trails appear to be designated as follows: F579, F580, F615, F633, F715, F753, F756, F758 and F764.

Commenter Name: Herron, Lydia

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0806

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Zone F - Debeque With reference to routes proposed as closures in Alternative B: F500 is an alternative route vs. taking the main county road Westward. Slated for closure in Alt B, F758, F753, F755, F715, F579, F633, F615, F496 gives OHV users a loop ride option. F571 & F549 are used to connect two trailed areas vs. using the County Road. ATV users love trails and well take any old dirt road over nothing, but sure would rather take a fun trail, with diverse riding terrain vs. a graded flat dirt road. F772 is slated for administrative use in Alt B. This gives public access into the Bookcliffs Wilderness Study Area, therefore having a purpose to leave open for public use.

Commenter Name: Cox, Kris

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

Submission Code: emc0788

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

580, F633, F753, F513, F579, F503, F620, F744, F722 - central routes remain open to mechanized travel. Several of these routes are already recognized by BLM. F755, F756, F758 system accessible with alterations as needed to meet environmental and cultural protection needs. F549 & F571 remain open to mechanized access to allow travel off of the main access road to the area. Routes in Coon Hollow remain open to mechanized access. F655, F195, F196, F176, F172, F555, F556, and unnumbered route crossing F602 and nearly connecting to F555 remain open for access to Shale Ridge area - remote and seldom traveled.

Commenter Name: Cox, Kris

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

Submission Code: emc0788

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

580, F633, F753, F513, F579, F503, F620, F744, F722 - central routes remain open to mechanized travel. Several of these routes are already recognized by BLM. F755, F756, F758 system accessible with alterations as needed to meet environmental and cultural protection needs. F549 & F571 remain open to mechanized access to allow travel off of the main access road to the area. Routes in Coon Hollow remain open to mechanized access. F655, F195, F196, F176, F172, F555, F556, and unnumbered route crossing F602 and nearly connecting to F555 remain open for access to Shale Ridge area - remote and seldom traveled.

Commenter Name: Bertolacci, Jason

Organization: International Mountain Bicycling Association

Submission Code: emc0912

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

In addition, north of V.2 Road, Coon Hollow Road allows access to rather remote South Shale Ridge region. This area has characteristics of vast open space, Cedar trees and steep ridges. We would like to see this to remain accessible to mountain bicyclists. This area provides users with the opportunity to experience vast open areas in a very remote setting and allows for opportunities in which users will find solitude and quiet. Our recommendation for this area is to leave the existing routes open to mountain bikes. Spur roads should be left open in the area for the use of parking and or camping. These roads should be posted with signs that say road ends in "X" distance. Key Routes: - Major continuous singletrack routes bounded by V.2 and S Roads remain open to mechanized access. - F580, F633, F753, F513, F579, F503, F620, F744, F722 - central routes remain open to mechanized travel. Several of these routes are already recognized by BLM. - F755, F756, F758 system accessible with alterations as needed to meet environmental and cultural protection needs. - F549 & F571 remain open to mechanized access to allow travel off of the main access road to the area. - Routes in Coon Hollow remain open to mechanized access. - F655, F195, F196, F176, F172, F555, F556, and un-numbered route crossing F602 and nearly connecting to F555 remain open for access to Shale Ridge area - remote and seldom traveled. - All road and trail access generally south of S road remain accessible by mechanized traffic for remote access to Debeque Canyon region and for future connectivity to the Palisade area and deeper west. - F430, F316, F319, F351, F364, F352, F353 corridor - F323, F348, F339 corridor

- F356, F376, F375 corridor - F398, F400, F391, F379 corridor - F218, F222, F223, F226, F233, F232 corridor - F216, F234, F230 corridor - F213, F200, F203, F206 corridor - F425 Zones H, I, J, Zones H, I, and J functionally form much of the northern boundary of the Grand Valley, ignoring Zone L which is comprised primarily of a maze of motorized trails.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfc0089

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone F should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes F: 125; 115; 117; 122; 120;171;119;134;93;108; 100;104;94;107;138;140; 159;152;153;155;172; 196;174;195; 655; 556; 602; 649; 555; 560; 571; 595; 598; 599; 569; 612; 613; 518; 517; 519; 527; 580; 616; 764; 575; 615; 620; 630; 538; 502; 572; 549; 715; 753; 758; 277; 264; 769; 500; 284; 288; 684; 351; 329; 348; 338, 340; 339; 316; 311; 685; 200; 202; 211; 203; 206; 216; 218; 222; 232; 375; 376; 92; 290; 235; 247; 301; 295; 416; 412; 425. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone F routes above.

Commenter Name: Grossman, David **Organization:** Grand Valley Trails Alliance

Submission Code: emc0719

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

The series of stacked loops currently present within the proposed Castle Rock SRMA provide a challenging singletrack trail experience for motorized, mechanical and foot based recreation. We request the GJFO of the BLM give serious consideration to including the existing trails within the Castle Rock SRMA and to work with representatives of singletrack trail organizations and the DWG to reroute or mitigate any issues before any trail is considered for closure. The DWG recognizes that many of the existing routes and trails within the Castle Rock SRMA exemplify the goals and objectives of this SRMA and should be considered both individually and as a system of trails allowing for challenging singletrack experiences including; F744, F722, F620, F579, F268, F633, F758, F580, and F762.

Commenter Name: Cooper, Anthony **Organization:**

Submission Code: emc0897

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Zone F (De Beque) - I started riding at the De Beque trail system near Castle Rock about three years ago. The single track trails that are offered in Zone F are some of the best single track trails I have ever ridden. They are tight, twisty, technical, beautiful, challenging and well laid out. Also, the trails are never really that far away from a road just in case someone gets hurt it's easy to get them back to the truck. Since these trails are tight, twist and technical, the speeds are kept to a minimum, resulting in a must more sustainable trail. I truly believe the single track trails offered in Zone F are very sustainable due to how well they were laid out. Another reason De Beque single track is unique is because it periodically offers slick rock style riding where you get on a huge slab of rock and the trail twists its way around the slick rock. Nowhere else near Grand Junction can you ride something like this. The closest place to slick rock riding is Moab, Utah. The De Beque trails that I use most are F649, F758, and F580. There may be more trails I use but the map was hard to distinguish which number went with what trail. Anyway, I believe these are the trails that comprise up a terrific 40-mile single track loop that takes about 2-3 hours to complete on a motorcycle. Ive ridden all over Colorado, Idaho, and Wyoming at different trail networks and I got to say that this 40-mile loop in De Beque is about the best single track trail I have ever ridden. It flows, its sustainable, its challenging, its unique. For Zone F, I prefer and recommend that the BLM adopt Alternative D for the RMP.

Commenter Name: Cox, Kris

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

Submission Code: emc0788

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

F580, F633, F753, F513, F579, F503, F620, F744, F722 - central routes remain open to mechanized travel. Several of these routes are already recognized by BLM. F755, F756, F758 system accessible with alterations as needed to meet environmental and cultural protection needs. F549 & F571 remain open to mechanized access to allow travel off of the main access road to the area. Routes in Coon Hollow remain open to mechanized access. F655, F195, F196, F176, F172, F555, F556, and unnumbered route crossing F602 and nearly connecting to F555 remain open for access to Shale Ridge area - remote and seldom traveled.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

In the Castle Rock quadrant, Option (D) should be the preferred option as a basis for maintaining a workable, sustainable trail system. The existing single track trail system fulfills the need for the type of recreation opportunities that the riders are seeking. As indicated in the SRMA planning chart, this is a unique area that has features, challenges, views, and opportunities that are not available anywhere else in the GJ FO. See Appendix K, Castle Rock SRMA, Table 8, Alternative D, (Page K-35). Also, consistent with the BLM's "Outcomes-Based Recreation Management Philosophy" that focuses on the positive and beneficial outcomes derived from recreational activities, rather than emphasizing the recreation activities themselves, this trail system is high up on the scale for meeting this criteria.

Commenter Name: Winans, Scott

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0868

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

This region provides a unique terrain and trail experience for the area, with mixed open country routes, small canyons, slickrock, and technically challenging terrain, a sense of wilderness and solitude while experiencing terrain found nowhere else in close proximity to communities in Mesa County. The Castle Rock area can serve as the core area for a mechanized singletrack trail system with developed trailhead areas off of V.2 Road. This would allow access for the development of singletrack trails going east and south to the Colorado River rim and west and south to the Little BookCliffs Wilderness Study Area boundary (but mechanized travel should not have to cease at that boundary). This would be complimentary to trail development conceived of for nearby Zones M, N, and O. Development in this region would be a substantial economic benefit to the nearby town of Debeque. In addition, north of V.2 Road, Coon Hollow Road allows access to rather remote South Shale Ridge region. This area has characteristics of vast open space, Cedar trees and steep ridges. I would like to see this remain accessible to mechanized use. This area has vast open areas in a very remote setting and allows for biking/exploring opportunities where it things are quiet. Key Points: Major continuous singletrack routes bounded by V.2 and S Roads remain open to mechanized access. F580, F633, F753, F513, F579, F503, F620, F744, F722 - central routes remain open to mechanized travel. Several of these routes are already recognized by BLM. F755, F756, F758 system accessible with alterations as needed to meet environmental and cultural protection needs. F549 & F571 remain open to mechanized access to allow travel off of the main access road to the area.

– Route: F759

– Segment: 4253

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Public Comments On Route: F759

No public comments for this Route

– Route: F760

– Segment: 3956

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV

- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Public Comments On Route: F760

No public comments for this Route

– Route: F761

– Segment: 4291

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
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- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 4272

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
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- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Public Comments On Route: F761

No public comments for this Route

– Route: F762

– Segment: 3957

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 4278

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 3949

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Public Comments On Route: F762

Commenter Name: Grossman, David Organization: Grand Valley Trails Alliance

Submission Code: emc0719

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

The series of stacked loops currently present within the proposed Castle Rock SRMA provide a challenging singletrack trail experience for motorized, mechanical and foot based recreation. We request the GJFO of the BLM give serious consideration to including the existing trails within the Castle Rock SRMA and to work with representatives of singletrack trail organizations and the DWG to reroute or mitigate any issues before any trail is considered for closure. The DWG recognizes that many of the existing routes and trails within the Castle Rock SRMA exemplify the goals and objectives of this SRMA and should be considered both individually and as a system of trails allowing for challenging singletrack experiences including; F744, F722, F620, F579, F268, F633, F758, F580, and F762.

– Route: F763

– Segment: 2602

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
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- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Public Comments On Route: F763

No public comments for this Route

– Route: F764

– Segment: 4332

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

— Segment: 2600

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Public Comments On Route: F764

Commenter Name: Howe, John

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0133

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

My comments are focused on Zone F. I support Alternative D for Zone F, which calls for designation of the Castle Rock SRMA in the triangular area bordered by V.2 Road on the North and S Road (referred to as CV1 Road on the Zone F maps). I urge the BLM to not adopt Alternatives B or C for this area because these alternatives appear to close off completely the unique recreation opportunities offered by this area. Although Alternative B proposes the establishment of an ERMA for the Castle Rock area, the alternative recommends closing the single track trail network. The single track trail network is which is one of the key reasons for creating a recreation management area in the first place. I have used the single track trails in the proposed SRMA for mountain biking. I value the feeling of remoteness, the lack of crowds, the unique terrain and the high desert environment. In particular, the terrain offers a high degree of difficulty and unique rock features concentrated in a relatively small area that are not available together in other areas managed by the Grand Junction Field Office. The single track trails in the proposed SRMA have been compared favorably to Gooseberry Mesa, Utah, a world famous mountain biking destination. In an area already renowned for mountain biking opportunities, the Castle Rock trails offer an experience that should be preserved. Although my particular use of the Castle Rock single track trails is for mountain biking, I support the designation of these trails as "motorcycle" in Alternative D. The "motorcycle" designation allows multi-purpose use of these trails, which allows more user groups to experience these trails. Alternative D represents the management goals that I would like to see adopted for this area, in particular the continued availability of the single track trails system within the proposed SRMA boundary. The trail names are hard to distinguish on the Zone F map; however, the single track trails appear to be designated as follows: F579, F580, F615, F633, F715, F753, F756, F758 and F764.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfc0089

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone F should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes F: 125; 115; 117; 122; 120;171;119;134;93;108; 100;104;94;107;138;140; 159;152;153;155;172; 196;174;195; 655; 556; 602; 649; 555; 560; 571; 595; 598; 599; 569; 612; 613; 518; 517; 519; 527; 580; 616; 764; 575; 615; 620; 630; 538; 502; 572; 549; 715; 753; 758; 277; 264; 769; 500; 284; 288; 684; 351; 329; 348; 338, 340; 339; 316; 311; 685; 200; 202; 211; 203; 206; 216; 218; 222; 232; 375; 376; 92; 290; 235; 247; 301; 295; 416; 412; 425. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone F routes above.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

In the Castle Rock quadrant, Option (D) should be the preferred option as a basis for maintaining a workable, sustainable trail system. The existing single track trail system fulfills the need for the type of recreation opportunities that the riders are seeking. As indicated in the SRMA planning chart, this is a unique area that has features, challenges, views, and opportunities that are not available anywhere else in the GJ FO. See Appendix K, Castle Rock SRMA, Table 8, Alternative D, (Page K-35). Also, consistent with the BLM's "Outcomes-Based Recreation Management Philosophy" that focuses on the positive and beneficial outcomes derived from recreational activities, rather than emphasizing the recreation activities themselves, this trail system is high up on the scale for meeting this criteria.

— Route: F765

— Segment: 4216

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
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- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Public Comments On Route: F765

No public comments for this Route

— Route: F766

— Segment: 4143

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— **Segment: 4179**

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Public Comments On Route: F766

No public comments for this Route

– Route: F768

– Segment: 4248

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Public Comments On Route: F768

No public comments for this Route

– Route: F769

– Segment: 4749

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: F769

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommened: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Coon Hollow Trail to top of Shale Ridge Overlook, This trail provides an adventuresome trip along a steep rocky road to a inspirational overlook of the DeBeque BLM area. It should be labeled open to motorize use because of the experience it allows for all forms of recreation. This road provides access to the head of Horseshoe Canyon. It is a picnic destination with the option of hiking down into the canyon. The road should be labeled open to motorized travel because it provides an primitive experience into a beautiful area.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfc0089

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

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– Route: F772

– Segment: 4425

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Wilderness Natural Area:** 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-highway vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4621

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Wilderness Natural Area:** 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-highway vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Special Designation WSA
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered when protecting Wilderness Study Areas values.

- Designation was considered to reduce impairment of wilderness characteristics in areas managed for wilderness characteristics.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: F772

Commenter Name: Chapel, Steve

Submission Code: rmc0013

Organization: Western Slope ATV Association

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

F772 This area is shown as an Administrative route in Alt. B but should be open to allow access to the wilderness area. It shows open on alt. D. It should also be open so as to allow the possibility of future connection to F416, thereby forming loop access to the wilderness area.

Commenter Name: None

Submission Code: rmc0087

Organization: WSATVA

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

De Beque Trail Numbers: (These are some of the most important trails): F356, F376, F572, F571, F549, F380 & F375. Administrative Routes that should be opened: F772, F138, F140, F159, F153, F155, F211, F409, F416, F669, F772. The De Beque area is used by motorized recreationist three seasons out of the year and is home to the De Beque Poker Ride. It is an area especially important to motorized.

Commenter Name: Herron, Lydia

Submission Code: emc0806

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Zone F - Debeque With reference to routes proposed as closures in Alternative B: F500 is an alternative route vs. taking the main county road Westward. Slated for closure in Alt B, F758, F753, F755, F715, F579, F633, F615, F496 gives OHV users a loop ride option. F571 & F549 are used to connect two trailed areas vs. using the County Road. ATV users love trails and well take any old dirt road over nothing, but sure would rather take a fun trail, with diverse riding terrain vs. a graded flat dirt road. F772 is slated for administrative use in Alt B. This gives public access into the Bookcliffs Wilderness Study Area, therefore having a purpose to leave open for public use.

– Route: F773

– Segment: 2266

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce as much as practicable route density (miles/square mile) within 200 meters of known Threatened and Endangered plant occurrences throughout the field office.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Public Comments On Route: F773

No public comments for this Route

– Route: F774

– Segment: 16670

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Paleo Paleontological site Proximate (200m Buffer)
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to reduce ongoing damage to known paleontological sites, close routes that are inside or pass through sensitive paleontological sites, or identify mitigation necessary to protect sites.
- Designation was considered to reduce the potential for vandalism or collection of paleontological sites and reduce the number of routes in proximity to known paleontological localities.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Public Comments On Route: F774

No public comments for this Route

— Route: F776

— Segment: 23343

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Public Comments On Route: F776

No public comments for this Route

— Route: F794

— Segment: 23412

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Bald Eagle Roost Site
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Public Comments On Route: F794

No public comments for this Route

– Route: F795

– Segment: 23414

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Study Site
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to

erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Public Comments On Route: F795

No public comments for this Route

– Route: F796

– Segment: 23415

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant

routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Public Comments On Route: F796

No public comments for this Route

– Route: F93

– Segment: 2678

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty ROW

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to maintain administrative access to active oil and gas wells, but limit public access to provide for public safety at active well sites.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce as much as practicable route density (miles/square mile) within 200 meters of known Threatened and Endangered plant occurrences throughout the field office.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize

direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.

- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on listed species and in designated critical habitat for threatened and endangered plants.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to protect shallow pipeline infrastructure, maintain administrative access (only) over pipeline facilities.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 2697

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
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- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on listed species and in designated critical habitat for threatened and endangered plants.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: F93

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfc0089

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone F should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes F: 125; 115; 117; 122; 120;171;119;134;93;108; 100;104;94;107;138;140; 159;152;153;155;172; 196;174;195; 655; 556; 602; 649; 555; 560; 571; 595; 598; 599; 569; 612; 613; 518; 517; 519; 527; 580; 616; 764; 575; 615; 620; 630; 538; 502; 572; 549; 715; 753; 758; 277; 264; 769; 500; 284; 288; 684; 351; 329; 348; 338, 340; 339; 316; 311; 685; 200; 202; 211; 203; 206; 216; 218; 222; 232; 375; 376; 92; 290; 235; 247; 301; 295; 416; 412; 425. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone F routes above.

Commenter Name: Rechel, Eric

Organization:

Submission Code: rmc0049

Recommended: Closed

Zone F: Close all BLM roads into Coon Hollow because of the threatened plant Debeque phacelia, and west and north of Pyramid Rock. Because there are scattered individuals of the Colorado Hookless Cactus around Pyramid Rock all roads south of Pyramid Rock should also be closed. Need to close all roads of north of South Shale LWWC e.g., F155,F153,F107,F104,F100, F140, F159,F152, and F93.

– Route: F94

– Segment: 2729

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on listed species and in designated critical habitat for threatened and endangered plants.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 2775

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils

Special Designation VRM Class III

- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 2837

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Wildlife Golden Eagle Nest (0.5 miles)

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on listed species and in designated critical habitat for threatened and endangered plants.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 2849

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Golden Eagle Nest (0.5 miles)

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
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- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on listed species and in designated

critical habitat for threatened and endangered plants.

- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 2851

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Golden Eagle Nest (0.5 miles)

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on listed species and in designated critical habitat for threatened and endangered plants.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

– Segment: 2949

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Golden Eagle Nest (0.5 miles)

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to maintain administrative access to active oil and gas wells, but limit public access to provide for public safety at active well sites.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on listed species and in designated critical habitat for threatened and endangered plants.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: F94

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0089

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone F should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes F: 125; 115; 117; 122; 120;171;119;134;93;108; 100;104;94;107;138;140; 159;152;153;155;172; 196;174;195; 655; 556; 602; 649; 555; 560;

571; 595; 598; 599; 569; 612; 613; 518; 517; 519; 527; 580; 616; 764; 575; 615; 620; 630; 538; 502; 572; 549; 715; 753; 758; 277; 264; 769; 500; 284; 288; 684; 351; 329; 348; 338, 340; 339; 316; 311; 685; 200; 202; 211; 203; 206; 216; 218; 222; 232; 375; 376; 92; 290; 235; 247; 301; 295; 416; 412; 425. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone F routes above.

– Route: G142

– Segment: 297

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Drainage Crossing
- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

– Segment: 2427

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Drainage Crossing
- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 2453

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Drainage Crossing
- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 2493

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Drainage Crossing
- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 2511

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Drainage Crossing
- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 2661

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Drainage Crossing
- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or

Tribes.

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 2664

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Drainage Crossing
- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 2669

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Drainage Crossing
- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 2685

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Drainage Crossing
- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Paleo Paleontological site In or Through
- Paleo Paleontological site Proximate (200m Buffer)

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Stream Crossing
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to reduce ongoing damage to known paleontological sites, close routes that are inside or pass through sensitive paleontological sites, or identify mitigation necessary to protect sites.
- Designation was considered to reduce the potential for vandalism or collection of paleontological sites and reduce the number of routes in proximity to known paleontological localities.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with slump areas.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: G142

Commenter Name: Cox, Tom

Submission Code: rmc0008

Organization:

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

Some of these roads are as follows G142, G148, G150, G50, G368, and G377. All of these roads are used for the cattle and hunting businesses. It would be very detrimental to us if any of these roads were closed.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0088

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone G should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes G: 13; 263; 264; 287; 300; 41; 64; 26; 29; 338; 384; 43; 340; 45; 92; 381; 377; 150; 148; 142; 167; 164; 229; 237; 239; 234; 178; 244; 188; 193; 194; 202. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone G routes listed above.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0096

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these recreational routes (route segments) in Zone G should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes G: 244, 239, 229, 150, 6, 142, 114, 113, 117, 131, 127. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone G routes listed above. Additionally, in the State of Colorado routes that are built to provide access for mining and gas exploration are considered legal access routes for the public. I have identified some historically significant and high value recreation routes for me and my family. have used these routes since the mid 1990's. This area is located on or near South Shale Ridge in Mesa County. Although 90% of the land in this area are public lands, the 10% of private land blocks nearly all the access routes. With the exception of the route that go through the Bookcliff Wildhorse range, the route on South Shale Ridge (Spear Hunter Access Road) is the only other large motorized route open to

the public. These routes provide excellent camping and recreation opportunities and do not impact the areas environment. Also it is a good spring turkey hunting area. The BLM wishes to close the area in the spring and this would ruin a long time spring turkey hunting family tradition for us. The deer do not fawn in this area at a significant level as the areas private ranches (hay fields) offer much better conditions for fawning than the pinyon juniper covered public lands.

Commenter Name: McClellan, Roz

Submission Code: emc0846

Zone G South Shale Ridge Close G67-G142-G50-G92-G45-G26-G202-G14-G52

Organization: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative

Reccomended: Closed

Commenter Name: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Organization: No Record

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

[Trails Preservation Alliance - www.coloradotpa.org][Subject: Combined input to the BLM RMP, from the TPA and COHVCO.] Map G: Most of the routes north of South Shale Ridge are inaccessible to the public. For a variety of reasons the private land owners have found ways to block public access to this large area. We hope GJFO will prioritize the restoration of public access to this area in the RMP. (specifically G67-G142-G50-G92-G45-G26-G202-G14-G52)

– Route: G168

– Segment: 589

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: G168

No public comments for this Route

– Route: G229

– Segment: 3547

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with slump areas.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Public Comments On Route: G229

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0096

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these recreational routes (route segments) in Zone G should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes G: 244, 239, 229, 150, 6, 142, 114, 113, 117, 131, 127. RS

2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone G routes listed above. Additionally, in the State of Colorado routes that are built to provide access for mining and gas exploration are considered legal access routes for the public. I have identified some historically significant and high value recreation routes for me and my family. have used these routes since the mid 1990's. This area is located on or near South Shale Ridge in Mesa County. Although 90% of the land in this area are public lands, the 10% of private land blocks nearly all the access routes. With the exception of the route that go through the Bookcliff Wildhorse range, the route on South Shale Ridge (Spear Hunter Access Road) is the only other large motorized route open to the public. These routes provide excellent camping and recreation opportunities and do not impact the areas environment. Also it is a good spring turkey hunting area. The BLM wishes to close the area in the spring and this would ruin a long time spring turkey hunting family tradition for us. The deer do not fawn in this area at a significant level as the areas private ranches (hay fields) offer much better conditions for fawning than the pinyon juniper covered public lands.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfc0088

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone G should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes G: 13; 263; 264; 287; 300; 41; 64; 26; 29; 338; 384; 43; 340; 45; 92; 381; 377; 150; 148; 142; 167; 164; 229; 237; 239; 234; 178; 244; 188; 193; 194; 202. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone G routes listed above.

Commenter Name: Etcheverry, Paul

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0212

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

G 229 remain open I have traveled all of the open roads with father and now on my ATV. Can't walk much any more. I am 70 years old.

– Route: G231

– Segment: 3436

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 3438

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: G231

No public comments for this Route

— Route: G244

— Segment: 2914

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Fence springs

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations County Vested Interest
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Stream Crossing
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— **Segment: 2982**

Designation 

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Fence springs

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations County Vested Interest
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 2986

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Fence springs

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations County Vested Interest
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 3211

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Fence springs

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling

- Other Considerations County Vested Interest
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 3238

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Fence springs

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations County Vested Interest
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 3289

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Fence springs

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations County Vested Interest
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Stream Crossing
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 3292

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Fence springs

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations County Vested Interest
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 3297

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Fence springs

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations County Vested Interest
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 3298

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Fence springs

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations County Vested Interest
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 3348

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Fence springs

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations County Vested Interest
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 3352

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Fence springs

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations County Vested Interest
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Stream Crossing
- Range Study Site
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 3380

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Fence springs

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations County Vested Interest
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 3430

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Fence springs

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations County Vested Interest
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 3453

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Fence springs

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations County Vested Interest
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use

authorizations, and utility corridors.

- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 3457

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Fence springs

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations County Vested Interest
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 6855

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Fence springs

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations County Vested Interest
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 6858

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Fence springs

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations County Vested Interest
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Stream Crossing
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 6863

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Fence springs

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations County Vested Interest
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— **Segment: 3176**

Designation 

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.

- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

— Segment: 6846

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

— Segment: 6853

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

— Segment: 3340

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- If slump fails, close or reroute

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 3499

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- If slump fails, close or reroute

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Soils Fragile soils
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 3561

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- If slump fails, close or reroute

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 3562

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- If slump fails, close or reroute

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Soils Slumping soils

- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

— Segment: 3576

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- If slump fails, close or reroute

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

— Segment: 3590

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- If slump fails, close or reroute

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Range Study Site
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 3607

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- If slump fails, close or reroute

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

— Segment: 6874

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- If slump fails, close or reroute

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 6875

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Reroute

- Maintainence
- If slump fails, close or reroute

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 6906

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintainence
- If slump fails, close or reroute

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

— Segment: 2433

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Other Considerations County Vested Interest
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 2445

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations County Vested Interest

- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 6460

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations County Vested Interest
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: G244

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0096

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these recreational routes (route segments) in Zone G should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes G: 244, 239, 229, 150, 6, 142, 114, 113, 117, 131, 127. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone G routes

listed above. Additionally, in the State of Colorado routes that are built to provide access for mining and gas exploration are considered legal access routes for the public. I have identified some historically significant and high value recreation routes for me and my family. have used these routes since the mid 1990's. This area is located on or near South Shale Ridge in Mesa County. Although 90% of the land in this area are public lands, the 10% of private land blocks nearly all the access routes. With the exception of the route that go through the Bookcliff Wildhorse range, the route on South Shale Ridge (Spear Hunter Access Road) is the only other large motorized route open to the public. These routes provide excellent camping and recreation opportunities and do not impact the areas environment. Also it is a good spring turkey hunting area. The BLM wishes to close the area in the spring and this would ruin a long time spring turkey hunting family tradition for us. The deer do not fawn in this area at a significant level as the areas private ranches (hay fields) offer much better conditions for fawning than the pinyon juniper covered public lands.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon
Submission Code: cfc0088

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club
Recommened: **Open (All modes of travel)**

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone G should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes G: 13; 263; 264; 287; 300; 41; 64; 26; 29; 338; 384; 43; 340; 45; 92; 381; 377; 150; 148; 142; 167; 164; 229; 237; 239; 234; 178; 244; 188; 193; 194; 202. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone G routes listed above.

– Route: G368

– Segment: 2786

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with slump areas.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 2839

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with slump areas.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: G368

Commenter Name: Cox, Tom

Submission Code: rmc0008

Organization:

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

Some of these roads are as follows G142, G148, G150, G50, G368, and G377. All of these roads are used for the cattle and hunting businesses. It would be very detrimental to us if any of these roads were closed.

– Route: G377

– Segment: 2701

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Elk Production Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: G377

Commenter Name: Cox, Tom

Submission Code: rmc0008

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Some of these roads are as follows G142, G148, G150, G50, G368, and G377. All of these roads are used for the cattle and hunting businesses. It would be very detrimental to us if any of these roads were closed.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0088

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone G should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes G: 13; 263; 264; 287; 300; 41; 64; 26; 29; 338; 384; 43; 340; 45; 92; 381; 377; 150; 148; 142; 167; 164; 229; 237; 239; 234; 178; 244; 188; 193; 194; 202. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone G routes

listed above.

– Route: G50

– Segment: 2812

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for the this designation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

– Segment: 2852

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Range Study Site
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with slump areas.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 6816

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: G50

Commenter Name: Cox, Tom

Submission Code: rmc0008

Organization:

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

Some of these roads are as follows G142, G148, G150, G50, G368, and G377. All of these roads are used for the cattle and hunting businesses. It would be very detrimental to us if any of these roads were closed.

Commenter Name: McClellan, Roz

Submission Code: emc0846

Zone G South Shale Ridge Close G67-G142-G50-G92-G45-G26-G202-G14-G52

Organization: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative

Recommended: Closed

Commenter Name: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Organization: No Record

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

[Trails Preservation Alliance - www.coloradotpa.org][Subject: Combined input to the BLM RMP, from the TPA and COHVCO.] Map G: Most of the routes north of South Shale Ridge are inaccessible to the public. For a variety of reasons the private land owners have found ways to block public access to this large area. We hope GJFO will prioritize the restoration of public access to this area in the RMP. (specifically G67-G142-G50-G92-G45-G26-G202-G14-G52)

– Route: H50

– Segment: 2677

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation:

Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Public Comments On Route: H50

Commenter Name: Winans, Scott

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0868

Reccomended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

H160 & 162 are easily accessible and necessary routes into Hunter Cyn - leave accessible to mechanized use. Routes H67, H70, H71, and H75 are nice back country extensions from routes in the Little Bookcliffs Wild Horse Mgmt area, and are beneficial for future route planning. These are remote, but usable - we need to retain access. In the area of Garvey Cyn, route H50 continues on into Zone O forming a link between Garvey and Coal Gulch. This is an uncommon route linkage and very helpful in accessing Garvey from existing areas of trail usage. Routes H46, H47, H49, and H52 should remain accessible to use. West of 16 Rd, and from Post Cyn to the south, some existing routes are not shown on the map. There is a descent from the terminus of H21 to 16 Rd. This route should be included and remain accessible. The Post and Lapham Cyn access will play a key role in the likely northern extent of the trail network emanating from the existing NFD SRMA. These routes are good climbs, and you seldom see anyone there. We need some good climbing routes into the upper reaches of this area. Routes H114 and H119 should remain open to allow connection to Hwy 139. Future network goals also include connections towards the Baxter Pass and northward towards Zone B. Westward connections out of Zone H will be very helpful. H2 provides backcountry access from Hwy 139 and should remain accessible.

Commenter Name: Monholland, Landon

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0922

Reccomended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Established trail area, and planned further expansion Dont reduce size of the existing NFD SRMA Expansion further north will involve Zone H, and connections to and through Zone H are important Connections from NFD trail area to Highline Lake area are important to long range planning for camping resources, long route terminus with services, and connections southward towards McKinnis Canyons NCA (Kokopelli and Rabbit Valley areas) Critical in large East-West route plan to connect Fruita to Palisade Route Comments: Several existing and approved routes are not shown in the NFD bicycle emphasis area (PBR, Mo Joes, Down Uppity, Zip-Off, and the trail replacing I1024 in the upper Bookcliff area) I1027 links with Zone H route H50 to form an important link between Coal Gulch and Garvey Cyn. This should remain accessible. I641 into Leyton Wash should remain accessible. Intrusions into the bluff Bookcliff face are valuable trail resources to penetrate the more remote areas and get away from the front country trail types and usage levels. This is a likely future connection to the Edge Loop portion of the trail system. I633 should remain accessible for the ability to obtain Hunter Cyn in Zone H. This connection will likely be important to an E-W corridor link. Zone I from a motorcycle perspective: I personally spend many hours a week on my motorcycle in the southern sections of Zone I. I often go West or East from 18Rd. The new signed single track built last Fall East of 18rd is excellent and a good example of what can happen in the whole NFD. Since the signing of the legal single track, the motorcycle users are staying on the trail and following the new routes instead of the old ones. If all the good routes that are out there are properly signed, and the bad ones closed it would be a more enjoyable, less land destructive experience for everyone. The problem as I see it is that most of the good single track is not on the maps. They are not even marked as red, they just are not on the maps period. Without a proper moto single track inventory this process will not turn out well. I feel this is why there is so much hostility from the motorized community. They know that if the lose "designated open" status out there all good single track that is not in inventory will be closed. Zone H from a bicycle perspective: Zone H is a link in the connectivity chain that could some day be a loop around the Grand Valley. It has one of the few canyons that is passable up and into the Bookcliffs. It also has good access via 21 road. Also the southern boundary that is up against Zone I holds the future possibility of expansion of trails coming out of the North Fruita Desert SRMA. Route comments H160 & 162 are easily accessible and necessary routes into Hunter Cyn Routes H67, H70, H71, and H75 are nice back country extensions from routes in the Little Bookcliffs Wild Horse Mgmt area, and are beneficial for future route planning. In the area of Garvey Cyn, route H50 continues on into Zone O forming a link between Garvey and Coal Gulch. This is an uncommon route linkage and very helpful in accessing Garvey from existing areas of trial usage. Routes H46, H47, H49, and H52 should remain accessible to use. West of 16 Rd, and from Post Cyn to the south, some existing

routes are not shown on the map. There is a descent from the terminus of H21 to 16 Rd. This route should be included and remain accessible. The Post and Lapham Cyn access will play a key role in the likely northern extent of the trail network emanating from the existing NFD SRMA. Routes H114 and H119 should remain open to allow connection to Hwy 139. Future network goals also include connections towards the Baxter Pass and northward towards Zone B. Westward connections out of Zone H will be very helpful. H2 provides back-country access from Hwy 139 and should remain accessible Zone H from a Motorcycle perspective: I enjoy climbing Hunter Canyon on my moto. When the new trail is finished (currently known as Sarnac, formerly known as Peekaboo) I would enjoy linking it via this route. Zone C comments from a bicycle perspective: I would like to see the trail known as the Flight of Icarus formalized. This is a remote back country trail and is an important get-away for riders who wish to remove themselves from the more highly traveled trail networks of the front country. Route comments Plan for accessible areas to allow trail network connection from NFD SRMA and Hwy 139 High altitude routes possible along and off of divide area. Shuttle oriented rides can attain elevation directly via Hwy 139. This is the only nearby paved elevation gain in the Fruita area. Route Comments: C94, C78, C91, C84 route should be accessible. C22, C95 and C23, C20, C24, C129, and C114 provide remote access and should remain accessible.

Commenter Name: Cox, Kris

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

Submission Code: emc0788

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

In the area of Garvey Cyn, route H50 continues on into Zone O forming a link between Garvey and Coal Gulch. This is an uncommon route linkage and very helpful in accessing Garvey from existing areas of trial usage.

Commenter Name: Cox, Kris

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

Submission Code: emc0788

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

Zone I Several existing and approved routes are not shown in the NFD bicycle emphasis area (PBR, Mo Joes, Down Uppity, ZipOff, and the trail replacing I1024 in the upper Bookcliff area) I1027 links with Zone H route H50 to form an important link between Coal Gulch and Garvey Cyn. This should remain accessible. I641 into Leyton Wash should remain accessible. Intrusions into the bluff Bookcliff face are valuable trail resources to penetrate the more remote areas and get away from the front country trail types and usage levels. This is a likely future connection to the Edge Loop portion of the trail system. I633 should remain accessible for the ability to obtain Hunter Cyn in Zone H. This connection will likely be important to an EW corridor link.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

In Alternative B please leave open H-50 as it connects to the county road in Zone I to complete a loop. There is no rationale given to make the 46 and 40 administrative only.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Reccomended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

In Alt B please leave open H-50 as it connects to I-1027 to complete a looped route.

Commenter Name: Bertolacci, Jason

Organization: International Mountain Bicycling Association

Submission Code: emc0912

Reccomended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Zone H serves two primary functions. With the lower portion as an intermediate portion between Zones M and O, Zone H will be important to an east to west connection trail. In this portion of Zone H, Hunter Canyon (at 21 Rd) serves as a significant existing intrusion into the Bookcliffs. This canyon is adjacent to the eastern extent of the North Fruita Desert (NFD) SRMA, connects to existing trail on Ross Ridge, and can provide a connection to Zone M. This narrow link and Hunter Canyon will be an important link. In addition, Zone H contains the northern portion of the NFD SRMA. Currently the SRMA trails do not extend beyond Coal Gulch, but the natural evolution of that trail system likely involves utilizing areas in Zone H such as Garvey Canyon, which has some existing trail. The

Post and Lapham Canyon access will play a key role in the likely northern extent of the NFD trail network. Also in Garvey Canyon, route H50 continues on into Zone O forming a link between Garvey and Coal Gulch. This is an uncommon route linkage and very helpful in accessing Garvey from existing areas of trail usage. Key Routes: Access via major county road (21 Road) is a good established route. The southern boundary that abuts Zone I is a natural future area of extension for trails coming from the North Fruita Desert SRMA. H160 & 162 are easily accessible and necessary routes into Hunter Canyon Routes H67, H70, H71, and H75 are nice backcountry extensions from routes in the Little Bookcliffs Wild Horse Mgmt area, and are beneficial for future route planning. Routes H46, H47, H49, and H52 should remain accessible to use. West of 16 Rd, and from Post Canyon to the south, some existing routes are not shown on the map. There is a descent from the terminus of H21 to 16 Rd. This route should be included and remain accessible. Routes H114 and H119 should remain open to allow connection to Hwy 139. Future network goals also include connections towards the Baxter Pass and northward towards Zone B. Westward connections out of Zone H will be very helpful. H2 provides backcountry access from Hwy 139 and should remain accessible. Zone I contains the North Fruita Desert SRMA, commonly referred to as "18 Road", and the Bicycle Emphasis area within that SRMA. This is a significant trail resource which is also an excellent candidate for trail network expansion in the future. The town of Fruita is strongly in support of trail based recreation development. In the past three years, the Town of Fruita has made direct contributions to COPMOBA to support the planning and development of new routes in the proximity to town. COPMOBA has begun the process of a new comprehensive trail system plan for the existing North Fruita Desert area. Expansion in the area will be likely be targeted further northward and westward, and also create connections as possible out of the area. The City of Fruita has also planned for trail connections from town to the NFD area.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon
Submission Code: cfc0087

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone H should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes H: 39; 27; 28; 98; 2; 11;88; 14; 10; 89; 90; 9; 131; 132; 31; 108; 21; 113; 110; 132; 31; 108; 21; 113; 110; 114; 122; 152; 19; 149; 12; 146; 17; 40; 60; 57; 43; 44; 47; 46; 49; 50; 52. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone H routes listed above.

Commenter Name: Winans, Scott
Submission Code: emc0868

Organization:
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Several existing and approved routes are not shown in the NFD bicycle emphasis area (PBR, Mo Joes, Down Uppity, ZipOff, and the trail replacing I1024 in the upper Bookcliff area) I1027 links with Zone H route H50 to form an important link between Coal Gulch and Garvey Cyn. This should remain accessible. I641 into Leyton Wash should remain accessible. Intrusions into the bluff Bookcliff face are valuable trail resources to penetrate the more remote areas and get away from the front country trail types and usage levels. This is a likely future connection to the Edge Loop portion of the trail system. I633 should remain accessible for the ability to obtain Hunter Cyn in Zone H. This connection will likely be important to an EW corridor link. Future trail development should include links that exist the upper portions of the network towards the lower elevations. These bailout options, and extended ride options will be needed to provide the long and challenging routes that are needed by a significant group of riders. Many riders seek out these epic trails - theyre large draws for a trail area.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

What appears to be a spur off the county road paralleling the northern boundary of Zone I is marked as closed in all but Alternative A and D (in Alternative D it is shown as winter closure), but it must remain open in all alternatives to make a loop connection with H50. Again it is BLM disregarding its own route selection criteria.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

I-1027 must remain open to make a loop connection with H-50.

– Route: H52

– Segment: 2526

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: H52

Commenter Name: Solomon, James

Submission Code: emc0614

Organization:

Recommened: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Zone (H) North of Coal Gulch: Option (D) Trail (H)52, & (H)40, complete the loop between Coal Gulch and Garvey Canyon. It is important to keep this connection open for >50" motorized travel as per above comment.

Commenter Name: Winans, Scott

Submission Code: emc0868

Organization:

Recommened: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

H160 & 162 are easily accessible and necessary routes into Hunter Cyn - leave accessible to mechanized use. Routes H67, H70, H71, and H75 are nice back country extensions from routes in the Little Bookcliffs Wild Horse Mgmt area, and are beneficial for future route planning. These are remote, but usable - we need to retain access. In the area of Garvey Cyn, route H50 continues on into Zone O forming a link between Garvey and Coal Gulch. This is an uncommon route linkage and very helpful in accessing Garvey from existing areas of trail usage. Routes H46, H47, H49, and H52 should remain accessible to use. West of 16 Rd, and from Post Cyn to the south, some existing routes are not shown on the map. There is a descent from the terminus of H21 to 16 Rd. This route should be included and remain accessible. The Post and Lapham Cyn access will play a key role in the likely northern extent of the trail network emanating from the existing NFD SRMA. These routes are good climbs, and you seldom see anyone there.

We need some good climbing routes into the upper reaches of this area. Routes H114 and H119 should remain open to allow connection to Hwy 139. Future network goals also include connections towards the Baxter Pass and northward towards Zone B. Westward connections out of Zone H will be very helpful. H2 provides backcountry access from Hwy 139 and should remain accessible.

Commenter Name: Cox, Kris

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

Submission Code: emc0788

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Routes H46, H47, H49, and H52 should remain accessible to use.

Commenter Name: Potter, Monte

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0926

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Castle Rock Trail System Zone (F): Option (D) which allows the trail system to stay open and stay intact meets most of the Route Designation Criteria as summarized on p. M-11, Appendix M. The trail system creates a loop trail. The system is recognized in local maps and social media. The trail resolves user conflicts because of remoteness and proximity to Grand Junction. The trail was not previously designated but developed in an area that was labeled Open to Cross Country Travel. We would encourage the BLM to keep this trail system open and follow a planned process to mitigate any problem areas within the existing trail system. Trails: (F555, F571, F572, F560): We recommend Alternative (A). These trails connect V.2 road and the Coon Hollow area. They provide an important link between these two roads and allow for a much enhanced experience as opposed to riding down the gas roads. There are areas of slick rock and challenges that add a great deal to the recreation experience. This two-track trail enhances the recreation experience and adds a great deal to the overall enjoyment of this area. The Option B, Preferred Alternative closes these routes to motorized recreation. There is no documented proof exhibited in the EIS that shows substantial evidence that there are resource issues impacted by motorized travel. The BLM has made an error in closing these trails and a much better option would be Option A, no action. Zone (H) North of Coal Gulch: Option (D) Trail (H)52, & (H)40, complete the loop between Coal Gulch and Garvey Canyon. It is important to keep this connection open for >50" motorized travel. Zone (I) 21 Road-Hwy 139A: Option (D) Trail (I)1027, provides a loop ride from Coal Gulch to Garvey Canyon and back on 16 Road. This is a desirable option for >50" motorized travel. This trail provides a scenic view and remote feeling traversing between canyons. This is an important route for ATV's, Motorcycles and possibly mountain bikes. Zone (M) Cameo/Coal Canyon and Main Canyon area: M420, M410, & M414 are listed as "Vested Interest" by Mesa County Roads and Right of Way. This road may have been inadvertently closed without proper authority granted by the Mesa County Commissioners. Please comment on this issue. If the road was inappropriately closed, then it should be reopened to motorized travel immediately. In Zone (P) Bangs Canyon/Snyder Flats area: Trails P450, P288, P286, P440, P309, P315, P312, P308, & P314 should be left open to motorized travel. These routes access areas above Snyder Flats which adds diversity and interest to other recreation options in the BLM Field office area. Trails P291 and P402, should remain open to motorized travel as option (D) would allow. This route offers a full day of exploring in a very unusual area. The slick rock formations and canyons area some of the highlights. To traverse the length of this route is a good days journey and allows a fulfilling social outing with friends. Zone (V) Gateway: This area features interesting mining history, outstanding scenery, and is a great place for people to explore. The area is very remote, with a feeling of being back in another time period. Our comment pertains to keeping as many of the routes open in this area simply because of the experiences that they provide. Many old roads lead back into mining areas or scenic overlooks into Maverick canyon. Closing these routes would create significant administrative problems for the BLM. Just the signing of closed routes would probably take years at great expense and then the enforcement of these closures would be difficult. A much better option would be to leave the roads open and let the people enjoy the possibilities of exploring this incredible country.

Commenter Name: Bertolacci, Jason

Organization: International Mountain Bicycling Association

Submission Code: emc0912

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Zone H serves two primary functions. With the lower portion as an intermediate portion between Zones M and O, Zone H will be important to an east to west connection trail. In this portion of Zone H, Hunter Canyon (at 21 Rd) serves as a significant existing intrusion into the Bookcliffs. This canyon is adjacent to the eastern extent of the North Fruita Desert (NFD) SRMA, connects to existing trail on Ross Ridge, and can provide a connection to Zone

M. This narrow link and Hunter Canyon will be an important link. In addition, Zone H contains the northern portion of the NFD SRMA. Currently the SRMA trails do not extend beyond Coal Gulch, but the natural evolution of that trail system likely involves utilizing areas in Zone H such as Garvey Canyon, which has some existing trail. The Post and Lapham Canyon access will play a key role in the likely northern extent of the NFD trail network. Also in Garvey Canyon, route H50 continues on into Zone O forming a link between Garvey and Coal Gulch. This is an uncommon route linkage and very helpful in accessing Garvey from existing areas of trail usage. Key Routes: Access via major county road (21 Road) is a good established route. The southern boundary that abuts Zone I is a natural future area of extension for trails coming from the North Fruita Desert SRMA. H160 & 162 are easily accessible and necessary routes into Hunter Canyon Routes H67, H70, H71, and H75 are nice backcountry extensions from routes in the Little Bookcliffs Wild Horse Mgmt area, and are beneficial for future route planning. Routes H46, H47, H49, and H52 should remain accessible to use. West of 16 Rd, and from Post Canyon to the south, some existing routes are not shown on the map. There is a descent from the terminus of H21 to 16 Rd. This route should be included and remain accessible. Routes H114 and H119 should remain open to allow connection to Hwy 139. Future network goals also include connections towards the Baxter Pass and northward towards Zone B. Westward connections out of Zone H will be very helpful. H2 provides backcountry access from Hwy 139 and should remain accessible. Zone I contains the North Fruita Desert SRMA, commonly referred to as "18 Road", and the Bicycle Emphasis area within that SRMA. This is a significant trail resource which is also an excellent candidate for trail network expansion in the future. The town of Fruita is strongly in support of trail based recreation development. In the past three years, the Town of Fruita has made direct contributions to COPMOBA to support the planning and development of new routes in the proximity to town. COPMOBA has begun the process of a new comprehensive trail system plan for the existing North Fruita Desert area. Expansion in the area will be likely be targeted further northward and westward, and also create connections as possible out of the area. The City of Fruita has also planned for trail connections from town to the NFD area.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfc0087

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone H should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes H: 39; 27; 28; 98; 2; 11;88; 14; 10; 89; 90; 9; 131; 132; 31; 108; 21; 113; 110; 132; 31; 108; 21; 113; 110; 114; 122; 152; 19; 149; 12; 146; 17; 40; 60; 57; 43; 44; 47; 46; 49; 50; 52. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWS) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone H routes listed above.

Commenter Name: Monholland, Landon

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0922

Recommened: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Established trail area, and planned further expansion Dont reduce size of the existing NFD SRMA Expansion further north will involve Zone H, and connections to and through Zone H are important Connections from NFD trail area to Highline Lake area are important to long range planning for camping resources, long route terminus with services, and connections southward towards McKinnis Canyons NCA (Kokopelli and Rabbit Valley areas) Critical in large East-West route plan to connect Fruita to Palisade Route Comments: Several existing and approved routes are not shown in the NFD bicycle emphasis area (PBR, Mo Joes, Down Uppity, Zip-Off, and the trail replacing I1024 in the upper Bookcliff area) I1027 links with Zone H route H50 to form an important link between Coal Gulch and Garvey Cyn. This should remain accessible. I641 into Leyton Wash should remain accessible. Intrusions into the bluff Bookcliff face are valuable trail resources to penetrate the more remote areas and get away from the front country trail types and usage levels. This is a likely future connection to the Edge Loop portion of the trail system. I633 should remain accessible for the ability to obtain Hunter Cyn in Zone H. This connection will likely be important to an E-W corridor link. Zone I from a motorcycle perspective: I personally spend many hours a week on my motorcycle in the southern sections of Zone I. I often go West or East from 18Rd. The new signed single track built last Fall East of 18rd is excellent and a good example of what can happen in the whole NFD. Since the signing of the legal single track, the motorcycle users are staying on the trail and following the new routes instead of the old ones. If all the good routes that are out there are properly signed, and the bad ones closed it would be a more enjoyable, less land destructive experience for everyone. The problem as I see it is that most of the good single track is not on the maps. They are not even marked as red, they just are not on the maps period. Without a proper moto single track inventory this process will not turn out well. I feel this is why there is so much hostility from the motorized community. They know that if the lose "designated open" status out there all good single track that is not in inventory will be closed. Zone H from a bicycle perspective: Zone H is a link in the connectivity chain that could

some day be a loop around the Grand Valley. It has one of the few canyons that is passable up and into the Bookcliffs. It also has good access via 21 road. Also the southern boundary that is up against Zone I holds the future possibility of expansion of trails coming out of the North Fruita Desert SRMA. Route comments H160 & 162 are easily accessible and necessary routes into Hunter Cyn Routes H67, H70, H71, and H75 are nice back country extensions from routes in the Little Bookcliffs Wild Horse Mgmt area, and are beneficial for future route planning. In the area of Garvey Cyn, route H50 continues on into Zone O forming a link between Garvey and Coal Gulch. This is an uncommon route linkage and very helpful in accessing Garvey from existing areas of trail usage. Routes H46, H47, H49, and H52 should remain accessible to use. West of 16 Rd, and from Post Cyn to the south, some existing routes are not shown on the map. There is a descent from the terminus of H21 to 16 Rd. This route should be included and remain accessible. The Post and Lapham Cyn access will play a key role in the likely northern extent of the trail network emanating from the existing NFD SRMA. Routes H114 and H119 should remain open to allow connection to Hwy 139. Future network goals also include connections towards the Baxter Pass and northward towards Zone B. Westward connections out of Zone H will be very helpful. H2 provides back-country access from Hwy 139 and should remain accessible Zone H from a Motorcycle perspective: I enjoy climbing Hunter Canyon on my moto. When the new trail is finished (currently known as Sarnac, formerly known as Peekaboo) I would enjoy linking it via this route. Zone C comments from a bicycle perspective: I would like to see the trail known as the Flight of Icarus formalized. This is a remote back country trail and is an important get-away for riders who wish to remove themselves from the more highly traveled trail networks of the front country. Route comments Plan for accessible areas to allow trail network connection from NFD SRMA and Hwy 139 High altitude routes possible along and off of divide area. Shuttle oriented rides can attain elevation directly via Hwy 139. This is the only nearby paved elevation gain in the Fruita area. Route Comments: C94, C78, C91, C84 route should be accessible. C22, C95 and C23, C20, C24, C129, and C114 provide remote access and should remain accessible.

Commenter Name: Martinez, Larry

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0203

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

In regard to the Garvey Gulch area, spur roads H43,H44, H46, H47, H19, H40, H52, and H60 shall remain open to the public. These spur roads provide hunter access to the mule deer country at the base of the shale mountains (that locals call the slides). These spur roads are in good shape from what I could SPP nn a rec nt trip to the area.

– Route: I100

– Segment: 21604

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant

routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 22629

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 22634

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

Minimize Damage: Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 22736

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 22737

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 22592

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 22593

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 22630



Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: I100

Commenter Name: Bates, Jeff

Submission Code: emc0752

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I100 through I93 Should also be left open. The connection to Bureau of Reclamation is irrelevant. I284 through I111 Should be left open, as the closure is unwarranted. I276 through I303 Should be left open because so much was closed in the North Fruita Desert plan, there are very few routes left in this very actively used portion of the field office. I 905 was closed in the original plan, but shown as an administrative route in the Alternative B. If you are going to reopen it, open it to the public.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Submission Code: emc0693

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Recommended: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative C shows County Road. 21 as closed where it enters Hunter Canyon. BLM does not have the authority to close a county road. In Alternatives B, and C a north south connector consisting of route I111, 433, 282, 284 and 287 are shown as closed. This route is a primary connector that completes a loop opportunity. It is the best north south route west of 18 Rd. The trail is a very enjoyable ride for intermediate level motorcyclists. It is completely on BLM lands. It is designated as open to motorized in the existing Decision, the North Fruita Desert Plan. Please leave this route open as the north south routes to the west will not accommodate ATVs. Riding the graded county road is not a pleasant recreation experience. The closure of routes I100, 95, 119, 118, 100, 972, 971 in combination denies public access between The North Fruita Desert SRMA and the Highline Lake State Recreation facilities. Highline offers shade, water and developed camping and sanitation facilities to the visitors to both opportunities. It is important to leave this access available in order to provide a wider variety of facilities and opportunities to the visitors. None of the alternative maps show the OHV open area in its present form, or the proposed size and location in any of the alternatives. We cannot see and compare what the BLM is proposing by looking at the maps. The proposed closure

of I920, 983, 186, and 380 eliminates important exit points from the OHV trailhead. The outcome is a concentration of traffic on fewer routes and higher potential for accidents and other impacts. The routes left open will not be able to handle the concentrated traffic around the trailhead.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

The closure of routes I-100,91,119,118,100,973,977 in combination denies public access between The North Fruita Desert SRMA and the Highline Lake State Recreation facilities. Highline offers shade, water and developed camping and sanitation facilities to the visitors to both opportunities. It is important to leave this access available in order to provide a wider variety of facilities and opportunities to the visitors.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

The closure of routes I-100,91,119,118,100,973,977 in combination denies public access between The North Fruita Desert SRMA and the Highline Lake State Recreation facilities. Highline offers shade, water and developed camping and sanitation facilities to the visitors to both opportunities. It is important to leave this access available in order to provide a wider variety of facilities and opportunities to the visitors.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfc0086

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone I should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized!OHV use. Routes I: 17; 528; 1; 29; 330; 511;109;105;968; 106;971;972;97;448;540;547;653;450;977;973; 100;191;119;86; 118;88; 281; 117; 116; 111; 440; 436; 442; 951; 103; 433; 282; 284; 283; 287; 293; 294; 297; 303; 276; 560; 984; 940; 188;353;920;811;1024;467;721;12;1029;11;905;904;636; 1027; 704; 709; 900; 633; 630 .. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone I routes listed above.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

The proposed closure of I- 282,283,284,433,440,111 as shown in Alt B would close a valuable single track located in a wash. This trail is the only trail north south connector. The trail is a very enjoyable ride for intermediate level motorcyclists. The other routes listed are critical to the goals of the TMB.

– Route: I1021

– Segment: 22145

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Minimize Harassment: Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Closed

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: I1021

No public comments for this Route

– Route: I1022

– Segment: 22191

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Lands and Realty ROW

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Closed

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: I1022

No public comments for this Route

– Route: I1023

– Segment: 22179

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Closed

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: I1023

No public comments for this Route

– Route: I1024

– Segment: 22214

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Closed

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

– Segment: 22216

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Closed

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 22217

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III

- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Closed

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 22220

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Closed

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 22222

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

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- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Closed

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 22223

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

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other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
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- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Closed

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 22224

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Closed

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 22228

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
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- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
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- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Closed

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 22229

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None**Mitigation**

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed**Alternative A (Current):** Closed**Alternative B (Preferred):** Closed**Alternative C (Conservation):** Closed**Alternative D (Development):** Closed**Public Comments On Route: I1024**

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0095

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these recreational routes (route segments) in Zone I should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes I: 12, 1029, 905, 11, 904, 636, 630, 702, n1, 1027, 1024 and 1467. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone I routes listed above. Additionally, in the State of Colorado routes that are built to provide access for mining and gas exploration are considered legal access routes for the public.

Commenter Name: Monholland, Landon

Submission Code: emc0922

Organization:

Reccomended: Closed

Established trail area, and planned further expansion Dont reduce size of the existing NFD SRMA Expansion further north will involve Zone H, and connections to and through Zone H are important Connections from NFD trail area to Highline Lake area are important to long range planning for camping resources, long route terminus with services, and connections southward towards McKinnis Canyons NCA (Kokopelli and Rabbit Valley areas) Critical in large East-West route plan to connect Fruita to Palisade Route Comments: Several existing and approved routes are not shown in the NFD bicycle emphasis area (PBR, Mo Joes, Down Uppity, Zip-Off, and the trail replacing I1024 in the upper Bookcliff area) I1027 links with Zone H route H50 to form an important link between Coal Gulch and Garvey Cyn. This should remain accessible. I641 into Leyton Wash should remain accessible. Intrusions into the bluff Bookcliff face are valuable trail resources to penetrate the more remote areas and get away

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Commenter Name: Cox, Kris
Submission Code: emc0788

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter
Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Zone I Several existing and approved routes are not shown in the NFD bicycle emphasis area (PBR, Mo Joes, Down Uppity, ZipOff, and the trail replacing I1024 in the upper Bookcliff area) I1027 links with Zone H route H50 to form an important link between Coal Gulch and Garvey Cyn. This should remain accessible. I641 into Leyton Wash should remain accessible. Intrusions into the bluff Bookcliff face are valuable trail resources to penetrate the more remote areas and get away from the front country trail types and usage levels. This is a likely future connection to the Edge Loop portion of the trail system. I633 should remain accessible for the ability to obtain Hunter Cyn in Zone H. This connection will likely be important to an EW corridor link.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon
Submission Code: cfc0086

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone I should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized!OHV use. Routes I: 17; 528; 1; 29; 330; 511;109;105;968; 106;971;972;97;448;540;547;653;450;977;973; 100;191;119;86; 118;88; 281; 117; 116; 111; 440; 436; 442; 951; 103; 433; 282; 284; 283; 287; 293; 294; 297; 303; 276; 560; 984; 940; 188;353;920;811;1024;467;721;12;1029;11;905;904;636; 1027; 704; 709; 900; 633; 630 .. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWS) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone I routes listed above.

Commenter Name: Winans, Scott
Submission Code: emc0868

Organization:
Recommended: Closed

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– Route: I1027

– Segment: 22165

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation:
Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Relic Vegetation
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Closed

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Public Comments On Route: I1027

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfc0095

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

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Commenter Name: Solomon, James

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0614

Recommended: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Zone (I) 21 Road-Hwy 139A: Option (D) Trail (I)1027, provides a loop ride from Coal Gulch to Garvey Canyon and back on 16 Road. This is a desirable option for >50" motorized travel. This trail provides a scenic view and remote feeling traversing between canyons. This is an important route for ATV's, Motorcycles and possibly mountain bikes.

Commenter Name: Marshall, Travis

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0630

Recommended: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

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Commenter Name: Winans, Scott

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0868

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

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Commenter Name: Chapel, Steve

Organization: Western Slope ATV Association

Submission Code: rmc0013

Recommended: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

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Commenter Name: Monholland, Landon

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0922

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

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Submission Code: emc0788

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter
Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

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Commenter Name: Potter, Monte
Submission Code: emc0926

Organization:
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Castle Rock Trail System Zone (F): Option (D) which allows the trail system to stay open and stay intact meets most of the Route Designation Criteria as summarized on p. M-11, Appendix M. The trail system creates a loop trail. The system is recognized in local maps and social media. The trail resolves user conflicts because of remoteness and proximity to Grand Junction. The trail was not previously designated but developed in an area that was labeled Open to Cross Country Travel. We would encourage the BLM to keep this trail system open and follow a planned process to mitigate any problem areas within the existing trail system. Trails: (F555, F571, F572, F560): We recommend Alternative (A). These trails connect V.2 road and the Coon Hollow area. They provide an important link between these two roads and allow for a much enhanced experience as opposed to riding down the gas roads. There are areas of slick rock and challenges that add a great deal to the recreation experience. This two-track trail enhances the recreation experience and adds a great deal to the overall enjoyment of this area. The Option B, Preferred Alternative closes these routes to motorized recreation. There is no documented proof exhibited in the EIS that shows substantial evidence that there are resource issues impacted by motorized travel. The BLM has made an error in closing these trails and a much better option would be Option A, no action. Zone (H) North of Coal Gulch: Option (D) Trail (H)52, & (H)40, complete the loop between Coal Gulch and Garvey Canyon. It is important to keep this connection open for >50" motorized travel. Zone (I) 21 Road-Hwy 139A: Option (D) Trail (I)1027, provides a loop ride from Coal Gulch to Garvey Canyon and back on 16 Road. This is a desirable option for >50" motorized travel. This trail provides a scenic view and remote feeling traversing between canyons. This is an important route for ATV's, Motorcycles and possibly mountain bikes. Zone (M) Cameo/Coal Canyon and Main Canyon area: M420, M410, & M414 are listed as "Vested Interest" by Mesa County Roads and Right of Way. This road may have been inadvertently closed without proper authority granted by the Mesa County Commissioners. Please comment on this issue. If the road was inappropriately closed, then it should be reopened to motorized travel immediately. In Zone (P) Bangs Canyon/Snyder Flats area: Trails P450, P288, P286, P440, P309, P315, P312, P308, & P314 should be left open to motorized travel. These routes access areas above Snyder Flats which adds diversity and interest to other recreation options in the BLM Field office area. Trails P291 and P402, should remain open to motorized travel as option (D) would allow. This route offers a full day of exploring in a very unusual area. The slick rock formations and canyons area some of the highlights. To traverse the length of this route is a good days journey and allows a fulfilling social outing with friends. Zone (V) Gateway: This area features interesting mining history, outstanding scenery, and is a great place for people to explore. The area is very remote, with a feeling of being back in another time period. Our comment pertains to keeping as many of the routes open in this area simply because of the experiences that they provide. Many old roads lead back into mining areas or scenic overlooks into Maverick canyon. Closing these routes would create significant administrative problems for the BLM. Just the signing of closed routes would probably take years at great expense and then the enforcement of these closures would be difficult. A much better option would be to leave the roads open and let the people enjoy the possibilities of exploring this incredible country.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft,
Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

In Alt B please leave open H-50 as it connects to I-1027 to complete a looped route.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft,
Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

I-1027 must remain open to make a loop connection with H-50.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon
Submission Code: cfc0086

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone I should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized!OHV use. Routes I: 17; 528; 1; 29; 330; 511;109;105;968; 106;971;972;97;448;540;547;653;450;977;973; 100;191;119;86; 118;88; 281; 117; 116; 111; 440; 436; 442; 951; 103; 433; 282; 284; 283; 287; 293; 294; 297; 303; 276; 560; 984; 940; 188;353;920;811;1024;467;721;12;1029;11;905;904;636; 1027; 704; 709; 900; 633; 630 .. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone I routes listed above.

– Route: I1029

– Segment: 22226

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain administrative access to active oil and gas wells, but limit public access to provide for public safety at active well sites.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with slump areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: I1029

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0095

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these recreational routes (route segments) in Zone I should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes I: 12, 1029, 905, 11, 904, 636, 630, 702, n1, 1027, 1024 and 1467. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone I routes listed above. Additionally, in the State of Colorado routes that are built to provide access for mining and gas

exploration are considered legal access routes for the public.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfc0086

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone I should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized!OHV use. Routes I: 17; 528; 1; 29; 330; 511;109;105;968; 106;971;972;97;448;540;547;653;450;977;973; 100;191;119;86; 118;88; 281; 117; 116; 111; 440; 436; 442; 951; 103; 433; 282; 284; 283; 287; 293; 294; 297; 303; 276; 560; 984; 940; 188;353;920;811;1024;467;721;12;1029;11;905;904;636; 1027; 704; 709; 900; 633; 630 .. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone I routes listed above.

– Route: I1037

– Segment: 22486

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation:

Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Once Well is Abandoned

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain administrative access to active oil and gas wells, but limit public access to provide for public safety at active well sites.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: I1037

No public comments for this Route

– Route: I1049

– Segment: 22555

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: I1049

No public comments for this Route

– Route: I1051

– Segment: 22554

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: I1051

No public comments for this Route

– Route: I1053

– Segment: 22570

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A (Current):** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative B (Preferred):** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative C (Conservation):** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative D (Development):** Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: I1053

No public comments for this Route

— Route: I119

— Segment: 22698

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Range Study Site
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A (Current):** Closed
- Alternative B (Preferred):** Closed
- Alternative C (Conservation):** Closed
- Alternative D (Development):** Closed

— Segment: 22720

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Closed

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— **Segment: 22699**

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route

- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Closed

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: I119

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Reccomended: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative C shows County Road. 21 as closed where it enters Hunter Canyon. BLM does not have the authority to close a county road. In Alternatives B, and C a north south connector consisting of route I111, 433, 282, 284 and 287 are shown as closed. This route is a primary connector that completes a loop opportunity. It is the best north south route west of 18 Rd. The trail is a very enjoyable ride for intermediate level motorcyclists. It is completely on BLM lands. It is designated as open to motorized in the existing Decision, the North Fruita Desert Plan. Please leave this route open as the north south routes to the west will not accommodate ATVs. Riding the graded county road is not a pleasant recreation experience. The closure of routes I100, 95, 119, 118, 100, 972, 971 in combination denies public access between The North Fruita Desert SRMA and the Highline Lake State Recreation facilities. Highline offers shade, water and developed camping and sanitation facilities to the visitors to both opportunities. It is important to leave this access available in order to provide a wider variety of facilities and opportunities to the visitors. None of the alternative maps show the OHV open area in its present form, or the proposed size and location in any of the alternatives. We cannot see and compare what the BLM is proposing by looking at the maps. The proposed closure of I920, 983, 186, and 380 eliminates important exit points from the OHV trailhead. The outcome is a concentration of traffic on fewer routes and higher potential for accidents and other impacts. The routes left open will not be able to handle the concentrated traffic around the trailhead.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Reccomended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

The closure of routes I-100,91,119,118,100,973,977 in combination denies public access between The North Fruita Desert SRMA and the Highline Lake State Recreation facilities. Highline offers shade, water and developed camping and sanitation facilities to the visitors to both opportunities. It is important to leave this access available in order to provide a wider variety of facilities and opportunities to the visitors.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Reccomended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

The proposed closure of I- 282,283,284,433,440,111 as shown in Alt B would close a valuable single track located in a wash. This trail is the only trail north south connector. The trail is a very enjoyable ride for intermediate level motorcyclists. The other routes listed are critical to the goals of the TMB.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon
Submission Code: cfc0086

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone I should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes I: 17; 528; 1; 29; 330; 511;109;105;968; 106;971;972;97;448;540;547;653;450;977;973; 100;191;119;86; 118;88; 281; 117; 116; 111; 440; 436; 442; 951; 103; 433; 282; 284; 283; 287; 293; 294; 297; 303; 276; 560; 984; 940; 188;353;920;811;1024;467;721;12;1029;11;905;904;636; 1027; 704; 709; 900; 633; 630 .. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWS) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone I routes listed above.

– Route: I276

– Segment: 22839

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

– Segment: 22844

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 22851

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.

- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 23063

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: I276

Commenter Name: Bates, Jeff

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0752

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

I100 through I93 Should also be left open. The connection to Bureau of Reclamation is irrelevant. I284 through I111 Should be left open, as the closure is unwarranted. I276 through I303 Should be left open because so much was closed in the North Fruita Desert plan, there are very few routes left in this very actively used portion of the field office. I 905 was closed in the original plan, but shown as an administrative route in the Alternative B. If you are going to reopen it, open it to the public.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommened: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

The proposed closure of I- 282,283,284,433,440,111 as shown in Alt B would close a valuable single track located in a wash. This trail is the only trail north south connector. The trail is a very enjoyable ride for intermediate level motorcyclists. The other routes listed are critical to the goals of the TMB.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfc0086

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone I should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized!OHV use. Routes I: 17; 528; 1; 29; 330; 511;109;105;968; 106;971;972;97;448;540;547;653;450;977;973; 100;191;119;86; 118;88; 281; 117; 116; 111; 440; 436; 442; 951; 103; 433; 282; 284; 283; 287; 293; 294; 297; 303; 276; 560; 984; 940; 188;353;920;811;1024;467;721;12;1029;11;905;904;636; 1027; 704; 709; 900; 633; 630 .. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone I routes listed above.

– Route: I284

– Segment: 22487

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 21607

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 22637

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 22639

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 22656

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV

- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Public Comments On Route: I284

Commenter Name: Lillo, Frank

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0740

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

I320, 304,303,309,288,283,284,282,440,433,111,450,971,j 307,312,311 form what is know as the pile of rocks trail. This trail also forms more loop options within the trail system.

Commenter Name: Bates, Jeff

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0752

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

I100 through I93 Should also be left open. The connection to Bureau of Reclamation is irrelevant. I284 through I111 Should be left open, as the closure is unwarranted. I276 through I303 Should be left open because so much was closed in the North Fruita Desert plan, there are very few routes left in this very actively used portion of the field office. I 905 was closed in the original plan, but shown as an administrative route in the Alternative B. If you are going to reopen it, open it to the public.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Reccomended: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative C shows County Road. 21 as closed where it enters Hunter Canyon. BLM does not have the authority to close a county road. In Alternatives B, and C a north south connector consisting of route I111, 433, 282, 284 and 287 are shown as closed. This route is a primary connector that completes a loop opportunity. It is the best north south route west of 18 Rd. The trail is a very enjoyable ride for intermediate level motorcyclists. It is completely on BLM lands. It is designated as open to motorized in the existing Decision, the North Fruita Desert Plan. Please leave this route open as the north south routes to the west will not accommodate ATVs. Riding the graded county road is not a pleasant recreation experience. The closure of routes I100, 95, 119, 118, 100, 972, 971 in combination denies public

access between The North Fruita Desert SRMA and the Highline Lake State Recreation facilities. Highline offers shade, water and developed camping and sanitation facilities to the visitors to both opportunities. It is important to leave this access available in order to provide a wider variety of facilities and opportunities to the visitors. None of the alternative maps show the OHV open area in its present form, or the proposed size and location in any of the alternatives. We cannot see and compare what the BLM is proposing by looking at the maps. The proposed closure of I920, 983, 186, and 380 eliminates important exit points from the OHV trailhead. The outcome is a concentration of traffic on fewer routes and higher potential for accidents and other impacts. The routes left open will not be able to handle the concentrated traffic around the trailhead.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alt B,C a north south connector consisting of route I-111,433,282,283,284 are shown as closed. This route is a primary connector that completes a loop opportunity. It is the best north south route west of 18Rd. It is completely on BLM lands. Please leave this route open as the north south routes to the west will not accommodate ATVs.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

The proposed closure of I- 282,283,284,433,440,111 as shown in Alt B would close a valuable single track located in a wash. This trail is the only trail north south connector. The trail is a very enjoyable ride for intermediate level motorcyclists. The other routes listed are critical to the goals of the TMB.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfc0086

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone I should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized!OHV use. Routes I: 17; 528; 1; 29; 330; 511;109;105;968; 106;971;972;97;448;540;547;653;450;977;973; 100;191;119;86; 118;88; 281; 117; 116; 111; 440; 436; 442; 951; 103; 433; 282; 284; 283; 287; 293; 294; 297; 303; 276; 560; 984; 940; 188;353;920;811;1024;467;721;12;1029;11;905;904;636; 1027; 704; 709; 900; 633; 630 .. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone I routes listed above.

– Route: I294

– Segment: 22833

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV

- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 22827

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro

Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
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- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: I294

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfc0086

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone I should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes I: 17; 528; 1; 29; 330; 511;109;105;968; 106;971;972;97;448;540;547;653;450;977;973; 100;191;119;86; 118;88; 281; 117; 116; 111; 440; 436; 442; 951; 103; 433; 282; 284; 283; 287; 293; 294; 297; 303; 276; 560; 984; 940; 188;353;920;811;1024;467;721;12;1029;11;905;904;636; 1027; 704; 709; 900; 633; 630 .. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone I routes listed above.

– Route: I303**– Segment: 23082****Designation** 

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Reroute

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)

- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 23002

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 23061

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 23090

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route

- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 23069

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 23074

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 23081

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: I303

Commenter Name: Lillo, Frank

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0740

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I320, 304,303,309,288,283,284,282,440,433,111,450,971,j 307,312,311 form what is know as the pile of rocks trail. This trail also forms more loop options within the trail system.

Commenter Name: Bates, Jeff

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0752

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

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Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

The proposed closure of I- 282,283,284,433,440,111 as shown in Alt B would close a valuable single track located in a wash. This trail is the only trail north south connector. The trail is a very enjoyable ride for intermediate level motorcyclists. The other routes listed are critical to the goals of the TMB.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfc0086

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone I should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized!OHV use. Routes I: 17; 528; 1; 29; 330; 511;109;105;968; 106;971;972;97;448;540;547;653;450;977;973; 100;191;119;86; 118;88; 281; 117; 116; 111; 440; 436; 442; 951; 103; 433; 282; 284; 283; 287; 293; 294; 297; 303; 276; 560; 984; 940; 188;353;920;811;1024;467;721;12;1029;11;905;904;636; 1027; 704; 709; 900; 633; 630 .. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWS) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone I routes listed above.

– Route: I364

– Segment: 20582

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: I364

No public comments for this Route

— Route: I40

— Segment: 22560

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails

Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)

- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed**Alternative A (Current):** Foot/Horse/Mechanized**Alternative B (Preferred):** Foot/Horse/Mechanized**Alternative C (Conservation):** Foot/Horse/Mechanized**Alternative D (Development):** Foot/Horse/Mechanized**— Segment: 22563****Designation ?****Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized****Seasonal Limitations: None****Mitigation**

- Drainage Crossing

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

— Segment: 22564

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

— Segment: 22588

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

— Segment: 22591

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

— Segment: 22605

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the

compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

— Segment: 23328

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meet Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing

- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

— Segment: 22562

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 23329

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: I40

No public comments for this Route

— Route: I400

— Segment: 22115

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 22101

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 22103

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas

- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: I400

No public comments for this Route

– Route: I44

– Segment: 22411

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.

- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 22508

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 22557

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 22628

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: I44

No public comments for this Route

– Route: I440

– Segment: 18445

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

– Segment: 18442

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 22236

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates

in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 22376

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 22397

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 22421**Designation** 

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas

- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: I440

Commenter Name: Lillo, Frank

Submission Code: emc0740

I320, 304,303,309,288,283,284,282,440,433,111,450,971,j 307,312,311 form what is know as the pile of rocks trail. This trail also forms more loop options within the trail system.

Organization:

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Submission Code: emc0693

The proposed closure of I- 282,283,284,433,440,111 as shown in Alt B would close a valuable single track located in a wash. This trail is the only trail north south connector. The trail is a very enjoyable ride for intermediate level motorcyclists. The other routes listed are critical to the goals of the TMB.

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Reccomended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0086

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone I should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized!OHV use. Routes I: 17; 528; 1; 29; 330; 511;109;105;968; 106;971;972;97;448;540;547;653;450;977;973; 100;191;119;86; 118;88; 281; 117; 116; 111; 440; 436; 442; 951; 103; 433; 282; 284; 283; 287; 293; 294; 297; 303; 276; 560; 984; 940; 188;353;920;811;1024;467;721;12;1029;11;905;904;636; 1027; 704; 709; 900; 633; 630 .. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWS) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone I routes listed above.

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

Commenter Name: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Zone I: close at least the west part of 440.

Organization: No Record

Reccomended: Closed

– Route: I630

– Segment: 21595

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation:

Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Potential weeds mitigation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain administrative access to active oil and gas wells, but limit public access to provide for public safety at active well sites.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

– Segment: 21598

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation:

Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Potential weeds mitigation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Lands and Realty ROW

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain administrative access to active oil and gas wells, but limit public access to provide for public safety at active well sites.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to protect shallow pipeline infrastructure, maintain administrative access (only) over pipeline facilities.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 22375

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation:

Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Potential weeds mitigation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Lands and Realty ROW

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to protect shallow pipeline infrastructure, maintain administrative access (only) over pipeline facilities.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Admin/Permitted Use Only

- Alternative B (Preferred):** Admin/Permitted Use Only
- Alternative C (Conservation):** Admin/Permitted Use Only
- Alternative D (Development):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 22407

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation:

Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Potential weeds mitigation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Lands and Realty ROW

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to protect shallow pipeline infrastructure, maintain administrative access (only) over pipeline facilities.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: I630

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfc0095

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these recreational routes (route segments) in Zone I should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes I: 12, 1029, 905, 11, 904, 636, 630, 702, n1, 1027, 1024 and 1467. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone I routes listed above. Additionally, in the State of Colorado routes that are built to provide access for mining and gas exploration are considered legal access routes for the public.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon
Submission Code: cfc0086

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone I should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes I: 17; 528; 1; 29; 330; 511;109;105;968; 106;971;972;97;448;540;547;653;450;977;973; 100;191;119;86; 118;88; 281; 117; 116; 111; 440; 436; 442; 951; 103; 433; 282; 284; 283; 287; 293; 294; 297; 303; 276; 560; 984; 940; 188;353;920;811;1024;467;721;12;1029;11;905;904;636; 1027; 704; 709; 900; 633; 630 .. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone I routes listed above.

– Route: I636

– Segment: 21583

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Closed

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

– Segment: 21584

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with slump areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Closed

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: I636

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfc0095

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these recreational routes (route segments) in Zone I should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes I: 12, 1029, 905, 11, 904, 636, 630, 702, n1, 1027, 1024 and 1467. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone I routes listed above. Additionally, in the State of Colorado routes that are built to provide access for mining and gas exploration are considered legal access routes for the public.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfc0086

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone I should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes I: 17; 528; 1; 29; 330; 511;109;105;968; 106;971;972;97;448;540;547;653;450;977;973; 100;191;119;86; 118;88; 281; 117; 116; 111; 440; 436; 442; 951; 103; 433; 282; 284; 283; 287; 293; 294; 297; 303; 276; 560; 984; 940; 188;353;920;811;1024;467;721;12;1029;11;905;904;636; 1027; 704; 709; 900; 633; 630 .. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone I routes listed above.

– Route: I86

– Segment: 22722

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 22723

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant

routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: I86

Commenter Name: Hundtroft,
Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommened: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

The proposed closure of I- 282,283,284,433,440,111 as shown in Alt B would close a valuable single track located in a wash. This trail is the only trail north south connector. The trail is a very enjoyable ride for intermediate level motorcyclists. The other routes listed are critical to the goals of the TMB.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfc0086

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone I should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized!OHV use. Routes I: 17; 528; 1; 29; 330; 511;109;105;968; 106;971;972;97;448;540;547;653;450;977;973; 100;191;119;86; 118;88; 281; 117; 116; 111; 440; 436; 442; 951; 103; 433; 282; 284; 283; 287; 293; 294; 297; 303; 276; 560; 984; 940; 188;353;920;811;1024;467;721;12;1029;11;905;904;636; 1027; 704; 709; 900; 633; 630 .. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone I routes listed above.

– Route: I9

– Segment: 22170

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing

- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 21563

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.

- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 21564

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 21570

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 22147

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only **Seasonal Limitations: None**

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: I9

Commenter Name: Hundtroft,
Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Reccomended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

The proposed closure of I- 282,283,284,433,440,111 as shown in Alt B would close a valuable single track located in a wash. This trail is the only trail north south connector. The trail is a very enjoyable ride for intermediate level motorcyclists. The other routes listed are critical to the goals of the TMB.

— **Route: I900**

— **Segment: 22417**

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain administrative access to active oil and gas wells, but limit public access to provide for public safety at active well sites.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 22454

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the

compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain administrative access to active oil and gas wells, but limit public access to provide for public safety at active well sites.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: I900

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I900 must connect to Coal Gulch Rd. to complete a loop opportunity. It is unclear if this connection can be made using I633. It is shown as an administrative route on Alternative B, but open on Alternative D. Again it is BLM disregarding its own route selection criteria.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

I-900 must connect to Coal Gulch Rd. to complete a loop opportunity. It is unclear if this connection can be made using I-633. It is shown as an administrative route on Alt B, but open on Alt D.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfc0086

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone I should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes I: 17; 528; 1; 29; 330; 511;109;105;968; 106;971;972;97;448;540;547;653;450;977;973; 100;191;119;86; 118;88; 281; 117; 116; 111; 440; 436; 442; 951; 103; 433; 282; 284; 283; 287; 293; 294; 297; 303; 276; 560; 984; 940; 188;353;920;811;1024;467;721;12;1029;11;905;904;636; 1027; 704; 709; 900; 633; 630 .. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone I routes listed above.

– Route: I902

– Segment: 22409

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 22410

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only
Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils

Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain administrative access to active oil and gas wells, but limit public access to provide for public safety at active well sites.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 22416

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 22418

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain administrative access to active oil and gas wells, but limit public access to provide for public safety at active well sites.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: I902

No public comments for this Route

– Route: I91

– Segment: 22732

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 22733

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: I91

Commenter Name: Hundtroft,
Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommened: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

The closure of routes I-100,91,119,118,100,973,977 in combination denies public access between The North Fruita Desert SRMA and the Highline Lake State Recreation facilities. Highline offers shade, water and developed camping and sanitation facilities to the visitors to both opportunities. It is important to leave this access available in order to provide a wider variety of facilities and opportunities to the visitors.

– Route: I920

– Segment: 23211

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle**— Segment: 23197****Designation** **Proposed Designation:** Closed**Seasonal Limitations:** None**Mitigation**

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed**Alternative A (Current):** Closed**Alternative B (Preferred):** Closed**Alternative C (Conservation):** Closed**Alternative D (Development):** Closed**Public Comments On Route: I920**

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Submission Code: emc0730

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

1920, I1015, I1017, 1987, 1999, 1986, 1997, 1994, 1995, 1983, 1981, 1980, 1979, 1991, 1990, 1997, 1995, 1996, 1992, 1993, 1989 - Offer an important connector between the Open travel area on 18 Rd and 16 Rd when traveling across the desert that avoids having to drive down 18 Rd and minimizes conflict between ATV/UTV/4WD and mountain bikes. (marked for closure on Alt B) The BLM should leave this open to all motorized users.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Submission Code: emc0693

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Recommened: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

The proposed closure of I- 920,983,984,990,380 eliminates an important exit point from the OHV trailhead. The outcome is a concentration of traffic on 3 routes (two of them roads) instead of 4.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon
Submission Code: cfc0086

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone I should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized!OHV use. Routes I: 17; 528; 1; 29; 330; 511;109;105;968; 106;971;972;97;448;540;547;653;450;977;973; 100;191;119;86; 118;88; 281; 117; 116; 111; 440; 436; 442; 951; 103; 433; 282; 284; 283; 287; 293; 294; 297; 303; 276; 560; 984; 940; 188;353;920;811;1024;467;721;12;1029;11;905;904;636; 1027; 704; 709; 900; 633; 630 .. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWS) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone I routes listed above.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas
Submission Code: emc0693

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers
Recommended: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative C shows County Road. 21 as closed where it enters Hunter Canyon. BLM does not have the authority to close a county road. In Alternatives B, and C a north south connector consisting of route I111, 433, 282, 284 and 287 are shown as closed. This route is a primary connector that completes a loop opportunity. It is the best north south route west of 18 Rd. The trail is a very enjoyable ride for intermediate level motorcyclists. It is completely on BLM lands. It is designated as open to motorized in the existing Decision, the North Fruita Desert Plan. Please leave this route open as the north south routes to the west will not accommodate ATVs. Riding the graded county road is not a pleasant recreation experience. The closure of routes I100, 95, 119, 118, 100, 972, 971 in combination denies public access between The North Fruita Desert SRMA and the Highline Lake State Recreation facilities. Highline offers shade, water and developed camping and sanitation facilities to the visitors to both opportunities. It is important to leave this access available in order to provide a wider variety of facilities and opportunities to the visitors. None of the alternative maps show the OHV open area in its present form, or the proposed size and location in any of the alternatives. We cannot see and compare what the BLM is proposing by looking at the maps. The proposed closure of 1920, 983, 186, and 380 eliminates important exit points from the OHV trailhead. The outcome is a concentration of traffic on fewer routes and higher potential for accidents and other impacts. The routes left open will not be able to handle the concentrated traffic around the trailhead.

– Route: I93

– Segment: 22633

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.

- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 22638

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: I93

Commenter Name: Bates, Jeff

Submission Code: emc0752

Organization:

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

I100 through I93 Should also be left open. The connection to Bureau of Reclamation is irrelevant. I284 through I111 Should be left open, as the closure is unwarranted. I276 through I303 Should be left open because so much was closed in the North Fruita Desert plan, there are very few routes left in this very actively used portion of the field office. I 905 was closed in the original plan, but shown as an administrative route in the Alternative B. If you are going to reopen it, open it to the public.

— Route: I973

— Segment: 22569**Designation** **Proposed Designation: Closed****Seasonal Limitations: None****Mitigation**

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed**Alternative A (Current):** Closed**Alternative B (Preferred):** Closed**Alternative C (Conservation):** Closed**Alternative D (Development):** Closed**Public Comments On Route: I973**Commenter Name: Hundtroft,
Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommened: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

The closure of routes I-100,91,119,118,100,973,977 in combination denies public access between The North Fruita Desert SRMA and the Highline Lake State Recreation facilities. Highline offers shade, water and developed camping and sanitation facilities to the visitors to both opportunities. It is important to leave this access available in order to provide a wider variety of facilities and opportunities to the visitors.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft,
Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommened: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

The proposed closure of I- 282,283,284,433,440,111 as shown in Alt B would close a valuable single track located in a wash. This trail is the only trail north south connector. The trail is a very enjoyable ride for intermediate level

motorcyclists. The other routes listed are critical to the goals of the TMB.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfc0086

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone I should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes I: 17; 528; 1; 29; 330; 511;109;105;968; 106;971;972;97;448;540;547;653;450;977;973; 100;191;119;86; 118;88; 281; 117; 116; 111; 440; 436; 442; 951; 103; 433; 282; 284; 283; 287; 293; 294; 297; 303; 276; 560; 984; 940; 188;353;920;811;1024;467;721;12;1029;11;905;904;636; 1027; 704; 709; 900; 633; 630 .. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone I routes listed above.

– Route: I977

– Segment: 22497

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Closed

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: I977

Commenter Name: Hundtroft,
Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

The closure of routes I-100,91,119,118,100,973,977 in combination denies public access between The North Fruita Desert SRMA and the Highline Lake State Recreation facilities. Highline offers shade, water and developed camping and sanitation facilities to the visitors to both opportunities. It is important to leave this access available in order to provide a wider variety of facilities and opportunities to the visitors.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfc0086

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone I should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes I: 17; 528; 1; 29; 330; 511;109;105;968; 106;971;972;97;448;540;547;653;450;977;973; 100;191;119;86; 118;88; 281; 117; 116; 111; 440; 436; 442; 951; 103; 433; 282; 284; 283; 287; 293; 294; 297; 303; 276; 560; 984; 940; 188;353;920;811;1024;467;721;12;1029;11;905;904;636; 1027; 704; 709; 900; 633; 630 .. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone I routes listed above.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft,
Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

The proposed closure of I- 282,283,284,433,440,111 as shown in Alt B would close a valuable single track located in a wash. This trail is the only trail north south connector. The trail is a very enjoyable ride for intermediate level motorcyclists. The other routes listed are critical to the goals of the TMB.

– Route: I983

– Segment: 23155

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro

- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Closed

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: I983

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: emc0730

Recommened: **Open (All modes of travel)**

1920,I1015, I1017, I987, I999, I986, I997, I994, I995, I983, I981, I980, I979, I991, I990, I997, I995, I996, I992, I993, I989 -Offer an important connector between the Open travel area on 18 Rd and 16 Rd when traveling across the desert that avoids havingto drive down 18 Rd and minimizes conflict between ATV/UTV/4WD and mountain bikes. (marked for closure on Alt B) The BLM should leave this open to all motorized users.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommened: **Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle**

The proposed closure of I- 920,983,984,990,380 eliminates an important exit point from the OHV trailhead. The outcome is a concentration of traffic on 3 routes (two of them roads) instead of 4.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommened: **Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide**

Alternative C shows County Road. 21 as closed where it enters Hunter Canyon. BLM does not have the authority to close a county road. In Alternatives B, and C a north south connector consisting of route I111, 433, 282, 284 and 287 are shown as closed. This route is a primary connector that completes a loop opportunity. It is the best north south route west of 18 Rd. The trail is a very enjoyable ride for intermediate level motorcyclists. It is completely on BLM lands. It is designated as open to motorized in the existing Decision, the North Fruita Desert Plan. Please leave this route open as the north south routes to the west will not accommodate ATVs. Riding the graded county road is not a pleasant recreation experience. The closure of routes I100, 95, 119, 118, 100, 972, 971 in combination denies public access between The North Fruita Desert SRMA and the Highline Lake State Recreation facilities. Highline offers shade, water and developed camping and sanitation facilities to the visitors to both opportunities. It is important to leave this access available in order to provide a wider variety of facilities and opportunities to the visitors. None of the alternative maps show the OHV open area in its present form, or the proposed size and location in any of the alternatives. We cannot see and compare what the BLM is proposing by looking at the maps. The proposed closure of I920, 983, 186, and 380 eliminates important exit points from the OHV trailhead. The outcome is a concentration of traffic on fewer routes and higher potential for accidents and other impacts. The routes left open will not be able to handle the concentrated traffic around the trailhead.

– Route: I984

– Segment: 23108

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
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- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Closed

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: I984

Commenter Name: Hundtroft,
Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommened: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

The proposed closure of I- 920,983,984,990,380 eliminates an important exit point from the OHV trailhead. The outcome is a concentration of traffic on 3 routes (two of them roads) instead of 4.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon
Submission Code: cfc0086

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club
Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone I should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes I: 17; 528; 1; 29; 330; 511;109;105;968; 106;971;972;97;448;540;547;653;450;977;973; 100;191;119;86; 118;88; 281; 117; 116; 111; 440; 436; 442; 951; 103; 433; 282; 284; 283; 287; 293; 294; 297; 303; 276; 560; 984; 940; 188;353;920;811;1024;467;721;12;1029;11;905;904;636; 1027; 704; 709; 900; 633; 630 .. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone I routes listed above.

– Route: I990

– Segment: 22260

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
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- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Closed

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

– Segment: 23047

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Closed

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 23115

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route

- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
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- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Closed

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: I990

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommened: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

The proposed closure of I- 920,983,984,990,380 eliminates an important exit point from the OHV trailhead. The outcome is a concentration of traffic on 3 routes (two of them roads) instead of 4.

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: emc0730

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

1920,I1015, I1017, 1987, 1999, 1986, 1997, 1994, 1995, 1983, 1981, 1980, 1979, 1991, 1990, 1997, 1995, 1996, 1992, 1993, 1989 -Offer an important connector between the Open travel area on 18 Rd and 16 Rd when traveling across the desert that avoids havingto drive down 18 Rd and minimizes conflict between ATV/UTV/4WD and mountain bikes. (marked for closure on Alt B) The BLM should leave this open to all motorized users.

– Route: J116

– Segment: 2911

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

Minimize Damage: Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain administrative access to active oil and gas wells, but limit public access to provide for public safety at active well sites.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: J116

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0085

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone J should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes J: 273; 276; 283; 275; 268; 279; 264; 293; 284; 290; 292; 11; 289; 290; 291; 174; 294; 174; 203; 202; 295; 296; 165; 40; 51; 348; 19; 41; 347; 305; 306; 307;

308; 304; 55; 312; 311; 55; 310; 155; 60; 36; 104; 338; 206; 52; 50; 56; 79; 78; 58; 314; 316; 313; 315; 160; 319; 320; 98; 140; 243; 138; 131; 240; 100; 234; 116; 72; 88; 352; 95; 263; 135; 63; 146; 160; 318; 185; 179; 182; 137; 172; 345; 6; 343; 113; 24; 25; 212; 176; 213; 191; 193; 192; 3. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone J routes listed above.

– Route: J119

– Segment: 3170

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only
Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Once Well is Abandoned

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 3160

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
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- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: J119

No public comments for this Route

– Route: J129

– Segment: 3334

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: J129

No public comments for this Route

– Route: J132

– Segment: 208

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Route will be designated closed east of the study site

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— **Segment: 3410**

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Route will be designated closed east of the study site

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 3347

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 3372

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
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- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: J132

No public comments for this Route

– Route: J133

– Segment: 3548

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: J133

No public comments for this Route

– Route: J138

– Segment: 3534

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV

- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Range Study Site
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 3425

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 3604

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 3605

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 3614

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 3613

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: J138

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0085

Organization:

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone J should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized!OHV use. Routes J: 273; 276; 283; 275; 268; 279; 264; 293; 284; 290; 292; 11; 289; 290; 291; 174; 294; 174; 203; 202; 295; 296; 165; 40; 51; 348; 19; 41; 347; 305; 306; 307; 308; 304; 55; 312; 311; 55; 310; 155; 60; 36; 104; 338; 206; 52; 50; 56; 79; 78; 58; 314; 316; 313; 315; 160; 319; 320; 98; 140; 243; 138; 131; 240; 100; 234; 116; 72; 88; 352; 95; 263; 135; 63; 1 46; 160; 318; 185; 179; 182; 137; 172; 345; 6; 343; 113; 24; 25; 212; 176; 213; 191; 193; 192; 3. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have

been legally established on the entire list of Zone J routes listed above.

– Route: J139

– Segment: 3707

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

– Segment: 6907

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV

Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: J139

No public comments for this Route

– Route: J141

– Segment: 3519

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 3817

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Vegetation Relic Vegetation
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing
- Lands and Realty ROW
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to protect shallow pipeline infrastructure, maintain administrative access (only) over pipeline facilities.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: J141

No public comments for this Route

– Route: J143

– Segment: 3358

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health

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 - Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
 - Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
 - Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
 - Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 3377

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant

routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: J143

No public comments for this Route

– Route: J146

– Segment: 2294

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native

plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: J146

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommened: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

The proposed closure of all the routes south of the WSA as shown in Alt B,C and D looks a lot like a Wilderness buffer zone. Wilderness buffer zones are specifically banned by the Wilderness Act of 1964 and confirmed by case law. These routes provide hunting access and backcountry experiences The closure s of J- 273,283,276,278,290,279 in the north east corner of zone J makes access to the few remaining open routes impossible.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0085

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone J should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized!OHV use. Routes J: 273; 276; 283; 275; 268; 279; 264; 293; 284; 290; 292; 11; 289; 290; 291; 174; 294; 174; 203; 202; 295; 296; 165; 40; 51; 348; 19; 41; 347; 305; 306; 307; 308; 304; 55; 312; 311; 55; 310; 155; 60; 36; 104; 338; 206; 52; 50; 56; 79; 78; 58; 314; 316; 313; 315; 160; 319; 320; 98; 140; 243; 138; 131; 240; 100; 234; 116; 72; 88; 352; 95; 263; 135; 63; 146; 160; 318; 185; 179; 182; 137; 172; 345; 6; 343; 113; 24; 25; 212; 176; 213; 191; 193; 192; 3. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone J routes listed above.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

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Commenter Name: No Record

Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Recommened: Closed

Zone J: close J146.

– Route: J177

– Segment: 3091

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to maintain administrative access to active oil and gas wells, but limit public access to provide for public safety at active well sites.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 3084

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or

other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 3085

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to maintain administrative access to active oil and gas wells, but limit public access to provide for public safety at active well sites.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 3087

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)

- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 3093

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing

- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: J177

No public comments for this Route

– Route: J214

– Segment: 2459

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)

- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: J214

No public comments for this Route

– Route: J216

– Segment: 2562

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range

- Range Study Site
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
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- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: J216

No public comments for this Route

– Route: J219

– Segment: 2700

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation ACEC

- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
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- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: J219

No public comments for this Route

– Route: J304

– Segment: 6823

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Public Comments On Route: J304

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommened: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

The proposed closure of all the routes south of the WSA as shown in Alt B,C and D looks a lot like a Wilderness buffer zone. Wilderness buffer zones are specifically banned by the Wilderness Act of 1964 and confirmed by case law. These routes provide hunting access and backcountry experiences The closure s of J- 273,283,276,278,290,279 in the north east corner of zone J makes access to the few remaining open routes impossible.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0085

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone J should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized!OHV use. Routes J: 273; 276; 283; 275; 268; 279; 264; 293; 284; 290; 292; 11; 289; 290; 291; 174; 294; 174; 203; 202; 295; 296; 165; 40; 51; 348; 19; 41; 347; 305; 306; 307;

308; 304; 55; 312; 311; 55; 310; 155; 60; 36; 104; 338; 206; 52; 50; 56; 79; 78; 58; 314; 316; 313; 315; 160; 319; 320; 98; 140; 243; 138; 131; 240; 100; 234; 116; 72; 88; 352; 95; 263; 135; 63; 146; 160; 318; 185; 179; 182; 137; 172; 345; 6; 343; 113; 24; 25; 212; 176; 213; 191; 193; 192; 3. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone J routes listed above.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

The proposed closure of all the routes south of the WSA as shown in Alt B,C and D looks a lot like a Wilderness buffer zone. Wilderness buffer zones are specifically banned by the Wilderness Act of 1964 and confirmed by case law. These routes provide hunting access and backcountry experiences The closure s of J- 273,283,276,278,290,279 in the north east corner of zone J makes access to the few remaining open routes impossible

– Route: J308

– Segment: 2684

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: J308

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommened: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

The proposed closure of all the routes south of the WSA as shown in Alt B,C and D looks a lot like a Wilderness buffer zone. Wilderness buffer zones are specifically banned by the Wilderness Act of 1964 and confirmed by case law. These routes provide hunting access and backcountry experiences The closure s of J- 273,283,276,278,290,279 in the north east corner of zone J makes access to the few remaining open routes impossible.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0085

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone J should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized!OHV use. Routes J: 273; 276; 283; 275; 268; 279; 264; 293; 284; 290; 292; 11; 289; 290; 291; 174; 294; 174; 203; 202; 295; 296; 165; 40; 51; 348; 19; 41; 347; 305; 306; 307; 308; 304; 55; 312; 311; 55; 310; 155; 60; 36; 104; 338; 206; 52; 50; 56; 79; 78; 58; 314; 316; 313; 315; 160; 319; 320; 98; 140; 243; 138; 131; 240; 100; 234; 116; 72; 88; 352; 95; 263; 135; 63; 146; 160; 318; 185; 179; 182; 137; 172; 345; 6; 343; 113; 24; 25; 212; 176; 213; 191; 193; 192; 3. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone J routes listed above.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommened: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

The proposed closure of all the routes south of the WSA as shown in Alt B,C and D looks a lot like a Wilderness buffer zone. Wilderness buffer zones are specifically banned by the Wilderness Act of 1964 and confirmed by case law. These routes provide hunting access and backcountry experiences The closure s of J- 273,283,276,278,290,279 in the north east corner of zone J makes access to the few remaining open routes impossible

— Route: J322

— Segment: 3030

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: J322

No public comments for this Route

– Route: J338

– Segment: 2412

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or

other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 21973

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV

- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: J338

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0085

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone J should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized!OHV use. Routes J: 273; 276; 283; 275; 268; 279; 264; 293; 284; 290; 292; 11; 289; 290; 291; 174; 294; 174; 203; 202; 295; 296; 165; 40; 51; 348; 19; 41; 347; 305; 306; 307; 308; 304; 55; 312; 311; 55; 310; 155; 60; 36; 104; 338; 206; 52; 50; 56; 79; 78; 58; 314; 316; 313; 315; 160; 319; 320; 98; 140; 243; 138; 131; 240; 100; 234; 116; 72; 88; 352; 95; 263; 135; 63; 1 46; 160; 318; 185; 179; 182; 137; 172; 345; 6; 343; 113; 24; 25; 212; 176; 213; 191; 193; 192; 3. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone J routes listed above.

– Route: J49

– Segment: 2322

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)

- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: J49

No public comments for this Route

– Route: J50

– Segment: 399

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 6782

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: J50

Commenter Name: Winans, Scott

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0868

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

J140 generally departs the Highline Lake area, making it a useful connector in an area where no other existing routes exist. Additional connectors such as J50, J161, J18, J185, J3, J179 serve similar purposes. [refers to Zone J]

Commenter Name: Cox, Kris

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

Submission Code: emc0788

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Zone J J140 generally departs the Highline Lake area, making it a useful connector in an area where no other existing routes exist. Additional connectors such as J50, J161, J18, J185, J3, J179 serve similar purposes.

Commenter Name: Bertolacci, Jason

Organization: International Mountain Bicycling Association

Submission Code: emc0912

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Zone J is largely undeveloped for recreation and is a candidate for more trail resources. A project we would like to see is a long distance route to connect the Grand Valley to the Rangely area over the existing Baxter Pass route utilizing doubletrack and singletrack connections. Nearby municipalities benefit by connection destination trails such as these long distance routes. It would be helpful for the GJFO to plan connecting routes westward towards Baxter Pass Rd. A few good existing connections are J50, J161, J18, J185, J3, J179. Also, J140 generally departs the Highline Lake area, making it a useful connector in an area where no other existing routes exist.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0085

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone J should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized!OHV use. Routes J: 273; 276; 283; 275; 268; 279; 264; 293; 284; 290; 292; 11; 289; 290; 291; 174; 294; 174; 203; 202; 295; 296; 165; 40; 51; 348; 19; 41; 347; 305; 306; 307; 308; 304; 55; 312; 311; 55; 310; 155; 60; 36; 104; 338; 206; 52; 50; 56; 79; 78; 58; 314; 316; 313; 315; 160; 319; 320; 98; 140; 243; 138; 131; 240; 100; 234; 116; 72; 88; 352; 95; 263; 135; 63; 146; 160; 318; 185; 179; 182; 137; 172; 345; 6; 343; 113; 24; 25; 212; 176; 213; 191; 193; 192; 3. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone J routes listed above.

Commenter Name: Monholland, Landon

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0922

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Zone K from a motorcycle perspective: This zone is very important to me for the wealth of motorcycle single track that is in it. Most of it seems to be closed or not properly mapped in most of the alternatives. This is some of the best motorized single track in the valley. Please sign it and legalize it. Zone K from a bicycle perspective: Most of the trails in this area aren't good mountain bike trails, but the terrain potential is there for some really good riding if it was built with the bicyclist in mind. I see this zone as a good possibility for future bicycle trail development. Zone J from a motorcycle perspective: This zone also contains some great motorcycle single track and is a connection to the good stuff in Zone K. In alternative C, J243 is closed. Please don't close it to motorcycle use or any of the other singletrack. Once again, I don't see most of the stuff I ride inventoried and on the maps. Zone J from a bicycle perspective is a good candidate for a long distance route to connect the Grand Valley to Rangely area over the existing Baxter Pass route. This would be similar to the Kokopelli style of trail, utilizing remote double track and

single track connections over long distances. We need to retain the ability to plan connecting routes. Municipalities benefit by connection destination trails such as these long distance routes. Please keep that in mind. Route Comments: J140 generally departs the Highline Lake area, making it a useful connector in an area where no other existing routes exist. Additional connectors such as J50, J161, J18, J185, J3, and J179 serve similar purposes.

– Route: J66

– Segment: 6801

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

– Segment: 408

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: J66

No public comments for this Route

– Route: J79

– Segment: 2531

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty ROW
- Range Study Site
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 2724

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route

- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty ROW

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 2741

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty ROW

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 2790



Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty ROW

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 6819

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing

Lands and Realty ROW

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: J79

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0085

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone J should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized!OHV use. Routes J: 273; 276; 283; 275; 268; 279; 264; 293; 284; 290; 292; 11; 289; 290; 291; 174; 294; 174; 203; 202; 295; 296; 165; 40; 51; 348; 19; 41; 347; 305; 306; 307; 308; 304; 55; 312; 311; 55; 310; 155; 60; 36; 104; 338; 206; 52; 50; 56; 79; 78; 58; 314; 316; 313; 315; 160; 319; 320; 98; 140; 243; 138; 131; 240; 100; 234; 116; 72; 88; 352; 95; 263; 135; 63; 1 46; 160; 318; 185; 179; 182; 137; 172; 345; 6; 343; 113; 24; 25; 212; 176; 213; 191; 193; 192; 3. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone J routes listed above.

– Route: J82**– Segment: 2867****Designation** 

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range

- Range Study Site
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 2882

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental

concern.

- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: J82

No public comments for this Route

– Route: J83

– Segment: 2908

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates

in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 2910

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: J83

No public comments for this Route

– Route: J94

– Segment: 3001

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: J94

No public comments for this Route

– Route: J95

— Segment: 3387

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Route will be designated closed east of the study site

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 3411

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Route will be designated closed east of the study site

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: J95

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0085

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone J should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes J: 273; 276; 283; 275; 268; 279; 264; 293; 284; 290; 292; 11; 289; 290; 291; 174; 294; 174; 203; 202; 295; 296; 165; 40; 51; 348; 19; 41; 347; 305; 306; 307; 308; 304; 55; 312; 311; 55; 310; 155; 60; 36; 104; 338; 206; 52; 50; 56; 79; 78; 58; 314; 316; 313; 315; 160; 319; 320; 98; 140; 243; 138; 131; 240; 100; 234; 116; 72; 88; 352; 95; 263; 135; 63; 146; 160; 318; 185; 179; 182; 137; 172; 345; 6; 343; 113; 24; 25; 212; 176; 213; 191; 193; 192; 3. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone J routes listed above.

– Route: K110

– Segment: 2894

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 2872

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Once Well is Abandoned

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class IV

- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to maintain administrative access to active oil and gas wells, but limit public access to provide for public safety at active well sites.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: K110

Commenter Name: McClellan, Roz

Organization: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative

Submission Code: emc0846

Recommended: Closed

Travel Management Zone K Map, Alt C We support the route closures on the Alt C Zone K route map as they will protect Alt C, combined Prairie Canyon ACEC and Wildlife Emphasis Area (WEA) (totaling 22,000 acres). The closures will help maintain the wildlife diversity found in the area including prong horn antelope, long billed curlew, long eared owl, white-tailed prairie dog, kit fox, and burrowing owl habitat. Please implement Alt B K route closures on.: K213-K212-K210-K209-K211- K204- -K205-K203-K202 K252-K62-K251-K253-K255-K254-K252- K231-K235-K238-K239- K241 248 273 277 K102 KK115-K110-K48- K111-K30- K151-K152-K149-K147- VIR 50 195-K196-K194-K198-K197-K199 K41--K -K51-K 150 KK78-K93

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

All of the action alternatives close all existing public access throughout the zone. This is not an adequate range of alternatives. The routes shown in Alt A act as connector routes between trails in the adjoining Moab Field Office. They also connect Loma to the trails in Rabbit Valley. Loss of these routes will encourage the public to use paved roads to access adjoining legal OHV routes.

Commenter Name: No Record

Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

[Trails Preservation Alliance - www.coloradotpa.org][Subject: Combined input to the BLM RMP, from the TPA and COHVCO.] Map K: The single track trails west of 4.0 Rd. near Prarie Canyon Rd. are excellent recreation trails. Designation of this trail system is important to local residents. Please try to work with the Moab FO to assure that the other half of the trail system, in Utah remains available for public use. The routes are: K213-K212-K210-K209-K211-K41-K115-K110-K48-K204-K111-K30-K102-K205-K203-K202-K195-K196-K194-K198-K197-K199-K51-K151-K152-K149-K147-K252-K62-K251-K253-K255-K254-K252-K231-K235-K238-K239-K78-K93--K244-K245.

— Route: K111

Segment: 2871**Designation ?****Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only****Seasonal Limitations: None****Designation Following Mitigation: Closed****Seasonal Limitations: None****Mitigation**

- Once Well is Abandoned

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed**Alternative A (Current):** Undesignated**Alternative B (Preferred):** Closed**Alternative C (Conservation):** Closed**Alternative D (Development):** Closed**Public Comments On Route: K111**

Commenter Name: McClellan, Roz

Submission Code: emc0846

Organization: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative

Recommended: Closed

Travel Management Zone K Map, Alt C We support the route closures on the Alt C Zone K route map as they will

protect Alt C, combined Prairie Canyon ACEC and Wildlife Emphasis Area (WEA) (totaling 22,000 acres). The closures will help maintain the wildlife diversity found in the area including prong horn antelope, long billed curlew, long eared owl, white-tailed prairie dog, kit fox, and burrowing owl habitat. Please implement Alt B K route closures on.: K213-K212-K210-K209-K211- K204- -K205-K203-K202 K252-K62-K251-K253-K255-K254-K252- K231-K235-K238-K239- K241 248 273 277 K102 KK115-K110-K48- K111-K30- K151-K152-K149-K147- VIR 50 195-K196-K194-K198-K197-K199 K41--K -K51-K 150 KK78-K93

Commenter Name: No Record

Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

[Trails Preservation Alliance - www.coloradotpa.org][Subject: Combined input to the BLM RMP, from the TPA and COHVCO.] Map K: The single track trails west of 4.0 Rd. near Prarie Canyon Rd. are excellent recreation trails. Designation of this trail system is important to local residents. Please try to work with the Moab FO to assure that the other half of the trail system, in Utah remains available for public use. The routes are: K213-K212-K210-K209-K211-K41-K115-K110-K48-K204-K111-K30-K102-K205-K203-K202-K195-K196-K194-K198-K197-K199-K51-K151-K152-K149-K147-K252-K62-K251-K253-K255-K254-K252-K231-K235-K238-K239-K78-K93--K244-K245.

– Route: K112

– Segment: 2797

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to maintain administrative access to active oil and gas wells, but limit public access to provide for public safety at active well sites.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: K112

Commenter Name: Hundtroft,
Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Reccomended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

All of the action alternatives close all existing public access throughout the zone. This is not an adequate range of alternatives. The routes shown in Alt A act as connector routes between trails in the adjoining Moab Field Office. They also connect Loma to the trails in Rabbit Valley. Loss of these routes will encourage the public to use paved roads to access adjoining legal OHV routes.

– Route: K120

– Segment: 3711

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: K120

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0084

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone K should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes K: 145; 122; 9; 123; 5; 8; 13; 56; 14; 63; 16; 3; 261; 179; 177; 25; 35; 213; 265; 271; 41; 48; 40; 84; 22; 20; 34; 38; 184; 120; 226; 227; 221; 280; 222; 234; 235; 78; 225; 281; 70; CVI; 64; 278; 149; 152; 155; 156; 159; 254; 62; 169; 173; 254; 251; 80; 245; 250; 247; 93; 246. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone K routes listed above.

– Route: K149

– Segment: 4345

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Golden Eagle Nest (0.5 miles)
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: K149

Commenter Name: McClellan, Roz

Organization: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative

Submission Code: emc0846

Recommended: Closed

Travel Management Zone K Map, Alt C We support the route closures on the Alt C Zone K route map as they will protect Alt C, combined Prairie Canyon ACEC and Wildlife Emphasis Area (WEA) (totaling 22,000 acres). The closures will help maintain the wildlife diversity found in the area including prong horn antelope, long billed curlew, long eared owl, white-tailed prairie dog, kit fox, and burrowing owl habitat. Please implement Alt B K route closures on.: K213-K212-K210-K209-K211- K204- -K205-K203-K202 K252-K62-K251-K253-K255-K254-K252- K231-K235-K238-K239- K241 248 273 277 K102 KK115-K110-K48- K111-K30- K151-K152-K149-K147- VIR 50 195-K196-K194-K198-K197-K199 K41--K -K51-K 150 KK78-K93

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

All of the action alternatives close all existing public access throughout the zone. This is not an adequate range of alternatives. The routes shown in Alt A act as connector routes between trails in the adjoining Moab Field Office. They also connect Loma to the trails in Rabbit Valley. Loss of these routes will encourage the public to use paved roads to access adjoining legal OHV routes.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0084

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone K should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes K: 145; 122; 9; 123; 5; 8; 13; 56; 14; 63; 16; 3; 261; 179; 177; 25; 35; 213; 265; 271; 41; 48; 40; 84; 22; 20; 34; 38; 184; 120; 226; 227; 221; 280; 222; 234; 235; 78; 225; 281; 70; CVI; 64; 278; 149; 152; 155; 156; 159; 254; 62; 169; 173; 254; 251; 80; 245; 250; 247; 93; 246. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone K routes listed above.

Commenter Name: No Record

Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

[Trails Preservation Alliance - www.coloradotpa.org][Subject: Combined input to the BLM RMP, from the TPA and COHVCO.] Map K: The single track trails west of 4.0 Rd. near Prarie Canyon Rd. are excellent recreation trails. Designation of this trail system is important to local residents. Please try to work with the Moab FO to assure that the other half of the trail system, in Utah remains available for public use. The routes are: K213-K212-K210-K209-K211-K41-K115-K110-K48-K204-K111-K30-K102-K205-K203-K202-K195-K196-K194-K198-K197-K199-K51-K151-K152-K149-K147-K252-K62-K251-K253-K255-K254-K252-K231-K235-K238-K239-K78-K93--K244-K245.

— Route: K150

— Segment: 3385

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Seasonal Limitations: None**Mitigation**

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing
- Maintain to trail design standards

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meet Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 3530**Designation** 

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing
- Maintain to trail design standards

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 6962

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing

- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: K150

Commenter Name: McClellan, Roz

Organization: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative

Submission Code: emc0846

Recommended: Closed

Travel Management Zone K Map, Alt C We support the route closures on the Alt C Zone K route map as they will protect Alt C, combined Prairie Canyon ACEC and Wildlife Emphasis Area (WEA) (totaling 22,000 acres). The closures will help maintain the wildlife diversity found in the area including prong horn antelope, long billed curlew, long eared owl, white-tailed prairie dog, kit fox, and burrowing owl habitat. Please implement Alt B K route closures on.: K213-K212-K210-K209-K211- K204- -K205-K203-K202 K252-K62-K251-K253-K255-K254-K252- K231-K235-K238-K239- K241 248 273 277 K102 KK115-K110-K48- K111-K30- K151-K152-K149-K147- VIR 50 195- K196-K194-K198-K197-K199 K41--K -K51-K 150 KK78-K93

Commenter Name: McClellan, Roz

Organization: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative

Submission Code: emc0846

Recommended: Closed

Travel Management Zone K Map, Alt C We support the route closures on the Alt C Zone K route map as they will protect Alt C, combined Prairie Canyon ACEC and Wildlife Emphasis Area (WEA) (totaling 22,000 acres). The closures will help maintain the wildlife diversity found in the area including prong horn antelope, long billed curlew, long eared owl, white-tailed prairie dog, kit fox, and burrowing owl habitat. Please implement Alt B K route closures on.: K213-K212-K210-K209-K211- K204- -K205-K203-K202 K252-K62-K251-K253-K255-K254-K252- K231-K235-K238-K239- K241 248 273 277 K102 KK115-K110-K48- K111-K30- K151-K152-K149-K147- VIR 50 195- K196-K194-K198-K197-K199 K41--K -K51-K 150 KK78-K93

Commenter Name: Lillo, Frank

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0740

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

J263, 262, 261,244,243,320,319,315,I97,k278,k150,199,184,196,195,57,202,277,274,206,205, form what's know as the Thompson trail witch goes from Loma to Thompson Springs Utah. The Trail is known as the Baxter trail is a valuable spur going into prairie canyon.

— Route: K151

— Segment: 3271

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing
- Maintain to trail design standards

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 6483

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing
- Maintain to trail design standards

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 6867

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing
- Maintain to trail design standards

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route

- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 210

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: K151

Commenter Name: McClellan, Roz

Submission Code: emc0846

Organization: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative

Recommended: Closed

Travel Management Zone K Map, Alt C We support the route closures on the Alt C Zone K route map as they will protect Alt C, combined Prairie Canyon ACEC and Wildlife Emphasis Area (WEA) (totaling 22,000 acres). The closures will help maintain the wildlife diversity found in the area including prong horn antelope, long billed curlew, long eared owl, white-tailed prairie dog, kit fox, and burrowing owl habitat. Please implement Alt B K route closures on.: K213-K212-K210-K209-K211- K204- -K205-K203-K202 K252-K62-K251-K253-K255-K254-K252- K231-K235-K238-K239- K241 248 273 277 K102 KK115-K110-K48- K111-K30- K151-K152-K149-K147- VIR 50 195- K196-K194-K198-K197-K199 K41--K -K51-K 150 KK78-K93

Commenter Name: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Organization: No Record

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

[Trails Preservation Alliance - www.coloradotpa.org][Subject: Combined input to the BLM RMP, from the TPA and COHVCO.] Map K: The single track trails west of 4.0 Rd. near Prarie Canyon Rd. are excellent recreation trails. Designation of this trail system is important to local residents. Please try to work with the Moab FO to assure that the other half of the trail system, in Utah remains available for public use. The routes are: K213-K212-K210-K209-K211-K41-K115-K110-K48-K204-K111-K30-K102-K205-K203-K202-K195-K196-K194-K198-K197-K199-K51-K151-K152-K149-K147-K252-K62-K251-K253-K255-K254-K252-K231-K235-K238-K239-K78-K93--K244-K245.

– Route: K161

– Segment: 4173

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: K161

No public comments for this Route

– Route: K162

– Segment: 4654

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and

setting characteristics of cultural sites).

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: K162

No public comments for this Route

– Route: K167

– Segment: 4203

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: K167

No public comments for this Route

– Route: K169

– Segment: 4046

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)

- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 7103

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct

impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.

- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: K169

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0084

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone K should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes K: 145; 122; 9; 123; 5; 8; 13; 56; 14; 63; 16; 3; 261; 179; 177; 25; 35; 213; 265; 271; 41; 48; 40; 84; 22; 20; 34; 38; 184; 120; 226; 227; 221; 280; 222; 234; 235; 78; 225; 281; 70; CVI; 64; 278; 149; 152; 155; 156; 159; 254; 62; 169; 173; 254; 251; 80; 245; 250; 247; 93; 246. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone K routes listed above.

– Route: K174

– Segment: 4569

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Vegetation Relic Vegetation

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or

Tribes.

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4576

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: K174

No public comments for this Route

– Route: K184

– Segment: 2828

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Once Well is Abandoned

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain administrative access to active oil and gas wells, but limit public access to provide for public safety at active well sites.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

– Segment: 3010

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Once Well is Abandoned

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to maintain administrative access to active oil and gas wells, but limit public access to provide for public safety at active well sites.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)**Public Comments On Route: K184**

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0084

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone K should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes K: 145; 122; 9; 123; 5; 8; 13; 56; 14; 63; 16; 3; 261; 179; 177; 25; 35; 213; 265; 271; 41; 48; 40; 84; 22; 20; 34; 38; 184; 120; 226; 227; 221; 280; 222; 234; 235; 78; 225; 281; 70; CVI; 64; 278; 149; 152; 155; 156; 159; 254; 62; 169; 173; 254; 251; 80; 245; 250; 247; 93; 246. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone K routes listed above.

Commenter Name: Lillo, Frank

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0740

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

J263, 262, 261,244,243,320,319,315,I97,k278,k150,199,184,196,195,57,202,277,274,206,205, form what's know as the Thompson trail witch goes from Loma to Thompson Springs Utah. The Trail is known as the Baxter trail is a valuable spur going into prairie canyon.

– Route: K195**– Segment: 428****Designation** **Proposed Designation: Closed****Seasonal Limitations: None****Mitigation**

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: K195

Commenter Name: Aaeng, Joe

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0041

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

The existing trails (K41, K48, K194, K195, K196, K197, K199, K202, K203, K205, K207, K271, K273 and possibly others) sometimes cross roads on which there is light energy-related and occasional sight-seeing traffic in SUV's and trucks. At those points, the trails could be signed to advise the motorcycle trail traffic to be cautious (stop, yield, etc.) which would enhance safety. Riders could be advised of those road-crossing safety and any other concerns at trail head kiosks. This area could also be at least partially maintained by user-groups.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

All of the action alternatives close all existing public access throughout the zone. This is not an adequate range of alternatives. The routes shown in Alt A act as connector routes between trails in the adjoining Moab Field Office. They also connect Loma to the trails in Rabbit Valley. Loss of these routes will encourage the public to use paved roads to access adjoining legal OHV routes.

Commenter Name: McClellan, Roz

Organization: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative

Submission Code: emc0846

Recommended: Closed

Travel Management Zone K Map, Alt C We support the route closures on the Alt C Zone K route map as they will protect Alt C, combined Prairie Canyon ACEC and Wildlife Emphasis Area (WEA) (totaling 22,000 acres). The closures will help maintain the wildlife diversity found in the area including prong horn antelope, long billed curlew, long eared owl, white-tailed prairie dog, kit fox, and burrowing owl habitat. Please implement Alt B K route closures on.: K213-K212-K210-K209-K211- K204- -K205-K203-K202 K252-K62-K251-K253-K255-K254-K252- K231-K235-K238-K239- K241 248 273 277 K102 KK115-K110-K48- K111-K30- K151-K152-K149-K147- VIR 50 195-K196-K194-K198-K197-K199 K41--K -K51-K 150 KK78-K93

Commenter Name: Lillo, Frank

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0740

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

J263, 262, 261,244,243,320,319,315,I97,k278,k150,199,184,196,195,57,202,277,274,206,205, form what's know as the Thompson trail witch goes from Loma to Thompson Springs Utah. The Trail is known as the Baxter trail is a valuable spur going into prairie canyon.

Commenter Name: No Record

Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

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– Route: K198

– Segment: 3159

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: K198

Commenter Name: Hundtroft,
Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommened: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

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Commenter Name: McClellan, Roz**Submission Code: emc0846****Organization: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative****Recommened: Closed**

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Commenter Name: No Record**Submission Code: No Record****Organization: No Record****Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)**

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– Route: K20

– Segment: 2262

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed**Seasonal Limitations: None**

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or

Tribes.

- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 2265

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: K20

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0084

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone K should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes K: 145; 122; 9; 123; 5; 8; 13; 56; 14; 63; 16; 3; 261; 179; 177; 25; 35; 213; 265; 271; 41; 48; 40; 84; 22; 20; 34; 38; 184; 120; 226; 227; 221; 280; 222; 234; 235; 78; 225; 281; 70; CVI; 64; 278; 149; 152; 155; 156; 159; 254; 62; 169; 173; 254; 251; 80; 245; 250; 247; 93; 246. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone K routes listed above.

– Route: K202

– Segment: 3103

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV

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Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 3188

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle**— Segment: 3265****Designation** **Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle****Seasonal Limitations: None****Mitigation**

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

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Resources and / or Uses Present

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed**Alternative A (Current): Undesignated****Alternative B (Preferred): Closed****Alternative C (Conservation): Closed****Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle****— Segment: 3266****Designation** **Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle****Seasonal Limitations: None****Mitigation**

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

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Resources and / or Uses Present

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 3104

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: K202

Commenter Name: Aaeng, Joe

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0041

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

The existing trails (K41, K48, K194, K195, K196, K197, K199, K202, K203, K205, K207, K271, K273 and possibly others) sometimes cross roads on which there is light energy-related and occasional sight-seeing traffic in SUV's and trucks. At those points, the trails could be signed to advise the motorcycle trail traffic to be cautious (stop, yield, etc.) which would enhance safety. Riders could be advised of those road-crossing safety and any other concerns at trail head kiosks. This area could also be at least partially maintained by user-groups.

Commenter Name: Cooper, Anthony

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0897

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Zone K (Baxter Pass Area) - I started riding this area on my mountain bike and motorcycle about four years ago. I dont see any reason to make any changes to this area. The trails that I tend to ride on are K277, K196, and K202. These are fun trails to ride and this area is far away from any nearby town and theres existing gas field roads weaving around so I dont see any reason to close any of the accesses down in this Zone. For Zone K, I prefer and recommend that the BLM keep the current system the same and adopt Alternative A for the RMP.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

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Commenter Name: McClellan, Roz

Organization: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative

Submission Code: emc0846

Recommended: Closed

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Commenter Name: Lillo, Frank

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0740

Recommended: Open (All modes of

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Commenter Name: No Record

Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

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– Route: K204

– Segment: 2905

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Once Well is Abandoned

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
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- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 2972

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Once Well is Abandoned

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Resources and / or Uses Present

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 2976

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Once Well is Abandoned

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Resources and / or Uses Present

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Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 581

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 2907

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route

- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: K204

Commenter Name: McClellan, Roz

Submission Code: emc0846

Organization: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative

Recommended: Closed

Travel Management Zone K Map, Alt C We support the route closures on the Alt C Zone K route map as they will protect Alt C, combined Prairie Canyon ACEC and Wildlife Emphasis Area (WEA) (totaling 22,000 acres). The closures will help maintain the wildlife diversity found in the area including prong horn antelope, long billed curlew, long eared owl, white-tailed prairie dog, kit fox, and burrowing owl habitat. Please implement Alt B K route closures on.: K213-K212-K210-K209-K211- K204- -K205-K203-K202 K252-K62-K251-K253-K255-K254-K252- K231-K235-K238-K239- K241 248 273 277 K102 KK115-K110-K48- K111-K30- K151-K152-K149-K147- VIR 50 195-K196-K194-K198-K197-K199 K41--K -K51-K 150 KK78-K93

Commenter Name: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Organization: No Record

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

[Trails Preservation Alliance - www.coloradotpa.org][Subject: Combined input to the BLM RMP, from the TPA and COHVCO.] Map K: The single track trails west of 4.0 Rd. near Prarie Canyon Rd. are excellent recreation trails. Designation of this trail system is important to local residents. Please try to work with the Moab FO to assure that the other half of the trail system, in Utah remains available for public use. The routes are: K213-K212-K210-K209-K211-K41-K115-K110-K48-K204-K111-K30-K102-K205-K203-K202-K195-K196-K194-K198-K197-K199-K51-K151-K152-K149-K147-K252-K62-K251-K253-K255-K254-K252-K231-K235-K238-K239-K78-K93--K244-K245.

– Route: K205

– Segment: 3002

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meet Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: K205

Commenter Name: Aeng, Joe

Submission Code: cfc0041

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

The existing trails (K41, K48, K194, K195, K196, K197, K199, K202, K203, K205, K207, K271, K273 and possibly others) sometimes cross roads on which there is light energy-related and occasional sight-seeing traffic in SUV's and trucks. At those points, the trails could be signed to advise the motorcycle trail traffic to be cautious (stop, yield, etc.) which would enhance safety. Riders could be advised of those road-crossing safety and any other concerns at trail head kiosks. This area could also be at least partially maintained by user-groups.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft,
Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Submission Code: emc0693

All of the action alternatives close all existing public access throughout the zone. This is not an adequate range of alternatives. The routes shown in Alt A act as connector routes between trails in the adjoining Moab Field Office. They also connect Loma to the trails in Rabbit Valley. Loss of these routes will encourage the public to use paved roads to access adjoining legal OHV routes.

Commenter Name: McClellan, Roz**Organization: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative****Submission Code: emc0846****Recommended: Closed**

Travel Management Zone K Map, Alt C We support the route closures on the Alt C Zone K route map as they will protect Alt C, combined Prairie Canyon ACEC and Wildlife Emphasis Area (WEA) (totaling 22,000 acres). The closures will help maintain the wildlife diversity found in the area including prong horn antelope, long billed curlew, long eared owl, white-tailed prairie dog, kit fox, and burrowing owl habitat. Please implement Alt B K route closures on.: K213-K212-K210-K209-K211- K204- -K205-K203-K202 K252-K62-K251-K253-K255-K254-K252- K231-K235-K238-K239- K241 248 273 277 K102 KK115-K110-K48- K111-K30- K151-K152-K149-K147- VIR 50 195- K196-K194-K198-K197-K199 K41--K -K51-K 150 KK78-K93

Commenter Name: Lillo, Frank**Organization:****Submission Code: emc0740****Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)**

J263, 262, 261,244,243,320,319,315,I97,k278,k150,199,184,196,195,57,202,277,274,206,205, form what's know as the Thompson trail witch goes from Loma to Thompson Springs Utah. The Trail is known as the Baxter trail is a valuable spur going into prairie canyon.

Commenter Name: No Record**Organization: No Record****Submission Code: No Record****Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)**

[Trails Preservation Alliance - www.coloradotpa.org][Subject: Combined input to the BLM RMP, from the TPA and COHVCO.] Map K: The single track trails west of 4.0 Rd. near Prarie Canyon Rd. are excellent recreation trails. Designation of this trail system is important to local residents. Please try to work with the Moab FO to assure that the other half of the trail system, in Utah remains available for public use. The routes are: K213-K212-K210-K209-K211-K41-K115-K110-K48-K204-K111-K30-K102-K205-K203-K202-K195-K196-K194-K198-K197-K199-K51-K151-K152-K149-K147-K252-K62-K251-K253-K255-K254-K252-K231-K235-K238-K239-K78-K93--K244-K245.

— Route: K206**— Segment: 3025****Designation ?****Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only****Seasonal Limitations: None****Mitigation**

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling

Energy Access COGCC well

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to maintain administrative access to active oil and gas wells, but limit public access to provide for public safety at active well sites.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: K206

Commenter Name: Hundtroft,
Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommened: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

All of the action alternatives close all existing public access throughout the zone. This is not an adequate range of alternatives. The routes shown in Alt A act as connector routes between trails in the adjoining Moab Field Office. They also connect Loma to the trails in Rabbit Valley. Loss of these routes will encourage the public to use paved roads to access adjoining legal OHV routes.

Commenter Name: Lillo, Frank

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0740

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

J263, 262, 261,244,243,320,319,315,I97,k278,k150,199,184,196,195,57,202,277,274,206,205, form what's know as the Thompson trail witch goes from Loma to Thompson Springs Utah. The Trail is known as the Baxter trail is a valuable spur going into prairie canyon.

– Route: K22

– Segment: 2238

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 2239

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 2363

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 2469

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: K22

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0084**Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)**

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone K should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes K: 145; 122; 9; 123; 5; 8; 13; 56; 14; 63; 16; 3; 261; 179; 177; 25; 35; 213; 265; 271; 41; 48; 40; 84; 22; 20; 34; 38; 184; 120; 226; 227; 221; 280; 222; 234; 235; 78; 225; 281; 70; CVI; 64; 278; 149; 152; 155; 156; 159; 254; 62; 169; 173; 254; 251; 80; 245; 250; 247; 93; 246. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone K routes listed above.

– Route: K226**– Segment: 3710****Designation** **Proposed Designation: Closed****Seasonal Limitations: None****Mitigation**

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed**Alternative A (Current):** Undesignated**Alternative B (Preferred):** Admin/Permitted Use Only**Alternative C (Conservation):** Admin/Permitted Use Only**Alternative D (Development):** Admin/Permitted Use Only**Public Comments On Route: K226**

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0084

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone K should remain open to the

general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes K: 145; 122; 9; 123; 5; 8; 13; 56; 14; 63; 16; 3; 261; 179; 177; 25; 35; 213; 265; 271; 41; 48; 40; 84; 22; 20; 34; 38; 184; 120; 226; 227; 221; 280; 222; 234; 235; 78; 225; 281; 70; CVI; 64; 278; 149; 152; 155; 156; 159; 254; 62; 169; 173; 254; 251; 80; 245; 250; 247; 93; 246. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone K routes listed above.

Commenter Name: No Record

Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Reccomended: Closed

This should be closed, it serves no purpose.

– Route: K234

– Segment: 4436

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 4563

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed**Public Comments On Route: K234**

Commenter Name: Hundtroft,
Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommened: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

All of the action alternatives close all existing public access throughout the zone. This is not an adequate range of alternatives. The routes shown in Alt A act as connector routes between trails in the adjoining Moab Field Office. They also connect Loma to the trails in Rabbit Valley. Loss of these routes will encourage the public to use paved roads to access adjoining legal OHV routes.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft,
Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommened: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

All of the action alternatives close all existing public access throughout the zone. This is not an adequate range of alternatives. The routes shown in Alt A act as connector routes between trails in the adjoining Moab Field Office. They also connect Loma to the trails in Rabbit Valley. Loss of these routes will encourage the public to use paved roads to access adjoining legal OHV routes.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0084

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone K should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes K: 145; 122; 9; 123; 5; 8; 13; 56; 14; 63; 16; 3; 261; 179; 177; 25; 35; 213; 265; 271; 41; 48; 40; 84; 22; 20; 34; 38; 184; 120; 226; 227; 221; 280; 222; 234; 235; 78; 225; 281; 70; CVI; 64; 278; 149; 152; 155; 156; 159; 254; 62; 169; 173; 254; 251; 80; 245; 250; 247; 93; 246. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone K routes listed above.

— Route: K251**— Segment: 2622****Designation ?**

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Needs More Data

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: K251

Commenter Name: McClellan, Roz

Submission Code: emc0846

Organization: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative

Recommended: Closed

Travel Management Zone K Map, Alt C We support the route closures on the Alt C Zone K route map as they will protect Alt C, combined Prairie Canyon ACEC and Wildlife Emphasis Area (WEA) (totaling 22,000 acres). The closures will help maintain the wildlife diversity found in the area including prong horn antelope, long billed curlew, long eared owl, white-tailed prairie dog, kit fox, and burrowing owl habitat. Please implement Alt B K route closures on.: K213-K212-K210-K209-K211- K204- -K205-K203-K202 K252-K62-K251-K253-K255-K254-K252- K231-K235-K238-K239- K241 248 273 277 K102 KK115-K110-K48- K111-K30- K151-K152-K149-K147- VIR 50 195-K196-K194-K198-K197-K199 K41--K -K51-K 150 KK78-K93

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0084

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone K should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes K: 145; 122; 9; 123; 5; 8; 13; 56; 14; 63; 16;

3; 261; 179; 177; 25; 35; 213; 265; 271; 41; 48; 40; 84; 22; 20; 34; 38; 184; 120; 226; 227; 221; 280; 222; 234; 235; 78; 225; 281; 70; CVI; 64; 278; 149; 152; 155; 156; 159; 254; 62; 169; 173; 254; 251; 80; 245; 250; 247; 93; 246. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone K routes listed above.

Commenter Name: No Record

Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

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— Route: K252

— Segment: 4358

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Needs More Data

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: K252

Commenter Name: McClellan, Roz

Submission Code: emc0846

Organization: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative

Recommended: Closed

Travel Management Zone K Map, Alt C We support the route closures on the Alt C Zone K route map as they will protect Alt C, combined Prairie Canyon ACEC and Wildlife Emphasis Area (WEA) (totaling 22,000 acres). The closures will help maintain the wildlife diversity found in the area including prong horn antelope, long billed curlew, long eared owl, white-tailed prairie dog, kit fox, and burrowing owl habitat. Please implement Alt B K route closures on.: K213-K212-K210-K209-K211- K204- -K205-K203-K202 K252-K62-K251-K253-K255-K254-K252- K231-K235-K238-K239- K241 248 273 277 K102 KK115-K110-K48- K111-K30- K151-K152-K149-K147- VIR 50 195- K196-K194-K198-K197-K199 K41--K -K51-K 150 KK78-K93

Commenter Name: McClellan, Roz

Submission Code: emc0846

Organization: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative

Recommended: Closed

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Commenter Name: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Organization: No Record

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

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— Route: K253

— Segment: 4634

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Needs More Data

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: K253

Commenter Name: McClellan, Roz
Submission Code: emc0846

Organization: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative
Recommended: Closed

Travel Management Zone K Map, Alt C We support the route closures on the Alt C Zone K route map as they will protect Alt C, combined Prairie Canyon ACEC and Wildlife Emphasis Area (WEA) (totaling 22,000 acres). The closures will help maintain the wildlife diversity found in the area including prong horn antelope, long billed curlew, long eared owl, white-tailed prairie dog, kit fox, and burrowing owl habitat. Please implement Alt B K route closures on.: K213-K212-K210-K209-K211- K204- -K205-K203-K202 K252-K62-K251-K253-K255-K254-K252- K231-K235-K238-K239- K241 248 273 277 K102 KK115-K110-K48- K111-K30- K151-K152-K149-K147- VIR 50 195-K196-K194-K198-K197-K199 K41--K -K51-K 150 KK78-K93

Commenter Name: No Record
Submission Code: No Record

Organization: No Record
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

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– Route: K254

– Segment: 4363

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Needs More Data

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
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- Water Stream Crossing
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Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 7141

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Needs More Data

Rationale

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: K254

Commenter Name: McClellan, Roz

Submission Code: emc0846

Organization: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative

Recommended: Closed

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Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0084

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

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Commenter Name: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Organization: No Record

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– Route: K255

– Segment: 4603

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Needs More Data

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

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Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4610

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Needs More Data

Rationale

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4662

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Needs More Data

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

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- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

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Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 7142

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Needs More Data

Rationale

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- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: K255

Commenter Name: McClellan, Roz

Submission Code: emc0846

Organization: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative

Recommended: Closed

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Commenter Name: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Organization: No Record

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

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– Route: K271

– Segment: 2688

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or

other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meet Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: K271

Commenter Name: Hundtroft,
Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

All of the action alternatives close all existing public access throughout the zone. This is not an adequate range of alternatives. The routes shown in Alt A act as connector routes between trails in the adjoining Moab Field Office. They also connect Loma to the trails in Rabbit Valley. Loss of these routes will encourage the public to use paved roads to access adjoining legal OHV routes.

Commenter Name: Velarde, Ron

Organization: Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Submission Code: rmc0074

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Zone K Road 271. K 271, 41, 273 & 48 are important routes used by small game hunters and trappers. Each of them should remain open to all motor vehicles. Road K48. K48 is an important road used by small game hunters and trappers; it should remain open to all motor vehicles

Commenter Name: Aaeng, Joe

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0041

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

The existing trails (K41, K48, K194, K195, K196, K197, K199, K202, K203, K205, K207, K271, K273 and possibly others) sometimes cross roads on which there is light energy-related and occasional sight-seeing traffic in SUV's and trucks. At those points, the trails could be signed to advise the motorcycle trail traffic to be cautious (stop, yield, etc.,) which would enhance safety. Riders could be advised of those road-crossing safety and any other concerns at trail head kiosks. This area could also be at least partially maintained by user-groups.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon
Submission Code: cfc0084

Organization:
Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone K should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes K: 145; 122; 9; 123; 5; 8; 13; 56; 14; 63; 16; 3; 261; 179; 177; 25; 35; 213; 265; 271; 41; 48; 40; 84; 22; 20; 34; 38; 184; 120; 226; 227; 221; 280; 222; 234; 235; 78; 225; 281; 70; CVI; 64; 278; 149; 152; 155; 156; 159; 254; 62; 169; 173; 254; 251; 80; 245; 250; 247; 93; 246. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone K routes listed above.

– Route: K290

– Segment: 3353

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: K290

Commenter Name: Hundtroft,
Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Reccomended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

All of the action alternatives close all existing public access throughout the zone. This is not an adequate range of alternatives. The routes shown in Alt A act as connector routes between trails in the adjoining Moab Field Office. They also connect Loma to the trails in Rabbit Valley. Loss of these routes will encourage the public to use paved roads to access adjoining legal OHV routes.

– Route: K34

– Segment: 2489

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: K34

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0084

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone K should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes K: 145; 122; 9; 123; 5; 8; 13; 56; 14; 63; 16; 3; 261; 179; 177; 25; 35; 213; 265; 271; 41; 48; 40; 84; 22; 20; 34; 38; 184; 120; 226; 227; 221; 280; 222; 234; 235; 78; 225; 281; 70; CVI; 64; 278; 149; 152; 155; 156; 159; 254; 62; 169; 173; 254; 251; 80; 245; 250; 247; 93; 246. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWS) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone K routes listed above.

– Route: K40

– Segment: 2856

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: K40

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0084

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone K should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes K: 145; 122; 9; 123; 5; 8; 13; 56; 14; 63; 16; 3; 261; 179; 177; 25; 35; 213; 265; 271; 41; 48; 40; 84; 22; 20; 34; 38; 184; 120; 226; 227; 221; 280; 222; 234; 235; 78; 225; 281; 70; CVI; 64; 278; 149; 152; 155; 156; 159; 254; 62; 169; 173; 254; 251; 80; 245; 250; 247; 93; 246. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone K routes listed above.

– Route: K41

– Segment: 2551

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 2686

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 2897

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 6813

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

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Resources and / or Uses Present

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- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: K41

Commenter Name: Aaeng, Joe

Submission Code: cfc0041

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

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Commenter Name: Velarde, Ron

Submission Code: rmc0074

Organization: Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

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Commenter Name: McClellan, Roz

Submission Code: emc0846

Organization: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative

Recommended: Closed

Travel Management Zone K Map, Alt C We support the route closures on the Alt C Zone K route map as they will protect Alt C, combined Prairie Canyon ACEC and Wildlife Emphasis Area (WEA) (totaling 22,000 acres). The closures will help maintain the wildlife diversity found in the area including prong horn antelope, long billed curlew, long eared owl, white-tailed prairie dog, kit fox, and burrowing owl habitat. Please implement Alt B K route closures on.: K213-K212-K210-K209-K211- K204- -K205-K203-K202 K252-K62-K251-K253-K255-K254-K252- K231-K235-K238-K239- K241 248 273 277 K102 KK115-K110-K48- K111-K30- K151-K152-K149-K147- VIR 50 195-K196-K194-K198-K197-K199 K41--K -K51-K 150 KK78-K93

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0084

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

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Commenter Name: No Record

Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

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– Route: K48

– Segment: 2906

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.

- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 2795

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to maintain administrative access to active oil and gas wells, but limit public access to provide for public safety at active well sites.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 2802

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to maintain administrative access to active oil and gas wells, but limit public access to provide for public safety at active well sites.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 2753

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or

other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: K48

Commenter Name: Aaeng, Joe

Submission Code: cfc0041

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

The existing trails (K41, K48, K194, K195, K196, K197, K199, K202, K203, K205, K207, K271, K273 and possibly others) sometimes cross roads on which there is light energy-related and occasional sight-seeing traffic in SUV's and trucks. At those points, the trails could be signed to advise the motorcycle trail traffic to be cautious (stop, yield, etc.) which would enhance safety. Riders could be advised of those road-crossing safety and any other concerns at trail head kiosks. This area could also be at least partially maintained by user-groups.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Submission Code: emc0693

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

All of the action alternatives close all existing public access throughout the zone. This is not an adequate range of alternatives. The routes shown in Alt A act as connector routes between trails in the adjoining Moab Field Office. They also connect Loma to the trails in Rabbit Valley. Loss of these routes will encourage the public to use paved roads to access adjoining legal OHV routes.

Commenter Name: Velarde, Ron

Submission Code: rmc0074

Organization: Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Zone K Road 271. K 271, 41, 273 & 48 are important routes used by small game hunters and trappers. Each of them should remain open to all motor vehicles. Road K48. K48 is an important road used by small game hunters and trappers; it should remain open to all motor vehicles

Commenter Name: McClellan, Roz

Submission Code: emc0846

Organization: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative

Recommended: Closed

Travel Management Zone K Map, Alt C We support the route closures on the Alt C Zone K route map as they will protect Alt C, combined Prairie Canyon ACEC and Wildlife Emphasis Area (WEA) (totaling 22,000 acres). The closures will help maintain the wildlife diversity found in the area including prong horn antelope, long billed curlew,

long eared owl, white-tailed prairie dog, kit fox, and burrowing owl habitat. Please implement Alt B K route closures on.: K213-K212-K210-K209-K211- K204- -K205-K203-K202 K252-K62-K251-K253-K255-K254-K252- K231-K235-K238-K239- K241 248 273 277 K102 KK115-K110-K48- K111-K30- K151-K152-K149-K147- VIR 50 195-K196-K194-K198-K197-K199 K41--K -K51-K 150 KK78-K93

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0084

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone K should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes K: 145; 122; 9; 123; 5; 8; 13; 56; 14; 63; 16; 3; 261; 179; 177; 25; 35; 213; 265; 271; 41; 48; 40; 84; 22; 20; 34; 38; 184; 120; 226; 227; 221; 280; 222; 234; 235; 78; 225; 281; 70; CVI; 64; 278; 149; 152; 155; 156; 159; 254; 62; 169; 173; 254; 251; 80; 245; 250; 247; 93; 246. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone K routes listed above.

Commenter Name: No Record

Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

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– Route: K49

– Segment: 2967

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Once Well is Abandoned

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing

- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to maintain administrative access to active oil and gas wells, but limit public access to provide for public safety at active well sites.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: K49

No public comments for this Route

– Route: K62

– Segment: 4083

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4109

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4555

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
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- Soils Mancos Shale areas
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- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- Wildlife Bald Eagle Roost Site
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4617

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

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Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: K62

Commenter Name: McClellan, Roz

Submission Code: emc0846

Organization: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative

Recommended: Closed

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Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0084

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

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Commenter Name: No Record

Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

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– Route: K65

– Segment: 3767

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: K65

No public comments for this Route

– Route: K70

– Segment: 4346

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: K70

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon
Submission Code: cfc0084

Organization:
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

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– Route: K80

– Segment: 4999

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 5000

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meet Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: K80

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0084

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

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– Route: K90

– Segment: 3839

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Vegetation Relic Vegetation
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
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- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: K90

No public comments for this Route

– Route: K92

– Segment: 3931

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
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- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 4033

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

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Rationale for Decision

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- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 4071

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 4082

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 4093

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 4094

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 7104

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling

Cultural Resource Concern

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: K92

No public comments for this Route

– Route: K93**– Segment: 5041****Designation** 

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Drainage Crossing

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)

- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 5165

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant

routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: K93

Commenter Name: McClellan, Roz

Submission Code: emc0846

Organization: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative

Recommended: Closed

Travel Management Zone K Map, Alt C We support the route closures on the Alt C Zone K route map as they will protect Alt C, combined Prairie Canyon ACEC and Wildlife Emphasis Area (WEA) (totaling 22,000 acres). The closures will help maintain the wildlife diversity found in the area including prong horn antelope, long billed curlew, long eared owl, white-tailed prairie dog, kit fox, and burrowing owl habitat. Please implement Alt B K route closures on.: K213-K212-K210-K209-K211- K204- -K205-K203-K202 K252-K62-K251-K253-K255-K254-K252- K231-K235-K238-K239- K241 248 273 277 K102 KK115-K110-K48- K111-K30- K151-K152-K149-K147- VIR 50 195- K196-K194-K198-K197-K199 K41--K -K51-K 150 KK78-K93

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0084

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone K should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes K: 145; 122; 9; 123; 5; 8; 13; 56; 14; 63; 16; 3; 261; 179; 177; 25; 35; 213; 265; 271; 41; 48; 40; 84; 22; 20; 34; 38; 184; 120; 226; 227; 221; 280; 222; 234; 235; 78; 225; 281; 70; CVI; 64; 278; 149; 152; 155; 156; 159; 254; 62; 169; 173; 254; 251; 80; 245; 250; 247; 93; 246. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWS) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone K routes listed above.

Commenter Name: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Organization: No Record

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

[Trails Preservation Alliance - www.coloradotpa.org][Subject: Combined input to the BLM RMP, from the TPA and COHVCO.] Map K: The single track trails west of 4.0 Rd. near Prarie Canyon Rd. are excellent recreation trails. Designation of this trail system is important to local residents. Please try to work with the Moab FO to assure that the other half of the trail system, in Utah remains available for public use. The routes are: K213-K212-K210-K209-K211-K41-K115-K110-K48-K204-K111-K30-K102-K205-K203-K202-K195-K196-K194-K198-K197-K199-K51-K151-K152-K149-K147-K252-K62-K251-K253-K255-K254-K252-K231-K235-K238-K239-K78-K93--K244-K245.

– Route: K95

– Segment: 3054

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meet Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: K95

No public comments for this Route

– Route: M101

– Segment: 6030

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Minimize Harassment: Areas and 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.

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Special Designation WSA
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6032

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintainence
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6119

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6122

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6127

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6133

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.
- Designation was considered to reduce the number of duplicative and redundant routes in the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range.
- Designation was considered to emphasize protection of wild horses in the LBCWHR and minimize impacts to their population and habitat.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6014

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Special Designation WSA
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to reduce the number of duplicative and redundant routes in the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range.
- Designation was considered to emphasize protection of wild horses in the LBCWHR and minimize impacts to their population and habitat.
- Designation was considered when protecting Wilderness Study Areas values.
- Designation was considered to reduce impairment of wilderness characteristics in areas managed for wilderness characteristics.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: M101

Commenter Name: Weber, Patricia

Submission Code: emc0459

Organization:

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

M101, 327, 100, 145, 242, 261, 415, 293, 140, 164 (Coal Creek Canyon): currently this is open to vehicles, and makes a delightful 4WD trip to overlook the Grand Junction Valley. Alternative B proposes to limit this access to <50" OHV's. Please do not restrict access to this area. It is a great recreational boon for the Grand Junction area. Plus, there is a limited parking for trailers with OHV's - no more than 4-5 vehicles plus trailers could be accommodated with the small parking area.

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Submission Code: emc0597

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): Coal Canyon and the overlooks, Hoodoo Trail Name: M140, M145, M261, M101, M164, M152 & M170, The rest of route M157 traveling west, M148, M156, M162, M157 connecting with M156 and M177, M13 I would like to see all routes in this area left open to all sizes of vehicles. These are commonly used jeep routes, and also a fantastic trip on my UTV and on an ATV.

Commenter Name: Shepherd, Janice

Submission Code: emc0835

Organization: The Quiet Trails Group

Reccomended: Admin/Permitted Use Only

In Coal Canyon, we would recommend Alterative C travel zone management for this area. Specifically, we would propose that the entire route complex of M101, M100, M145, M242, M293, M261, M140, M 164, M181, and M185 should be administrative use only.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Submission Code: emc0693

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

Coal Canyon and overlooks M140, M145, M261, & M101, M164 Route down the canyon *Marked to be restricted to ATV-width M152 & M170 Route to overlook of Grand Junction *Marked for closure The rest of route M157 traveling west This is a steep rocky hill (looks like fun jeeping!) that appears to connect to M148 *Omitted from maps M148 Route to old mine is a place of interest * Marked to become ATV-width M156, M162, M157 connecting with M156 and M177 Crosses private property and ends on BLM Land at overlook of Grand Junction * Marked administrative on all alternatives

Commenter Name: Smith, Jerry

Submission Code: emc0773

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Area M: M140, M 145, M 261, M101, M164, M152, M170, M157, 1. History: Coal Canyon and its overlooks have been used for many years by the grand Mesa Jeep club. 2. The Grand Mesa Jeep Club had a special event permit from the BLM for their "Rock Junction" its event in 2012. 1. The Grand Mesa Jeep club has an annual club run to the Palisade rim of the Coal Canyon trail in the fall. 2. This trail has been a favorite of many due to the prime vistas of the grand Valley and the town of Palisade. 3. One piece of this trail seems to have been omitted from the maps. Segment M 148 does not is not visible on current maps. 4. Routes M156, M162, M157, and M177, are marked administrative on all our current alternatives. These end near an overlook of Grand Junction 5. We ask that the BLM consider changing all of Coal Canyon to "open to all motorized vehicles" on the 2013 Travel Management Plan.

– Route: M140

– Segment: 6431

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6435

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6400

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6390

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to reduce the number of duplicative and redundant routes in the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range.
- Designation was considered to emphasize protection of wild horses in the LBCWHR and minimize impacts to their population and habitat.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6397

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

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- Designation was considered to emphasize protection of wild horses in the LBCWHR and minimize impacts to their population and habitat.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6398

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations County Vested Interest
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to reduce the number of duplicative and redundant routes in the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range.
- Designation was considered to emphasize protection of wild horses in the LBCWHR and minimize impacts to their population and habitat.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6408

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6423

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Public Comments On Route: M140

Commenter Name: Weber, Patricia

Submission Code: emc0459

Organization:

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

M101, 327, 100, 145, 242, 261, 415, 293, 140, 164 (Coal Creek Canyon): currently this is open to vehicles, and makes a delightful 4WD trip to overlook the Grand Junction Valley. Alternative B proposes to limit this access to <50" OHV's. Please do not restrict access to this area. It is a great recreational boon for the Grand Junction area. Plus, there is a limited parking for trailers with OHV's - no more than 4-5 vehicles plus trailers could be accommodated with the small parking area.

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Submission Code: emc0597

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): Coal Canyon and the overlooks, Hoodoo Trail Name: M140, M145, M261, M101, M164, M152 & M170, The rest of route M157 traveling west, M148, M156, M162, M157 connecting with M156 and M177, M13 I would like to see all routes in this area left open to all sizes of vehicles. These are commonly used jeep routes, and also a fantastic trip on my UTV and on an ATV.

Commenter Name: Smith, Jerry**Submission Code: emc0773****Organization:****Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)**

Area M: M140, M 145, M 261, M101, M164, M152, M170, M157, 1. History: Coal Canyon and its overlooks have been used for many years by the grand Mesa Jeep club. 2. The Grand Mesa Jeep Club had a special event permit from the BLM for their "Rock Junction" its event in 2012. 1. The Grand Mesa Jeep club has an annual club run to the Palisade rim of the Coal Canyon trail in the fall. 2. This trail has been a favorite of many due to the prime vistas of the grand Valley and the town of Palisade. 3. One piece of this trail seems to have been omitted from the maps. Segment M 148 does not is not visible on current maps. 4. Routes M156, M162, M157, and M177, are marked administrative on all our current alternatives. These end near an overlook of Grand Junction 5. We ask that the BLM consider changing all of Coal Canyon to "open to all motorized vehicles" on the 2013 Travel Management Plan.

Commenter Name: Shepherd, Janice**Submission Code: emc0835****Organization: The Quiet Trails Group****Recommended: Admin/Permitted Use Only**

In Coal Canyon, we would recommend Alterative C travel zone management for this area. Specifically, we would propose that the entire route complex of M101, M100, M145, M242, M293, M261, M140, M 164, M181, and M185 should be administrative use only.

Commenter Name: McClellan, Roz**Submission Code: emc0846****Organization: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative****Recommended: Closed**

Zone M Close M 140, 145

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas**Submission Code: emc0693****Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers****Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)**

Coal Canyon and overlooks M140, M145, M261, & M101, M164 Route down the canyon *Marked to be restricted to ATV-width M152 & M170 Route to overlook of Grand Junction *Marked for closure The rest of route M157 traveling west This is a steep rocky hill (looks like fun jeeping!) that appears to connect to M148 *Omitted from maps M148 Route to old mine is a place of interest * Marked to become ATV-width M156, M162, M157 connecting with M156 and M177 Crosses private property and ends on BLM Land at overlook of Grand Junction * Marked administrative on all alternatives

– Route: M145

– Segment: 6388

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)**Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure**

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the

compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Other Considerations County Vested Interest
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6532

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintainence
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Other Considerations County Vested Interest
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6424

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations County Vested Interest
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6433

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Other Considerations County Vested Interest
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6531

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations County Vested Interest
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6533

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintainence
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations County Vested Interest
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6536

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintainence
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Other Considerations County Vested Interest
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6311

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route

- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6312

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Range Development

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6317

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Study Site
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6329

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Study Site
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6334

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure**— Segment: 6355****Designation** **Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)****Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure****Mitigation**

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed**Alternative A (Current): Undesignated****Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure****Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only****Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure****— Segment: 6358****Designation** **Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)****Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure**

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6362

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6366

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6389

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6392

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)
Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 603

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6213

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6239

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6249

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6251

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintainence
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6254

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and

winter ranges for large ungulates.

- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6255

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6257

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6260

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
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- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6263

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6264

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintainence
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
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compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6269

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area

- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6270

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6288

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6291

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6297

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance

- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6301

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
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- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6399

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintainence
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations County Vested Interest
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area

- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6402

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
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authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6407

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations County Vested Interest
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 7420

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)
Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 7431

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)
Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 7437

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

Minimize Damage: Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 7442

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 7450

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 7457

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)
Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and

winter ranges for large ungulates.

- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 7461

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 7466

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 7467

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
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- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 7473

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute

- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 7474

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
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- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 7484

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 7485

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 7487

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use

authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 7488

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure**— Segment: 7491****Designation** **Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)****Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure****Mitigation**

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

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Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel) Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
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Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 5435

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to reduce the number of duplicative and redundant routes in the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

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Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6256

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

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Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6272

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered to emphasize protection of wild horses in the LBCWHR and minimize impacts to their population and habitat.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and

winter ranges for large ungulates.

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6285

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6341

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.
- Designation was considered to reduce the number of duplicative and redundant routes in the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range.
- Designation was considered to emphasize protection of wild horses in the LBCWHR and minimize impacts to their population and habitat.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6434

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations County Vested Interest
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to reduce the number of duplicative and redundant routes in the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range.
- Designation was considered to emphasize protection of wild horses in the LBCWHR and minimize impacts to their population and habitat.
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Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 7444

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

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- Designation was considered to emphasize protection of wild horses in the LBCWHR and minimize impacts to their population and habitat.
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Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 7494

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.
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Horse Range.

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6205

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

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Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6299

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
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Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Public Comments On Route: M145

Commenter Name: Weber, Patricia

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0459

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

M101, 327, 100, 145, 242, 261, 415, 293, 140, 164 (Coal Creek Canyon): currently this is open to vehicles, and makes a delightful 4WD trip to overlook the Grand Junction Valley. Alternative B proposes to limit this access to <50" OHV's. Please do not restrict access to this area. It is a great recreational boon for the Grand Junction area. Plus, there is a limited parking for trailers with OHV's - no more than 4-5 vehicles plus trailers could be accommodated with the small parking area.

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: emc0597

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): Coal Canyon and the overlooks, Hoodoo Trail Name: M140, M145, M261, M101, M164, M152 & M170, The rest of route M157 traveling west, M148, M156, M162, M157 connecting with M156 and M177, M13 I would like to see all routes in this area left open to all sizes of vehicles. These are commonly used jeep routes, and also a fantastic trip on my UTV and on an ATV.

Commenter Name: Smith, Jerry

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0773

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

Area M: M140, M 145, M 261, M101, M164, M152, M170, M157, 1. History: Coal Canyon and its overlooks have been used for many years by the grand Mesa Jeep club. 2. The Grand Mesa Jeep Club had a special event permit from the BLM for their "Rock Junction" its event in 2012. 1. The Grand Mesa Jeep club has an annual club run to the Palisade rim of the Coal Canyon trail in the fall. 2. This trail has been a favorite of many due to the prime vistas of the grand Valley and the town of Palisade. 3. One piece of this trail seems to have been omitted from the maps. Segment M 148 does not is not visible on current maps. 4. Routes M156, M162, M157, and M177, are marked administrative on all our current alternatives. These end near an overlook of Grand Junction 5. We ask that the BLM consider changing all of Coal Canyon to "open to all motorized vehicles" on the 2013 Travel Management Plan.

Commenter Name: Shepherd, Janice

Organization: The Quiet Trails Group

Submission Code: emc0835

Reccomended: Admin/Permitted Use Only

In Coal Canyon, we would recommend Alterative C travel zone management for this area. Specifically, we would propose that the entire route complex of M101, M100, M145, M242, M293, M261, M140, M 164, M181, and M185 should be administrative use only.

Commenter Name: McClellan, Roz

Organization: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative

Submission Code: emc0846

Reccomended: Closed

Zone M Close M 140, 145

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

Coal Canyon and overlooks M140, M145, M261, & M101, M164 Route down the canyon *Marked to be restricted to ATV-width M152 & M170 Route to overlook of Grand Junction *Marked for closure The rest of route M157 traveling west This is a steep rocky hill (looks like fun jeeping!) that appears to connect to M148 *Omitted from maps M148 Route to old mine is a place of interest * Marked to become ATV-width M156, M162, M157 connecting with M156 and M177 Crosses private property and ends on BLM Land at overlook of Grand Junction * Marked administrative on all alternatives

— **Route: M148**

— **Segment: 6566**

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
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- Designation was considered to reduce the number of duplicative and redundant routes in the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

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Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6573

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class I
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to preserve the visual character of the existing landscape, limit or reduce the number of routes in areas managed as VRM Class I
- Designation was considered to reduce the number of duplicative and redundant routes in the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range.
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Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6415

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute

Maintainence

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6556

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintainence

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6561

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and

winter ranges for large ungulates.

- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6565

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

– Segment: 6567

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class I
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to preserve the visual character of the existing landscape, limit or reduce the number of routes in areas managed as VRM Class I
- Designation was considered to reduce the number of duplicative and redundant routes in the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range.
- Designation was considered to emphasize protection of wild horses in the LBCWHR and minimize impacts to their population and habitat.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: M148

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: emc0597**Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)**

Trail Number(s): Coal Canyon and the overlooks, Hoodoo Trail Name: M140, M145, M261, M101, M164, M152 & M170, The rest of route M157 traveling west, M148, M156, M162, M157 connecting with M156 and M177, M13 I would like to see all routes in this area left open to all sizes of vehicles. These are commonly used jeep routes, and also a fantastic trip on my UTV and on an ATV.

Commenter Name: Herron, Lydia**Organization:****Submission Code: emc0806****Recommened: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide**

Zone M = "Little Bookcliffs" If we read the #s routes properly, M242 is the main motorized route into that area, and is proposed in the preferred alternative B to become a <50" route. Wed like to see it remain open for use as it is with the seasonal closures as they currently exist. We have hiked and ATVD that route many times, with friends & family, and have seen wild horses on multiple occasions. We love the trails to the old mine, which overlooks onto I-70 and the valley, above Palisade (M181 & M185). We have been up on top, towards Mt. Garfield, to another valley overlook area (M148 or M156), where the views cant be compared. We have taken trails that required we park our ATVs and then hiked down to a "slot" in the rocks that leads to a rock ledge, overlooking the valley. All of these places are unique and spectacular to find. The views here are spectacular. This area is great for encountering wildlife, site seeing, and taking photos. Please keep these unique routes undisturbed. M293 is proposed as administrative use, which is currently a horse route. There is a benefit to an OHV route and a parallel horse route in this area, and we would like to see it remain open for horse & foot traffic. This would prevent potential future user conflicts, by leaving it as it is. We have also been atv-ing in the North Soda Springs and Bronco Flats, but accessed from the Debeque area trails and would like to see M197 route remain open.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas**Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers****Submission Code: emc0693****Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)**

Coal Canyon and overlooks M140, M145, M261, & M101, M164 Route down the canyon *Marked to be restricted to ATV-width M152 & M170 Route to overlook of Grand Junction *Marked for closure The rest of route M157 traveling west This is a steep rocky hill (looks like fun jeeping!) that appears to connect to M148 *Omitted from maps M148 Route to old mine is a place of interest * Marked to become ATV-width M156, M162, M157 connecting with M156 and M177 Crosses private property and ends on BLM Land at overlook of Grand Junction * Marked administrative on all alternatives

Commenter Name: Smith, Jerry**Organization:****Submission Code: emc0773****Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)**

Area M: M140, M 145, M 261, M101, M164, M152, M170, M157, 1. History: Coal Canyon and its overlooks have been used for many years by the grand Mesa Jeep club. 2. The Grand Mesa Jeep Club had a special event permit from the BLM for their "Rock Junction" its event in 2012. 1. The Grand Mesa Jeep club has an annual club run to the Palisade rim of the Coal Canyon trail in the fall. 2. This trail has been a favorite of many due to the prime vistas of the grand Valley and the town of Palisade. 3. One piece of this trail seems to have been omitted from the maps. Segment M 148 does not is not visible on current maps. 4. Routes M156, M162, M157, and M177, are marked administrative on all our current alternatives. These end near an overlook of Grand Junction 5. We ask that the BLM consider changing all of Coal Canyon to "open to all motorized vehicles" on the 2013 Travel Management Plan.

– Route: M152**– Segment: 6583****Designation ?****Proposed Designation: Closed****Seasonal Limitations: None****Mitigation**

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to reduce the number of duplicative and redundant routes in the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range.
- Designation was considered to emphasize protection of wild horses in the LBCWHR and minimize impacts to their population and habitat.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: M152

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Submission Code: emc0597

Trail Number(s): Coal Canyon and the overlooks, Hoodoo Trail Name: M140, M145, M261, M101, M164, M152 & M170, The rest of route M157 traveling west, M148, M156, M162, M157 connecting with M156 and M177, M13 I would like to see all routes in this area left open to all sizes of vehicles. These are commonly used jeep routes, and also a fantastic trip on my UTV and on an ATV.

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Commenter Name: Smith, Jerry

Submission Code: emc0773

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Area M: M140, M 145, M 261, M101, M164, M152, M170, M157, 1. History: Coal Canyon and its overlooks have been used for many years by the grand Mesa Jeep club. 2. The Grand Mesa Jeep Club had a special event permit from the BLM for their "Rock Junction" its event in 2012. 1. The Grand Mesa Jeep club has an annual club run to the Palisade rim of the Coal Canyon trail in the fall. 2. This trail has been a favorite of many due to the prime vistas of the grand Valley and the town of Palisade. 3. One piece of this trail seems to have been omitted from the maps. Segment M 148 does not is not visible on current maps. 4. Routes M156, M162, M157, and M177, are marked administrative on all our current alternatives. These end near an overlook of Grand Junction 5. We ask that the BLM consider changing all of Coal Canyon to "open to all motorized vehicles" on the 2013 Travel Management Plan.

Commenter Name: Harris, Jonathan

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: rmc0025

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): The above areas are special to me, my family and many others. They represent unique view opportunities and driving challenges and the spurrs above offer great camping and view points
Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): Exploring, 4x4 driving, a big appeal to driving these less traveled roads and spurrs is the feeling of exploration that is often lost when channelized onto major routes. Why you like this trait(challenges you vehicle, close to home, wildlife, history characteristics views): The big appeal of these trails is to get away from others and experience the solitude of the outdoors the views and camping are amazing. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): The solitude and sence of adventure are the big draws for me for these areas. They are unmatched in Colorado. These areas currently receive very light traffic. The vast majority of users are respectful to the ecology, the history and other users.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

Coal Canyon and overlooks M140, M145, M261, & M101, M164 Route down the canyon *Marked to be restricted to ATV-width M152 & M170 Route to overlook of Grand Junction *Marked for closure The rest of route M157 traveling west This is a steep rocky hill (looks like fun jeeping!) that appears to connect to M148 *Omitted from maps M148 Route to old mine is a place of interest * Marked to become ATV-width M156, M162, M157 connecting with M156 and M177 Crosses private property and ends on BLM Land at overlook of Grand Junction * Marked administrative on all alternatives

– Route: M156

– Segment: 6554

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails

- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to reduce the number of duplicative and redundant routes in the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range.
- Designation was considered to emphasize protection of wild horses in the LBCWHR and minimize impacts to their population and habitat.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 7512

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class I
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to preserve the visual character of the existing landscape, limit or reduce the number of routes in areas managed as VRM Class I
- Designation was considered to reduce the number of duplicative and redundant routes in the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range.
- Designation was considered to emphasize protection of wild horses in the LBCWHR and minimize impacts to their population and habitat.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: M156

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Submission Code: emc0597

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): Coal Canyon and the overlooks, Hoodoo Trail Name: M140, M145, M261, M101, M164, M152 & M170, The rest of route M157 traveling west, M148, M156, M162, M157 connecting with M156 and M177, M13 I would like to see all routes in this area left open to all sizes of vehicles. These are commonly used jeep routes, and also a fantastic trip on my UTV and on an ATV.

Commenter Name: Herron, Lydia

Submission Code: emc0806

Organization:

Recommended: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Zone M = "Little Bookcliffs" If we read the #s routes properly, M242 is the main motorized route into that area, and is proposed in the preferred alternative B to become a <50" route. We'd like to see it remain open for use as it is with the seasonal closures as they currently exist. We have hiked and ATVD that route many times, with friends & family, and have seen wild horses on multiple occasions. We love the trails to the old mine, which overlooks onto I-70 and the valley, above Palisade (M181 & M185). We have been up on top, towards Mt. Garfield, to another valley overlook area (M148 or M156), where the views can't be compared. We have taken trails that required we park our ATVs and then hiked down to a "slot" in the rocks that leads to a rock ledge, overlooking the valley. All of these places are unique and spectacular to find. The views here are spectacular. This area is great for encountering wildlife, site seeing, and taking photos. Please keep these unique routes undisturbed. M293 is proposed as administrative use, which is currently a horse route. There is a benefit to an OHV route and a parallel horse route in this area, and we would like to see it remain open for horse & foot traffic. This would prevent potential future user conflicts, by leaving it as it is. We have also been atv-ing in the North Soda Springs and Bronco Flats, but accessed from the Debeque area trails and would like to see M197 route remain open.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Submission Code: emc0693

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Coal Canyon and overlooks M140, M145, M261, & M101, M164 Route down the canyon *Marked to be restricted to ATV-width M152 & M170 Route to overlook of Grand Junction *Marked for closure The rest of route M157 traveling

west This is a steep rocky hill (looks like fun jeeping!) that appears to connect to M148 *Omitted from maps M148 Route to old mine is a place of interest * Marked to become ATV-width M156, M162, M157 connecting with M156 and M177 Crosses private property and ends on BLM Land at overlook of Grand Junction * Marked administrative on all alternatives

Commenter Name: Smith, Jerry

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0773

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Area M: M140, M 145, M 261, M101, M164, M152, M170, M157, 1. History: Coal Canyon and its overlooks have been used for many years by the grand Mesa Jeep club. 2. The Grand Mesa Jeep Club had a special event permit from the BLM for their "Rock Junction" its event in 2012. 1. The Grand Mesa Jeep club has an annual club run to the Palisade rim of the Coal Canyon trail in the fall. 2. This trail has been a favorite of many due to the prime vistas of the grand Valley and the town of Palisade. 3. One piece of this trail seems to have been omitted from the maps. Segment M 148 does not is not visible on current maps. 4. Routes M156, M162, M157, and M177, are marked administrative on all our current alternatives. These end near an overlook of Grand Junction 5. We ask that the BLM consider changing all of Coal Canyon to "open to all motorized vehicles" on the 2013 Travel Management Plan.

– Route: M157

– Segment: 7243

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class I
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to preserve the visual character of the existing landscape, limit or reduce the number of routes in areas managed as VRM Class I
- Designation was considered to reduce the number of duplicative and redundant routes in the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range.
- Designation was considered to emphasize protection of wild horses in the LBCWHR and minimize impacts to their

population and habitat.

- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 7505

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class I
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to preserve the visual character of the existing landscape, limit or reduce the number of routes in areas managed as VRM Class I
- Designation was considered to reduce the number of duplicative and redundant routes in the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range.
- Designation was considered to emphasize protection of wild horses in the LBCWHR and minimize impacts to their population and habitat.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: M157

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: emc0597

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): Coal Canyon and the overlooks, Hoodoo Trail Name: M140, M145, M261, M101, M164, M152 & M170, The rest of route M157 traveling west, M148, M156, M162, M157 connecting with M156 and M177, M13 I would like to see all routes in this area left open to all sizes of vehicles. These are commonly used jeep routes, and also a fantastic trip on my UTV and on an ATV.

Commenter Name: Smith, Jerry

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0773

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Area M: M140, M 145, M 261, M101, M164, M152, M170, M157, 1. History: Coal Canyon and its overlooks have been used for many years by the grand Mesa Jeep club. 2. The Grand Mesa Jeep Club had a special event permit from the BLM for their "Rock Junction" its event in 2012. 1. The Grand Mesa Jeep club has an annual club run to the Palisade rim of the Coal Canyon trail in the fall. 2. This trail has been a favorite of many due to the prime vistas of the grand Valley and the town of Palisade. 3. One piece of this trail seems to have been omitted from the maps. Segment M 148 does not is not visible on current maps. 4. Routes M156, M162, M157, and M177, are marked administrative on all our current alternatives. These end near an overlook of Grand Junction 5. We ask that the BLM consider changing all of Coal Canyon to "open to all motorized vehicles" on the 2013 Travel Management Plan.

Commenter Name: Harris, Jonathan

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: rmc0025

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): The above areas are special to me, my family and many others. They represent unique view opportunities and driving challenges and the spurrs above offer great camping and view points Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): Exploring, 4x4 driving, a big appeal to driving these less traveled roads and spurrs is the feeling of exploration that is often lost when channelized onto major routes. Why you like this trait(challenges you vehicle, close to home, wildlife, history characteristics views): The big appeal of these trails is to get away from others and experience the solitude of the outdoors the views and camping are amazing. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): The solitude and sence of adventure are the big draws for me for these areas. They are unmatched in Colorado. These areas currently receive very light traffic. The vast majority of users are respectful to the ecology, the history and other users.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Coal Canyon and overlooks M140, M145, M261, & M101, M164 Route down the canyon *Marked to be restricted to ATV-width M152 & M170 Route to overlook of Grand Junction *Marked for closure The rest of route M157 traveling west This is a steep rocky hill (looks like fun jeeping!) that appears to connect to M148 *Omitted from maps M148 Route to old mine is a place of interest * Marked to become ATV-width M156, M162, M157 connecting with M156 and M177 Crosses private property and ends on BLM Land at overlook of Grand Junction * Marked administrative on all alternatives

– **Route: M162**

– **Segment: 7240**

Designation 

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to reduce the number of duplicative and redundant routes in the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range.
- Designation was considered to emphasize protection of wild horses in the LBCWHR and minimize impacts to their population and habitat.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: M162

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Submission Code: emc0597

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): Coal Canyon and the overlooks, Hoodoo Trail Name: M140, M145, M261, M101, M164, M152 & M170, The rest of route M157 traveling west, M148, M156, M162, M157 connecting with M156 and M177, M13 I would like to see all routes in this area left open to all sizes of vehicles. These are commonly used jeep routes, and

also a fantastic trip on my UTV and on an ATV.

Commenter Name: Smith, Jerry

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0773

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Area M: M140, M145, M261, M101, M164, M152, M170, M157, 1. History: Coal Canyon and its overlooks have been used for many years by the grand Mesa Jeep club. 2. The Grand Mesa Jeep Club had a special event permit from the BLM for their "Rock Junction" its event in 2012. 1. The Grand Mesa Jeep club has an annual club run to the Palisade rim of the Coal Canyon trail in the fall. 2. This trail has been a favorite of many due to the prime vistas of the grand Valley and the town of Palisade. 3. One piece of this trail seems to have been omitted from the maps. Segment M148 does not is not visible on current maps. 4. Routes M156, M162, M157, and M177, are marked administrative on all our current alternatives. These end near an overlook of Grand Junction 5. We ask that the BLM consider changing all of Coal Canyon to "open to all motorized vehicles" on the 2013 Travel Management Plan.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Coal Canyon and overlooks M140, M145, M261, & M101, M164 Route down the canyon *Marked to be restricted to ATV-width M152 & M170 Route to overlook of Grand Junction *Marked for closure The rest of route M157 traveling west This is a steep rocky hill (looks like fun jeeping!) that appears to connect to M148 *Omitted from maps M148 Route to old mine is a place of interest * Marked to become ATV-width M156, M162, M157 connecting with M156 and M177 Crosses private property and ends on BLM Land at overlook of Grand Junction * Marked administrative on all alternatives

– Route: M170

– Segment: 7506

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class I
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.

- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to preserve the visual character of the existing landscape, limit or reduce the number of routes in areas managed as VRM Class I
- Designation was considered to reduce the number of duplicative and redundant routes in the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range.
- Designation was considered to emphasize protection of wild horses in the LBCWHR and minimize impacts to their population and habitat.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: M170

Commenter Name: Smith, Jerry

Submission Code: emc0773

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Area M: M140, M 145, M 261, M101, M164, M152, M170, M157, 1. History: Coal Canyon and its overlooks have been used for many years by the grand Mesa Jeep club. 2. The Grand Mesa Jeep Club had a special event permit from the BLM for their "Rock Junction" its event in 2012. 1. The Grand Mesa Jeep club has an annual club run to the Palisade rim of the Coal Canyon trail in the fall. 2. This trail has been a favorite of many due to the prime vistas of the grand Valley and the town of Palisade. 3. One piece of this trail seems to have been omitted from the maps. Segment M 148 does not is not visible on current maps. 4. Routes M156, M162, M157, and M177, are marked administrative on all our current alternatives. These end near an overlook of Grand Junction 5. We ask that the BLM consider changing all of Coal Canyon to "open to all motorized vehicles" on the 2013 Travel Management Plan.

Commenter Name: Harris, Jonathan

Submission Code: rmc0025

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): The above areas are special to me, my family and many others. They represent unique view opportunities and driving challenges and the spurrs above offer great camping and view points Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): Exploring, 4x4 driving, a big appeal to driving these less traveled roads and spurrs is the feeling of exploration that is often lost when channelized onto major routes. Why you like this trait(challenges you vehicle, close to home, wildlife, history characteristics views): The big appeal of these trails is to get away from others and experience the solitude of the outdoors the views and camping are amazing. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): The solitude and sence of adventure are the big draws for me for these areas. They are unmatched in Colorado. These areas currently receive very light traffic. The vast majority of users are respectful to the ecology, the history and other users.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Submission Code: emc0693

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

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and M177 Crosses private property and ends on BLM Land at overlook of Grand Junction * Marked administrative on all alternatives

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale
Submission Code: emc0597

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): Coal Canyon and the overlooks, Hoodoo Trail Name: M140, M145, M261, M101, M164, M152 & M170, The rest of route M157 traveling west, M148, M156, M162, M157 connecting with M156 and M177, M13 I would like to see all routes in this area left open to all sizes of vehicles. These are commonly used jeep routes, and also a fantastic trip on my UTV and on an ATV.

– Route: M177

– Segment: 6541

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to reduce the number of duplicative and redundant routes in the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: M177

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

Coal Canyon and overlooks M140, M145, M261, & M101, M164 Route down the canyon *Marked to be restricted to ATV-width M152 & M170 Route to overlook of Grand Junction *Marked for closure The rest of route M157 traveling west This is a steep rocky hill (looks like fun jeeping!) that appears to connect to M148 *Omitted from maps M148 Route to old mine is a place of interest * Marked to become ATV-width M156, M162, M157 connecting with M156 and M177 Crosses private property and ends on BLM Land at overlook of Grand Junction * Marked administrative on all alternatives

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: emc0597

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): Coal Canyon and the overlooks, Hoodoo Trail Name: M140, M145, M261, M101, M164, M152 & M170, The rest of route M157 traveling west, M148, M156, M162, M157 connecting with M156 and M177, M13 I would like to see all routes in this area left open to all sizes of vehicles. These are commonly used jeep routes, and also a fantastic trip on my UTV and on an ATV.

Commenter Name: Smith, Jerry

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0773

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

Area M: M140, M 145, M 261, M101, M164, M152, M170, M157, 1. History: Coal Canyon and its overlooks have been used for many years by the grand Mesa Jeep club. 2. The Grand Mesa Jeep Club had a special event permit from the BLM for their "Rock Junction" its event in 2012. 1. The Grand Mesa Jeep club has an annual club run to the Palisade rim of the Coal Canyon trail in the fall. 2. This trail has been a favorite of many due to the prime vistas of the grand Valley and the town of Palisade. 3. One piece of this trail seems to have been omitted from the maps. Segment M 148 does not is not visible on current maps. 4. Routes M156, M162, M157, and M177, are marked administrative on all our current alternatives. These end near an overlook of Grand Junction 5. We ask that the BLM consider changing all of Coal Canyon to "open to all motorized vehicles" on the 2013 Travel Management Plan.

– Route: M242

– Segment: 6261

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route

- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to reduce the number of duplicative and redundant routes in the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range.
- Designation was considered to emphasize protection of wild horses in the LBCWHR and minimize impacts to their population and habitat.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6262

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6265

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 6268

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 7430

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Public Comments On Route: M242

Commenter Name: Weber, Patricia

Submission Code: emc0459

Organization:

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

M101, 327, 100, 145, 242, 261, 415, 293, 140, 164 (Coal Creek Canyon): currently this is open to vehicles, and makes a delightful 4WD trip to overlook the Grand Junction Valley. Alternative B proposes to limit this access to <50" OHV's. Please do not restrict access to this area. It is a great recreational boon for the Grand Junction area. Plus, there is a limited parking for trailers with OHV's - no more than 4-5 vehicles plus trailers could be accommodated with the small parking area.

Commenter Name: Winans, Scott

Submission Code: emc0868

Organization:

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

Route Comments: Continued access along M13 (Coal Cyn Road) is very important. The land on east side of M13 should be considered for singletrack route in future development (between M13 and Mt. Lincoln). The route inventory around Mt Lincoln is incomplete, including access from Cameo and other existing routes. M242 provides westward access to Zone H which ultimately can allow connection to the North Fruita Desert trail area in Zone I.

This linkage is critical for one portion of valley wide trail connection (northern boundary region of the valley). Routes M181 and M185 should remain accessible by mechanized users. These are very long standing routes in the area and provide the only direct access to the Bookcliff face in the Palisade area. Local users access this ridgeline commonly, and continued legal routes are needed. The solitude found in this area is surprising considering the very close proximity to the valley and the interstate, and the views and huge relief from the Bookcliff face are inspiring.

Commenter Name: Adams, Juliann
Submission Code: emc0749

Organization: Palisade Chamber of Commerce
Recommended: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

M242 provides westward access to Zone H which ultimately can allow connection to the North Fruita Desert trail area in Zone I. This linkage is critical for one portion of valley wide trail connection (northern boundary region of the valley).

Commenter Name: Herron, Lydia
Submission Code: emc0806

Organization:
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Zone M = "Little Bookcliffs" If we read the #s routes properly, M242 is the main motorized route into that area, and is proposed in the preferred alternative B to become a <50" route. We'd like to see it remain open for use as it is with the seasonal closures as they currently exist. We have hiked and ATVD that route many times, with friends & family, and have seen wild horses on multiple occasions. We love the trails to the old mine, which overlooks onto I-70 and the valley, above Palisade (M181 & M185). We have been up on top, towards Mt. Garfield, to another valley overlook area (M148 or M156), where the views can't be compared. We have taken trails that required we park our ATVs and then hiked down to a "slot" in the rocks that leads to a rock ledge, overlooking the valley. All of these places are unique and spectacular to find. The views here are spectacular. This area is great for encountering wildlife, site seeing, and taking photos. Please keep these unique routes undisturbed. M293 is proposed as administrative use, which is currently a horse route. There is a benefit to an OHV route and a parallel horse route in this area, and we would like to see it remain open for horse & foot traffic. This would prevent potential future user conflicts, by leaving it as it is. We have also been atv-ing in the North Soda Springs and Bronco Flats, but accessed from the Debeque area trails and would like to see M197 route remain open.

Commenter Name: Shepherd, Janice
Submission Code: emc0835

Organization: The Quiet Trails Group
Recommended: Admin/Permitted Use Only

In Coal Canyon, we would recommend Alternative C travel zone management for this area. Specifically, we would propose that the entire route complex of M101, M100, M145, M242, M293, M261, M140, M164, M181, and M185 should be administrative use only.

Commenter Name: Bertolacci, Jason

Organization: International Mountain Bicycling Association

Submission Code: emc0912

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Continued mountain bike access along M13 (Coal Canyon Road) is very important. We would also like to see the land on east side of M13 be considered for future trail development (between M13 and Mt. Lincoln). M242 provides westward access to Zone H which ultimately can allow connection to the North Fruita Desert trail area in Zone I. This linkage is critical for one portion of valley wide trail connection (northern boundary region of the valley). We ask that routes M181 and M185 remain accessible to mountain bike users. These routes have a long history of mountain bike use and provide the only direct access to the Bookcliff face in the Palisade area. Local users access this ridgeline commonly, and formalized routes are needed to mitigate impact. The solitude found in this area is surprising and important, especially considering the very close proximity to the valley and the interstate.

– Route: M261

– Segment: 7456

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None**Mitigation**

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to reduce the number of duplicative and redundant routes in the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range.
- Designation was considered to emphasize protection of wild horses in the LBCWHR and minimize impacts to their population and habitat.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 7462**Designation** 

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to reduce the number of duplicative and redundant routes in the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 7465

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 7468

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.
- Designation was considered to reduce the number of duplicative and redundant routes in the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range.

Designation was considered to emphasize protection of wild horses in the LBCWHR and minimize impacts to their population and habitat.

- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 7472

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to reduce the number of duplicative and redundant routes in the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range.
- Designation was considered to emphasize protection of wild horses in the LBCWHR and minimize impacts to their population and habitat.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 7475

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
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- Designation was considered to emphasize protection of wild horses in the LBCWHR and minimize impacts to their population and habitat.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
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- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 7483

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Public Comments On Route: M261

Commenter Name: Weber, Patricia

Submission Code: emc0459

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

M101, 327, 100, 145, 242, 261, 415, 293, 140, 164 (Coal Creek Canyon): currently this is open to vehicles, and makes a delightful 4WD trip to overlook the Grand Junction Valley. Alternative B proposes to limit this access to <50" OHV's. Please do not restrict access to this area. It is a great recreational boon for the Grand Junction area. Plus, there is a limited parking for trailers with OHV's - no more than 4-5 vehicles plus trailers could be accommodated with the small parking area.

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Submission Code: emc0597

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): Coal Canyon and the overlooks, Hoodoo Trail Name: M140, M145, M261, M101, M164, M152 & M170, The rest of route M157 traveling west, M148, M156, M162, M157 connecting with M156 and M177, M13 I

would like to see all routes in this area left open to all sizes of vehicles. These are commonly used jeep routes, and also a fantastic trip on my UTV and on an ATV.

Commenter Name: Smith, Jerry

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0773

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Area M: M140, M 145, M 261, M101, M164, M152, M170, M157, 1. History: Coal Canyon and its overlooks have been used for many years by the grand Mesa Jeep club. 2. The Grand Mesa Jeep Club had a special event permit from the BLM for their "Rock Junction" its event in 2012. 1. The Grand Mesa Jeep club has an annual club run to the Palisade rim of the Coal Canyon trail in the fall. 2. This trail has been a favorite of many due to the prime vistas of the grand Valley and the town of Palisade. 3. One piece of this trail seems to have been omitted from the maps. Segment M 148 does not is not visible on current maps. 4. Routes M156, M162, M157, and M177, are marked administrative on all our current alternatives. These end near an overlook of Grand Junction 5. We ask that the BLM consider changing all of Coal Canyon to "open to all motorized vehicles" on the 2013 Travel Management Plan.

Commenter Name: Shepherd, Janice

Organization: The Quiet Trails Group

Submission Code: emc0835

Recommended: Admin/Permitted Use Only

In Coal Canyon, we would recommend Alternative C travel zone management for this area. Specifically, we would propose that the entire route complex of M101, M100, M145, M242, M293, M261, M140, M 164, M181, and M185 should be administrative use only.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Coal Canyon and overlooks M140, M145, M261, & M101, M164 Route down the canyon *Marked to be restricted to ATV-width M152 & M170 Route to overlook of Grand Junction *Marked for closure The rest of route M157 traveling west This is a steep rocky hill (looks like fun jeeping!) that appears to connect to M148 *Omitted from maps M148 Route to old mine is a place of interest * Marked to become ATV-width M156, M162, M157 connecting with M156 and M177 Crosses private property and ends on BLM Land at overlook of Grand Junction * Marked administrative on all alternatives

– Route: M401

– Segment: 4564

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with slump areas.
- Designation was considered to reduce the number of duplicative and redundant routes in the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range.
- Designation was considered to emphasize protection of wild horses in the LBCWHR and minimize impacts to their population and habitat.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: M401

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0082

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone M should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes M: 197,204,202, 217, 209,195,215,401,402,211,406,412,407,419,382, 72, 73, 60, 65, CVI, 50, 58,46,47,92,81,93, 91, 83, 108, 164, 185, 13, 181, 164. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone M routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

– Route: M407

– Segment: 5344

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Reroute

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.
- Designation was considered to reduce the number of duplicative and redundant routes in the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range.
- Designation was considered to emphasize protection of wild horses in the LBCWHR and minimize impacts to their population and habitat.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Public Comments On Route: M407

Commenter Name: Shepherd, Janice

Organization: The Quiet Trails Group

Submission Code: emc0835

Reccomended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

We support the Alterative B decisions regarding routes M419, M407, M412, and M406, leaving these open for bike, foot and horse travel but closing them to motorized use. Further M220 should also get that designation. These routes in particular are known for their state wide importance to Quiet users and are even highlighted in the Colorado Mountain Club guide book as prime hiking routes.

Commenter Name: Shepherd, Janice

Organization:

Submission Code: rmc0089

Reccomended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

M407 is a great trail to hike in cooler weather. The steep climb is a great challenge and a good work-out. There are fun encounters with wild horses and the views are wonderful. The trail shown in the inventory does not quite follow the trail on the ground as it swings around Corcoran Point. For example the trail crosses 12 S 714385 4345664 and 12 S 714375 4345918. There are switch backs in the trail route and it joins M419 much earlier than shown. There is a side trail leading up to the summit. The summit makes a dandy spot for lunch.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

Submission Code: cfc0082

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone M should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes M: 197,204,202, 217, 209,195,215,401,402,211,406,412,407,419,382, 72, 73, 60, 65, CVI, 50, 58,46,47,92,81,93, 91, 83, 108, 164, 185, 13, 181, 164. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone M routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

Commenter Name: No Record

Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

Excellent for viewing wild horses (Children).

Commenter Name: No Record

Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Reccomended: Foot/Horse

This is a great trail for solitary hiking and a chance to see evidence of wild horses. OHV traffic appears to be approaching via M70, M419, M416. This approach should be closed to motorized traffic to allow the wildhorses some quiet zones and allow hikers t

– Route: M415

– Segment: 21970

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Reroute

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.
- **Wilderness Natural Area:** 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-highway vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class I
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Special Designation WSA
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

- Range Study Site
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to preserve the visual character of the existing landscape, limit or reduce the number of routes in areas managed as VRM Class I
- Designation was considered to reduce the number of duplicative and redundant routes in the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range.
- Designation was considered to emphasize protection of wild horses in the LBCWHR and minimize impacts to their population and habitat.
- Designation was considered when protecting Wilderness Study Areas values.
- Designation was considered to reduce impairment of wilderness characteristics in areas managed for wilderness characteristics.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 19777

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.
- **Wilderness Natural Area:** 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-

highway vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class I
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Special Designation WSA
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Study Site
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.
- Designation was considered when protecting Wilderness Study Areas values.
- Designation was considered to reduce impairment of wilderness characteristics in areas managed for wilderness characteristics.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse

Public Comments On Route: M415

Commenter Name: Weber, Patricia

Submission Code: emc0459

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

M101, 327, 100, 145, 242, 261, 415, 293, 140, 164 (Coal Creek Canyon): currently this is open to vehicles, and makes a delightful 4WD trip to overlook the Grand Junction Valley. Alternative B proposes to limit this access to <50" OHV's. Please do not restrict access to this area. It is a great recreational boon for the Grand Junction area. Plus, there is a limited parking for trailers with OHV's - no more than 4-5 vehicles plus trailers could be accommodated with the small parking area.

– Route: M46

– Segment: 5872

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Open if WSA is released

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Wilderness Natural Area:** 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-highway vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class I
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Special Designation WSA
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to preserve the visual character of the existing landscape, limit or reduce the number of routes in areas managed as VRM Class I
- Designation was considered to reduce the number of duplicative and redundant routes in the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range.
- Designation was considered to emphasize protection of wild horses in the LBCWHR and minimize impacts to their population and habitat.
- Designation was considered when protecting Wilderness Study Areas values.
- Designation was considered to reduce impairment of wilderness characteristics in areas managed for wilderness characteristics.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

— **Segment: 5877**

Designation 

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Open if WSA is released

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Wilderness Natural Area:** 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-highway vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class I
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Special Designation WSA
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to preserve the visual character of the existing landscape, limit or reduce the number of routes in areas managed as VRM Class I
- Designation was considered to reduce the number of duplicative and redundant routes in the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range.
- Designation was considered to emphasize protection of wild horses in the LBCWHR and minimize impacts to their population and habitat.
- Designation was considered when protecting Wilderness Study Areas values.
- Designation was considered to reduce impairment of wilderness characteristics in areas managed for wilderness characteristics.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Public Comments On Route: M46

Commenter Name: Shepherd, Janice
Submission Code: emc0835

Organization: The Quiet Trails Group
Recommended: Foot/Horse

Most of this area is a designated WSA and we strongly feel that ATV and motorized routes proposed in Alternative D are totally incompatible with that designation. M46, M47, M56, M57, M58, M49, and M50 are marked as open to motorized and mechanized in Alt D and they should not be. This WSA needs to remain protected from motorized and mechanized use. The only routes open to motorized and mechanized should be ones that were cherrystemmed into the original WSA definition. Further if any of those are for access to well pads, then they should be limited to Admin/Permittee.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon
Submission Code: cfc0082

Organization:
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone M should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes M: 197,204,202, 217, 209,195,215,401,402,211,406,412,407,419,382, 72, 73, 60, 65, CVI, 50, 58,46,47,92,81,93, 91, 83, 108, 164, 185, 13, 181, 164. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone M routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

– Route: M47

– Segment: 5873

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only
Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Open if WSA is released

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Wilderness Natural Area:** 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-highway vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class I
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Special Designation WSA
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to preserve the visual character of the existing landscape, limit or reduce the number of

routes in areas managed as VRM Class I

- Designation was considered to reduce the number of duplicative and redundant routes in the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range.
- Designation was considered to emphasize protection of wild horses in the LBCWHR and minimize impacts to their population and habitat.
- Designation was considered when protecting Wilderness Study Areas values.
- Designation was considered to reduce impairment of wilderness characteristics in areas managed for wilderness characteristics.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Public Comments On Route: M47

Commenter Name: Shepherd, Janice

Organization: The Quiet Trails Group

Submission Code: emc0835

Recommended: Foot/Horse

Most of this area is a designated WSA and we strongly feel that ATV and motorized routes proposed in Alternative D are totally incompatible with that designation. M46, M47, M56, M57, M58, M49, and M50 are marked as open to motorized and mechanized in Alt D and they should not be. This WSA needs to remain protected from motorized and mechanized use. The only routes open to motorized and mechanized should be ones that were cherrystemmed into the original WSA definition. Further if any of those are for access to well pads, then they should be limited to Admin/Permittee.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0082

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone M should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes M: 197,204,202, 217, 209,195,215,401,402,211,406,412,407,419,382, 72, 73, 60, 65, CVI, 50, 58,46,47,92,81,93, 91, 83, 108, 164, 185, 13, 181, 164. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone M routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

– Route: M58

– Segment: 3643

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Open if WSA is released

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Wilderness Natural Area:** 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-highway vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class I
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Special Designation WSA
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to preserve the visual character of the existing landscape, limit or reduce the number of routes in areas managed as VRM Class I
- Designation was considered to reduce the number of duplicative and redundant routes in the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range.
- Designation was considered to emphasize protection of wild horses in the LBCWHR and minimize impacts to their population and habitat.
- Designation was considered when protecting Wilderness Study Areas values.
- Designation was considered to reduce impairment of wilderness characteristics in areas managed for wilderness characteristics.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

— **Segment: 3645**

Designation 

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Open if WSA is released

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Wilderness Natural Area:** 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-highway vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class I
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Special Designation WSA
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to preserve the visual character of the existing landscape, limit or reduce the number of routes in areas managed as VRM Class I
- Designation was considered to reduce the number of duplicative and redundant routes in the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range.
- Designation was considered to emphasize protection of wild horses in the LBCWHR and minimize impacts to their population and habitat.
- Designation was considered when protecting Wilderness Study Areas values.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

— Segment: 5705

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Open if WSA is released

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Wilderness Natural Area:** 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-highway vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class I
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Special Designation WSA
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to preserve the visual character of the existing landscape, limit or reduce the number of routes in areas managed as VRM Class I
- Designation was considered to reduce the number of duplicative and redundant routes in the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range.
- Designation was considered to emphasize protection of wild horses in the LBCWHR and minimize impacts to their population and habitat.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

— Segment: 5744

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Open if WSA is released

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Wilderness Natural Area:** 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-highway vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class I
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Special Designation WSA
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
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- Designation was considered to reduce the number of duplicative and redundant routes in the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range.
- Designation was considered to emphasize protection of wild horses in the LBCWHR and minimize impacts to their population and habitat.
- Designation was considered when protecting Wilderness Study Areas values.
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- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

— Segment: 5747

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Open if WSA is released

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Wilderness Natural Area:** 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-highway vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class I
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Special Designation WSA
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to preserve the visual character of the existing landscape, limit or reduce the number of routes in areas managed as VRM Class I
- Designation was considered to reduce the number of duplicative and redundant routes in the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range.
- Designation was considered to emphasize protection of wild horses in the LBCWHR and minimize impacts to their population and habitat.
- Designation was considered when protecting Wilderness Study Areas values.
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- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Public Comments On Route: M58

Commenter Name: Shepherd, Janice

Organization: The Quiet Trails Group

Submission Code: emc0835

Recommended: Foot/Horse

Most of this area is a designated WSA and we strongly feel that ATV and motorized routes proposed in Alternative D are totally incompatible with that designation. M46, M47, M56, M57, M58, M49, and M50 are marked as open to motorized and mechanized in Alt D and they should not be. This WSA needs to remain protected from motorized and mechanized use. The only routes open to motorized and mechanized should be ones that were cherrystemmed into the original WSA definition. Further if any of those are for access to well pads, then they should be limited to Admin/Permittee.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0082

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone M should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes M: 197,204,202, 217, 209,195,215,401,402,211,406,412,407,419,382, 72, 73, 60, 65, CVI, 50, 58,46,47,92,81,93, 91, 83, 108, 164, 185, 13, 181, 164. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone M routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

– Route: M88

– Segment: 5337

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Maintainence

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Special Designation Wild Horse Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the number of duplicative and redundant routes in the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range.
- Designation was considered to emphasize protection of wild horses in the LBCWHR and minimize impacts to their population and habitat.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: M88

No public comments for this Route

– Route: N115

– Segment: 582

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access
- Work with Land Owner on Right of Way

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 3018

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access
- Work with Land Owner on Right of Way

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to

areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 6469

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access
- Work with Land Owner on Right of Way

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 3029

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
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- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: N115

No public comments for this Route

— Route: N116

— Segment: 3135

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access
- Work with Land Owner on Right of Way

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: N116

No public comments for this Route

– Route: N1206

– Segment: 6917

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on listed species and in designated critical habitat for threatened and endangered plants.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: N1206

No public comments for this Route

– Route: N1210

– Segment: 7000

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on listed species and in designated critical habitat for threatened and endangered plants.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: N1210

No public comments for this Route

– Route: N1237

– Segment: 4154

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Greater Sage Grouse Preliminary General Habitat
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on listed species and in designated critical habitat for threatened and endangered plants.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: N1237

Commenter Name: Herron, Lydia

Submission Code: emc0806

Organization:

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

Zone N = Collbran Many motorized trails open to public use are slated for "administrative use" in Plan B. Trails

N494, N339, N949, N934, N946, N1237, N199, N1276 are important for the public use as they create loop routes. We want them to remain open to the public.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon
Submission Code: cfc0081

Organization:
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone N should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes N: 138, 706, 626, 892, 974, 876, 807, 71, 866, 829, 853, 164, 494, 1133, CVI, 1145, 171, 172, 132, 169, 199, 1237, 1215, 1276, 1271, 231, 1382, 946, 949, 948, 888, 889, 319, 224, 192, 223. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone N routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

– Route: N1271

– Segment: 4597

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4655

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Greater Sage Grouse Preliminary General Habitat
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: N1271

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

Submission Code: cfc0081

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone N should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes N: 138, 706, 626, 892, 974, 876, 807, 71, 866, 829, 853, 164, 494, 1133, CVI, 1145, 171, 172, 132, 169, 199, 1237,1215,1276, 1271, 231, 1382, 946, 949, 948, 888, 889, 319, 224, 192, 223. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone N routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

– Route: N1276**– Segment: 4660****Designation ?****Proposed Designation: Closed****Seasonal Limitations: None****Mitigation**

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Greater Sage Grouse Preliminary General Habitat
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.

- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: N1276

Commenter Name: Herron, Lydia

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0806

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

Zone N = Collbran Many motorized trails open to public use are slated for "administrative use" in Plan B. Trails N494, N339, N949, N934, N946, N1237, N199, N1276 are important for the public use as they create loop routes. We want them to remain open to the public.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0081

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone N should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes N: 138, 706, 626, 892, 974, 876, 807, 71, 866, 829, 853, 164, 494, 1133, CVI, 1145, 171, 172, 132, 169, 199, 1237,1215,1276, 1271, 231, 1382, 946, 949, 948, 888, 889, 319, 224, 192, 223. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone N routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

– Route: N1304

– Segment: 5095

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)

- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Greater Sage Grouse Preliminary General Habitat
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on listed species and in designated critical habitat for threatened and endangered plants.
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: N1304

No public comments for this Route

– Route: N1306

– Segment: 5244

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling

- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Greater Sage Grouse Preliminary General Habitat
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 5246

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: N1306

No public comments for this Route

– Route: N1317

– Segment: 5230

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Greater Sage Grouse Preliminary General Habitat
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or

Tribes.

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: N1317

No public comments for this Route

– Route: N133

– Segment: 3466

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access
- Work with Land Owner on Right of Way

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates

in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: N133

No public comments for this Route

– Route: N164

– Segment: 6138

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Public Comments On Route: N164

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0081

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone N should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes N: 138, 706, 626, 892, 974, 876, 807, 71, 866, 829, 853, 164, 494, 1133, CVI, 1145, 171, 172, 132, 169, 199, 1237,1215,1276, 1271, 231, 1382, 946, 949, 948, 888, 889, 319, 224, 192, 223. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone N routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

– Route: N186

– Segment: 3844

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Greater Sage Grouse Preliminary General Habitat
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.

- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 7039

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Greater Sage Grouse Preliminary General Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on listed species and in designated critical habitat for threatened and endangered plants.
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)**Public Comments On Route: N186**

No public comments for this Route

– Route: N339**– Segment: 5178****Designation ?**

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

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- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 5187

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to maintain administrative access to active oil and gas wells, but limit public access to provide for public safety at active well sites.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: N339

Commenter Name: Herron, Lydia

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0806

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

Zone N = Collbran Many motorized trails open to public use are slated for "administrative use" in Plan B. Trails N494, N339, N949, N934, N946, N1237, N199, N1276 are important for the public use as they create loop routes. We want them to remain open to the public.

– Route: N394

– Segment: 6350

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation:

Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Municipal Watersheds and source-water protection areas
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce point and non-point source contributions of water quality contaminants from public lands by reducing disturbance footprints associated with travel infrastructure and other surface disturbing

actions while also maintaining access and meeting resource use objectives.

- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

— Segment: 6351

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation:

Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Municipal Watersheds and source-water protection areas
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to reduce point and non-point source contributions of water quality contaminants from public lands by reducing disturbance footprints associated with travel infrastructure and other surface disturbing actions while also maintaining access and meeting resource use objectives.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

— Segment: 6357

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation:

Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Water Municipal Watersheds and source-water protection areas
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to reduce point and non-point source contributions of water quality contaminants from public lands by reducing disturbance footprints associated with travel infrastructure and other surface disturbing actions while also maintaining access and meeting resource use objectives.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: N394

Commenter Name: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Does not connect to N876

Organization: No Record

Recommened: Closed

– Route: N494

– Segment: 5625

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only
Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

– Segment: 5671

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: N494

Commenter Name: Herron, Lydia

Submission Code: emc0806

Organization:

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

Zone N = Collbran Many motorized trails open to public use are slated for "administrative use" in Plan B. Trails

N494, N339, N949, N934, N946, N1237, N199, N1276 are important for the public use as they create loop routes. We want them to remain open to the public.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon
Submission Code: cfc0081

Organization:
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone N should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes N: 138, 706, 626, 892, 974, 876, 807, 71, 866, 829, 853, 164, 494, 1133, CVI, 1145, 171, 172, 132, 169, 199, 1237, 1215, 1276, 1271, 231, 1382, 946, 949, 948, 888, 889, 319, 224, 192, 223. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone N routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

– Route: N807

– Segment: 6529

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Municipal Watersheds and source-water protection areas
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce point and non-point source contributions of water quality contaminants from public lands by reducing disturbance footprints associated with travel infrastructure and other surface disturbing actions while also maintaining access and meeting resource use objectives.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 7490

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 7496

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Public Comments On Route: N807

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0081

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone N should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes N: 138, 706, 626, 892, 974, 876, 807, 71, 866, 829, 853, 164, 494, 1133, CVI, 1145, 171, 172, 132, 169, 199, 1237,1215,1276, 1271, 231, 1382, 946, 949, 948, 888, 889, 319, 224, 192, 223. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone N routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

— Route: N829

— Segment: 21974

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel) **Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure**

Mitigation

- Signage and maintenance to avoid braiding and use of pipeline

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

— Segment: 6378

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed **Seasonal Limitations: None**

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III

- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 6403

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 6542

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Public Comments On Route: N829

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0081

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone N should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes N: 138, 706, 626, 892, 974, 876, 807, 71, 866, 829, 853, 164, 494, 1133, CVI, 1145, 171, 172, 132, 169, 199, 1237,1215,1276, 1271, 231, 1382, 946, 949, 948, 888, 889, 319, 224, 192, 223. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on

the entire list of Zone N routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

– Route: N842

– Segment: 6427

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Municipal Watersheds and source-water protection areas
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce point and non-point source contributions of water quality contaminants from public lands by reducing disturbance footprints associated with travel infrastructure and other surface disturbing actions while also maintaining access and meeting resource use objectives.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Public Comments On Route: N842

No public comments for this Route

– Route: N843

– Segment: 6428

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Municipal Watersheds and source-water protection areas
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce point and non-point source contributions of water quality contaminants from public lands by reducing disturbance footprints associated with travel infrastructure and other surface disturbing actions while also maintaining access and meeting resource use objectives.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Public Comments On Route: N843

No public comments for this Route

– Route: N844

– Segment: 6429

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Municipal Watersheds and source-water protection areas
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce point and non-point source contributions of water quality contaminants from public lands by reducing disturbance footprints associated with travel infrastructure and other surface disturbing actions while also maintaining access and meeting resource use objectives.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Public Comments On Route: N844

No public comments for this Route

— Route: N893

— Segment: 6348

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or

other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Municipal Watersheds and source-water protection areas
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce point and non-point source contributions of water quality contaminants from public lands by reducing disturbance footprints associated with travel infrastructure and other surface disturbing actions while also maintaining access and meeting resource use objectives.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

— Segment: 6349

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Municipal Watersheds and source-water protection areas
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce point and non-point source contributions of water quality contaminants from public lands by reducing disturbance footprints associated with travel infrastructure and other surface disturbing actions while also maintaining access and meeting resource use objectives.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Public Comments On Route: N893

No public comments for this Route

– Route: N93

– Segment: 4333

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Greater Sage Grouse Preliminary General Habitat
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Study Site
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4473

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Greater Sage Grouse Preliminary General Habitat
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4533

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Greater Sage Grouse Preliminary General Habitat
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 4640

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Greater Sage Grouse Preliminary General Habitat
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 7118

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Greater Sage Grouse Preliminary General Habitat
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: N93

No public comments for this Route

– Route: N946

– Segment: 2656

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

– Segment: 5153

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Vegetation Designated Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on listed species and in designated critical habitat for threatened and endangered plants.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: N946

Commenter Name: Herron, Lydia

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0806

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Zone N = Collbran Many motorized trails open to public use are slated for "administrative use" in Plan B. Trails N494, N339, N949, N934, N946, N1237, N199, N1276 are important for the public use as they create loop routes. We want them to remain open to the public.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0081

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone N should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes N: 138, 706, 626, 892, 974, 876, 807, 71, 866, 829, 853, 164, 494, 1133, CVI, 1145, 171, 172, 132, 169, 199, 1237, 1215, 1276, 1271, 231, 1382, 946, 949, 948, 888, 889, 319, 224, 192, 223. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone N routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

– Route: N949

– Segment: 5003

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or

potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to maintain administrative access to active oil and gas wells, but limit public access to provide for public safety at active well sites.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: N949

Commenter Name: Herron, Lydia

Submission Code: emc0806

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Zone N = Collbran Many motorized trails open to public use are slated for "administrative use" in Plan B. Trails N494, N339, N949, N934, N946, N1237, N199, N1276 are important for the public use as they create loop routes. We want them to remain open to the public.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0081

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone N should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes N: 138, 706, 626, 892, 974, 876, 807, 71, 866, 829, 853, 164, 494, 1133, CVI, 1145, 171, 172, 132, 169, 199, 1237,1215,1276, 1271, 231, 1382, 946, 949, 948, 888, 889, 319, 224, 192, 223. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone N routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

— Route: 0100

— Segment: 11586

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 11640

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: 0100

No public comments for this Route

– Route: 0103

– Segment: 11728

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: 0103

No public comments for this Route

– Route: O1046**– Segment: 7738****Designation** **Proposed Designation: Closed****Seasonal Limitations: None****Mitigation**

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Riparian proximate (100 ft)
- Water Municipal Watersheds and source-water protection areas
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce livestock and recreation impacts to riparian areas.
- Designation was considered to reduce point and non-point source contributions of water quality contaminants from public lands by reducing disturbance footprints associated with travel infrastructure and other surface disturbing actions while also maintaining access and meeting resource use objectives.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed**Alternative A (Current):** Undesignated**Alternative B (Preferred):** Admin/Permitted Use Only**Alternative C (Conservation):** Admin/Permitted Use Only**Alternative D (Development):** Admin/Permitted Use Only**Public Comments On Route: O1046**

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0080

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone 0 should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes Q: 1,4, 5, 9, 1046, 1045, 193, 205, 206, 32,

83, 57,146, 89, 1838, 127, 1108, 239, 244, 952, 75, 126, 18, 113, 1794,90, 1779, 209, 1152, 1210, 305, 1711, 308, 322, 424, 912, 1092, 659, 292, 293, 937, 486, 595, 1156, 659, 730, 1131, 1685, 713, 1812, 434, 440, 731, 882, 885, 887, 774, 749, 936, 69, 457, 468, 405, 457, 1133, 490, 432, 1125, 266, 367, 358, 330, 388, 310, 263, 527, 525, 1756, 1544, 118, 1752, 1750, 636, 250, 225, 230, 296. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone Q routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

Commenter Name: Potterveld, Jan
Submission Code: emc0634

Organization: Back Country Horsemen of Colorado
Reccomended: Foot/Horse

Rapid Creek and Cottonwood Creek, Trails O1, O1046, O1045, O32, O998, O193, O206, O205, should be designated and maintained as Horse and Hiking Trails. These trails which form a network in the canyons and up on top are a beautiful ride on horseback, with grand vistas, water, woods, and some grass. While we could ride them as Admin trails they need and deserve designation and maintenance to keep them in good shape, otherwise, wash outs and over growth will occur. These trails are important assets to the horse community and deserve better care. In addition, with proper permissions, they connect with the trails leading to the Chalk Mountain Area. Because of the need for admin access to the upper reservoirs, the cottonwood trails may need to be wider than normal.

Commenter Name: Herron, Lydia
Submission Code: emc0806

Organization:
Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

Zone O = Whitewater Hill OHV open area While a smaller area than the Grand Valley OHV area, it has many similar characteristics, and besides "open" riding, offers trail riding through the rocks and desert shrubbery. These are great trails! Not too technical, but enough to make it fun. We have started rides with friends and family off Hwy 50, just South/East of 32 Road intersection and then traveled on the rocky & diverse trails over to Kannah Creek Rd/Lands End Rd. There is one trail (# unknown) that is a technical, rocky, continuously inclining route, which climbs its way upward above Palisade. It does dead end at an administrative use gate, but the view was spectacular and the ride exhilarating. We do not want to see any closures in this area. We would like to see Alternative A or Alternative D routes remain open for this area. Some trails in Alternative B, slated for administrative use that wed like to have remain open for public use are O736, O937, O812, O434 & O440, O1046, O104, as these and others that have recreation value. This zone should also remain an intensive OHV use area.

Commenter Name: Shepherd, Janice
Submission Code: emc0835

Organization: The Quiet Trails Group
Reccomended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Specifically we support the closure and rehab of O887, O885 and O731 to protect the rare plants in the area. We are also interested that O293 retains its designation as bike, foot and horse. We note though the oddity in Alt B where O293, a bike, horse, foot routes is bounded at each end by Admin/Permittee routes. It is our understanding that Admin/Permittee routes are open to horse and foot but not bikes. Through access is needed for mountain bikers that includes route O293 as this provides access to the Whitewater Basin trail system. We also support designating the Rapid Creek and Cottonwood Creek trail complex (O1, 1046, O1045, O32, O998, O193, O206, O205) as horse, foot and biking trails. The BLM should work out with the adjoining landowners permissions to allow for a nonmotorized loop that includes O1 and O1045.

Commenter Name: Shepherd, Janice
Submission Code: rmc0089

Organization:
Reccomended: Closed

Route O1046 has not been used for a long time. It is hard to even tell it is a road at its intersection with O1045 - see image IMG_8703. O1046 should be listed as closed.

– Route: O1092

– Segment: 10901

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Once Well is Abandoned

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Perennial Stream/Fishery
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to maintain administrative access to active oil and gas wells, but limit public access to provide for public safety at active well sites.
- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to reduce point and non-point source contributions of water quality contaminants from public lands by reducing disturbance footprints associated with travel infrastructure and other surface disturbing actions while also maintaining access and meeting resource use objectives.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Public Comments On Route: O1092

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0080

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone 0 should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes Q: 1,4, 5, 9, 1046, 1045, 193, 205, 206, 32, 83, 57,146, 89, 1838, 127, 1108, 239, 244, 952, 75, 126, 18, 113, 1794,90, 1779, 209, 1152, 1210, 305, 1711, 308, 322, 424, 912, 1092, 659, 292, 293, 937, 486, 595, 1156, 659, 730, 1131, 1685, 713, 1812, 434, 440, 731, 882, 885, 887, 774, 749, 936, 69, 457, 468, 405, 457, 1133, 490, 432, 1125, 266, 367, 358, 330, 388, 310, 263, 527, 525, 1756, 1544, 118, 1752, 1750, 636, 250, 225, 230, 296. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone Q routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

– Route: O1108

– Segment: 7686

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse

— Segment: 9067

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse

Public Comments On Route: 01108

Commenter Name: Winans, Scott

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0868**Reccomended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized**

Mesa Slopes - this area of grade will be perfect terrain for several routes to link the higher bench area of the shoulder of the Mesa to the valley floor. The grade and terrain offer exciting technical route options, with good grade for flow of the trails. O141/O226/O239 form nice spur loop O1213 should be continuous O1108 provides nice high access for later connection

Commenter Name: Adams, Juliann

Organization: Palisade Chamber of Commerce

Submission Code: emc0749

Reccomended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Mesa Slopes O141/O226/O239 form nice spur loop O1213 should be continuous O1108 provides nice high access for later connection

Commenter Name: Cox, Kris

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

Submission Code: emc0788

Reccomended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

O1029 - retain as open to mechanized travel for continued access off of the Mesa top Mesa Slopes O141/O226/O239 form nice spur loop O1213 should be continuous O1108 provides nice high access for later connection Flats; south of Horse Mtn. O305 - serves as connector to trails in the flats Horse Mtn area O75 - access North from ridgeline road connects to O1794, which allows for loop creation, and its existing trail. Existing trail not on map to the West of O75, and South of EW road across the hill O1794, O132, and O113 are all part of that loop and make good connectivity around Horse Mtn Route is missing off of existing north O75 wrapping clockwise and intersecting O18 to the east. O57 provide access northward from upper reaches of Blowout very important ridgeline to long range route options. O14 is a nice established route providing entrance from the lower Cottonwood Creek area Accurate Pal Rim trail needs to be added to map O1045 and O1 (Cottonwood & Rapid Creek Roads) are critical access to Mesa direction and upper altitudes.

Commenter Name: Bertolacci, Jason

Organization: International Mountain Bicycling Association

Submission Code: emc0912

Reccomended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Key Routes we Would Like to See Remain Open to Bicycles O830/831/833 and O825/O2060 O293/O292 should have complete connection to Whitewater basin (NFS boundary) O1219/O1131 - should remain accessible, form loop route. O1029 - retain as open to mechanized travel for continued access off of the Mesa top O141/O226/O239 form nice spur loop O1213 should be continuous O1108 provides nice high access for later connection O305 - serves as connector to trails in the flats O75 - access North from ridgeline road connects to O1794, which allows for loop creation, and its existing trail. Existing trail not on map to the West of O75, and South of E-W road across the hill O1794, O132, and O113 are all part of that loop and make good connectivity around Horse Mtn Route is missing off of existing north O75 wrapping clockwise and intersecting O18 to the east. O57 provide access northward from upper reaches of Blowout - very important ridgeline to long range route options. O14 is a nice established route providing entrance from the lower Cottonwood Creek area Accurate Pal Rim trail needs to be added to map O1045 and O1 (Cottonwood & Rapid Creek Roads) are critical access to Mesa direction and upper altitudes. In Zone M, the town of Palisade will focus on mountain bike and trail based recreation around the Bookcliffs. The Bookcliff area offers quick access to little used terrain that is immediately adjacent to the Grand Valley and yet not visibly connected until one reaches the ridgeline of the Bookcliff range. This isolation and eventual visual connection is a unique aspect of Bookcliff area riding. The only local access to this region of Zone M is through Cameo and Coal Canyon Road (M13). There is ongoing work to connect the town of Palisade to Cameo and Island Acres Campground via trail, as well as efforts to access the private lands on the bench south of Cameo as the Xcel power plant is decommissioned in that area. This connection will create yet another access from town directly to trails in these areas. With an established trailhead on M13, some resources are already in place to support improvement of existing routes and expansion of new routes in the area.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0080

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone 0 should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes Q: 1,4, 5, 9, 1046, 1045, 193, 205, 206, 32, 83, 57,146, 89, 1838, 127, 1108, 239, 244, 952, 75, 126, 18, 113, 1794,90, 1779, 209, 1152, 1210, 305, 1711, 308, 322,

424, 912, 1092, 659, 292, 293, 937, 486, 595, 1156, 659, 730, 1131, 1685, 713, 1812, 434, 440, 731, 882, 885, 887, 774, 749, 936, 69, 457, 468, 405, 457, 1133, 490, 432, 1125, 266, 367, 358, 330, 388, 310, 263, 527, 525, 1756, 1544, 118, 1752, 1750, 636, 250, 225, 230, 296. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone Q routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

Commenter Name: No Record

Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

This trail could be better improved to access trail O952 to the east, or to go around the Blowout to the north

Commenter Name: Monholland, Landon

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0922

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Zone O from a Bicycle perspective: Zone O offers the opportunity to connect to the Grand Mesa via bordering lands with NFS. Zone O also includes the Palisade Rims, The Blowout, Mesa Slopes, and Horse Mountain. These regions together form contiguous parcels to the east, southeast, and south of the town of Palisade. These areas have trail access via many points, and together could be made to form a recreation area that would be an amazing boon to the economy and quality of life for the town of Palisade. It will be important to assure access to-and-from the Zone to nearby lands, and to establish a Recreation Management Area which will plan future trail development. I would like to see this area turned into an SRMA for multiple types of trail based recreation. Route Comments: Southern region - dont limit access off of Indian Point area. O830/831/833 should be bike accessible O825/O2060 should be bike accessible. Whitewater Basin area O293/O292 should have complete connection to Whitewater basin (NFS boundary) O1219/O1131 - should remain accessible, form loop route. Upper Mesa O1029 - retain as open to mechanized travel for continued access off of the Mesa top Mesa Slopes O141/O226/O239 form nice spur loop O1213 should be continuous O1108 provides nice high access for later connection Flats; south of Horse Mtn O305 - serves as connector to trails in the flats Horse Mtn area O75 - access North from ridgeline road connects to O1794, which allows for loop creation, and its existing trail. Existing trail not on map to the West of O75, and South of E-W road across the hill O1794, O132, and O113 are all part of that loop and make good connectivity around Horse Mtn Route is missing off of existing north O75 wrapping clockwise and intersecting O18 to the east.

– Route: O113

– Segment: 8447

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)

- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 8252

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 8253

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: 0113

Commenter Name: Winans, Scott
Submission Code: emc0868

Organization:
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Horse Mtn area - most important access locally to the town of Palisade - I love to be able to ride to Horse Mtn and access dirt quickly. Existing routes are not all catalogued here. Those on the mtn itself already offer nice loop options. O75 - access North from ridgeline road connects to O1794, which allows for loop creation, and its existing trail. This is a nice existing route that is well defined and usable in loop form now. Existing trail is not on map to the West of O75, and South of EW road across the hill O1794, O132, and O113 are all part of that loop and make good connectivity around Horse Mtn Route is missing off of existing north O75 wrapping clockwise and intersecting O18 to the east.

Commenter Name: Monholland, Landon
Submission Code: emc0922

Organization:
Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

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Commenter Name: Adams, Juliann
Submission Code: emc0749

Organization: Palisade Chamber of Commerce
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

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Commenter Name: Cox, Kris
Submission Code: emc0788

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter
Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

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Commenter Name: Bertolacci, Jason

Organization: International Mountain Bicycling Association

Submission Code: emc0912

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Key Routes we Would Like to See Remain Open to Bicycles O830/831/833 and O825/O2060 O293/O292 should

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Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0080

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone 0 should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes Q: 1,4, 5, 9, 1046, 1045, 193, 205, 206, 32, 83, 57,146, 89, 1838, 127, 1108, 239, 244, 952, 75, 126, 18, 113, 1794,90, 1779, 209, 1152, 1210, 305, 1711, 308, 322, 424, 912, 1092, 659, 292, 293, 937, 486, 595, 1156, 659, 730, 1131, 1685, 713, 1812, 434, 440, 731, 882, 885, 887, 774, 749, 936, 69, 457, 468, 405, 457, 1133, 490, 432, 1125, 266, 367, 358, 330, 388, 310, 263, 527, 525, 1756, 1544, 118, 1752, 1750, 636, 250, 225, 230, 296. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone Q routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

– Route: O1131

– Segment: 10147

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Drainage Crossing
- Cultural

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails

- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Riparian proximate (100 ft)
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

— Segment: 10154

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Drainage Crossing
- Cultural

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Other Considerations County Vested Interest
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

— Segment: 10772

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Drainage Crossing
- Cultural

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Municipal Watersheds and source-water protection areas
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

— Segment: 1116

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Drainage Crossing
- Cultural

Rationale

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Riparian proximate (100 ft)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

— Segment: 11580

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Drainage Crossing
- Cultural

Rationale

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Other Considerations County Vested Interest
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Lands and Realty ROW
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Rationale for Decision

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Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

— Segment: 11708

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Drainage Crossing
- Cultural

Rationale

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Resources and / or Uses Present

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- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Other Considerations County Vested Interest
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Public Comments On Route: O1131

Commenter Name: Winans, Scott

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0868

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Whitewater Basin area - connecting out of or into this basin will be important to making long range connections between the top of the Mesa and the valley floor. A Mesa top to valley floor trail system will be a spectacular way to combine high country temperatures and characteristics with access to towns by bike. This will be a huge economic impact, as well as accessing backcountry trails that are as close to town as possible with short drives up Lands End road. Ultimately, I'd like to see complete singletrack trail connections from Mesa Top trail to the town of Palisade. This would provide the elevation change (both climbing and descending options) and access to such a wide variety of terrain that is quite unique - not available anywhere else in the valley. O293/O292 should have complete connection to Whitewater basin (NFS boundary) O1219/O1131 - should remain accessible, form loop route.

Commenter Name: Adams, Juliann

Organization: Palisade Chamber of Commerce

Submission Code: emc0749

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

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Commenter Name: Cox, Kris

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

Submission Code: emc0788

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Commenter Name: Bertolacci, Jason

Organization: International Mountain Bicycling Association

Submission Code: emc0912

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– **Route: O1141**

– **Segment: 10982**

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Riparian proximate (100 ft)
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce livestock and recreation impacts to riparian areas.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 21943

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: 01141

No public comments for this Route

– Route: 01142

– Segment: 10153

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Lands and Realty ROW

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: 01142

No public comments for this Route

– Route: 01156

– Segment: 11576

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Municipal Watersheds and source-water protection areas
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in

areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to reduce point and non-point source contributions of water quality contaminants from public lands by reducing disturbance footprints associated with travel infrastructure and other surface disturbing actions while also maintaining access and meeting resource use objectives.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 23421

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Water Municipal Watersheds and source-water protection areas
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to reduce point and non-point source contributions of water quality contaminants from public lands by reducing disturbance footprints associated with travel infrastructure and other surface disturbing actions while also maintaining access and meeting resource use objectives.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 23422

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Water Municipal Watersheds and source-water protection areas
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to reduce point and non-point source contributions of water quality contaminants from public lands by reducing disturbance footprints associated with travel infrastructure and other surface disturbing actions while also maintaining access and meeting resource use objectives.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: O1156

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0080

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone 0 should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes Q: 1,4, 5, 9, 1046, 1045, 193, 205, 206, 32, 83, 57,146, 89, 1838, 127, 1108, 239, 244, 952, 75, 126, 18, 113, 1794,90, 1779, 209, 1152, 1210, 305, 1711, 308, 322, 424, 912, 1092, 659, 292, 293, 937, 486, 595, 1156, 659, 730, 1131, 1685, 713, 1812, 434, 440, 731, 882, 885, 887, 774, 749, 936, 69, 457, 468, 405, 457, 1133, 490, 432, 1125, 266, 367, 358, 330, 388, 310, 263, 527, 525, 1756, 1544, 118, 1752, 1750, 636, 250, 225, 230, 296. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone Q routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

– Route: O1182

– Segment: 11301

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: 01182

No public comments for this Route

– Route: 01219

– Segment: 10715

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Municipal Watersheds and source-water protection areas
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce point and non-point source contributions of water quality contaminants from public lands by reducing disturbance footprints associated with travel infrastructure and other surface disturbing actions while also maintaining access and meeting resource use objectives.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

— Segment: 10724

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route

- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Public Comments On Route: 01219

Commenter Name: Winans, Scott

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0868

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Whitewater Basin area - connecting out of or into this basin will be important to making long range connections between the top of the Mesa and the valley floor. A Mesa top to valley floor trail system will be a spectacular way to combine high country temperatures and characteristics with access to towns by bike. This will be a huge economic impact, as well as accessing backcountry trails that are as close to town as possible with short drives up Lands End road. Ultimately, I'd like to see complete singletrack trail connections from Mesa Top trail to the town of Palisade. This would provide the elevation change (both climbing and descending options) and access to such a wide variety of terrain that is quite unique - not available anywhere else in the valley. O293/O292 should have complete connection to Whitewater basin (NFS boundary) O1219/O1131 - should remain accessible, form loop route.

Commenter Name: Adams, Juliann

Organization: Palisade Chamber of Commerce

Submission Code: emc0749

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Whitewater Basin area O293/0292 should have complete connection to Whitewater basin (NFS boundary) O1219/O1131 - should remain accessible, form loop route.

Commenter Name: Cox, Kris
Submission Code: emc0788

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter
Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

O293/0292 - should have complete connection to Whitewater basin (NFS boundary) O1219/O1131 - should remain accessible, form loop route.

Commenter Name: Bertolacci, Jason

Organization: International Mountain Bicycling Association

Submission Code: emc0912

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Key Routes we Would Like to See Remain Open to Bicycles O830/831/833 and O825/O2060 O293/0292 should have complete connection to Whitewater basin (NFS boundary) O1219/O1131 - should remain accessible, form loop route. O1029 - retain as open to mechanized travel for continued access off of the Mesa top O141/O226/O239 form nice spur loop O1213 should be continuous O1108 provides nice high access for later connection O305 - serves as connector to trails in the flats O75 - access North from ridgeline road connects to O1794, which allows for loop creation, and its existing trail. Existing trail not on map to the West of O75, and South of E-W road across the hill O1794, O132, and O113 are all part of that loop and make good connectivity around Horse Mtn Route is missing off of existing north O75 wrapping clockwise and intersecting O18 to the east. O57 provide access northward from upper reaches of Blowout - very important ridgeline to long range route options. O14 is a nice established route providing entrance from the lower Cottonwood Creek area Accurate Pal Rim trail needs to be added to map O1045 and O1 (Cottonwood & Rapid Creek Roads) are critical access to Mesa direction and upper altitudes. In Zone M, the town of Palisade will focus on mountain bike and trail based recreation around the Bookcliffs. The Bookcliff area offers quick access to little used terrain that is immediately adjacent to the Grand Valley and yet not visibly connected until one reaches the ridgeline of the Bookcliff range. This isolation and eventual visual connection is a unique aspect of Bookcliff area riding. The only local access to this region of Zone M is through Cameo and Coal Canyon Road (M13). There is ongoing work to connect the town of Palisade to Cameo and Island Acres Campground via trail, as well as efforts to access the private lands on the bench south of Cameo as the Xcel power plant is decommissioned in that area. This connection will create yet another access from town directly to trails in these areas. With an established trailhead on M13, some resources are already in place to support improvement of existing routes and expansion of new routes in the area.

Commenter Name: Monholland, Landon
Submission Code: emc0922

Organization:
Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Zone O from a Bicycle perspective: Zone O offers the opportunity to connect to the Grand Mesa via bordering lands with NFS. Zone O also includes the Palisade Rims, The Blowout, Mesa Slopes, and Horse Mountain. These regions together form contiguous parcels to the east, southeast, and south of the town of Palisade. These areas have trail access via many points, and together could be made to form a recreation area that would be an amazing boon to the economy and quality of life for the town of Palisade. It will be important to assure access to-and-from the Zone to nearby lands, and to establish a Recreation Management Area which will plan future trail development. I would like to see this area turned into an SRMA for multiple types of trail based recreation. Route Comments: Southern region - dont limit access off of Indian Point area. O830/831/833 should be bike accessible O825/O2060 should be bike accessible. Whitewater Basin area O293/0292 should have complete connection to Whitewater basin (NFS boundary) O1219/O1131 - should remain accessible, form loop route. Upper Mesa O1029 - retain as open to mechanized travel for continued access off of the Mesa top Mesa Slopes O141/O226/O239 form nice spur loop O1213 should be continuous O1108 provides nice high access for later connection Flats; south of Horse Mtn O305 - serves as connector to trails in the flats Horse Mtn area O75 - access North from ridgeline road connects to O1794, which allows for loop creation, and its existing trail. Existing trail not on map to the West of O75, and South of E-W road across the hill O1794, O132, and O113 are all part of that loop and make good connectivity around Horse Mtn Route is missing off of existing north O75 wrapping clockwise and intersecting O18 to the east.

– Route: O126

— Segment: 8456

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: 0126

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0080

Organization:

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone 0 should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes Q: 1,4, 5, 9, 1046, 1045, 193, 205, 206, 32, 83, 57,146, 89, 1838, 127, 1108, 239, 244, 952, 75, 126, 18, 113, 1794,90, 1779, 209, 1152, 1210, 305, 1711, 308, 322, 424, 912, 1092, 659, 292, 293, 937, 486, 595, 1156, 659, 730, 1131, 1685, 713, 1812, 434, 440, 731, 882, 885, 887, 774, 749, 936, 69, 457, 468, 405, 457, 1133, 490, 432, 1125, 266, 367, 358, 330, 388, 310, 263, 527, 525, 1756, 1544, 118, 1752, 1750, 636, 250, 225, 230, 296. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone Q routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

– Route: 0127

– Segment: 8032

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with slump areas.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

– Segment: 8050

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route

- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Lands and Realty ROW
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with slump areas.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 8409

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Lands and Realty ROW
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with slump areas.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)**Public Comments On Route: 0127**

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0080

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone 0 should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes Q: 1,4, 5, 9, 1046, 1045, 193, 205, 206, 32, 83, 57,146, 89, 1838, 127, 1108, 239, 244, 952, 75, 126, 18, 113, 1794,90, 1779, 209, 1152, 1210, 305, 1711, 308, 322, 424, 912, 1092, 659, 292, 293, 937, 486, 595, 1156, 659, 730, 1131, 1685, 713, 1812, 434, 440, 731, 882, 885, 887, 774, 749, 936, 69, 457, 468, 405, 457, 1133, 490, 432, 1125, 266, 367, 358, 330, 388, 310, 263, 527, 525, 1756, 1544, 118, 1752, 1750, 636, 250, 225, 230, 296. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone Q routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

– Route: 0146**– Segment: 8402****Designation ?****Proposed Designation: Closed****Seasonal Limitations: None****Designation Following Mitigation: Foot/Horse****Seasonal Limitations: None****Mitigation**

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse

Public Comments On Route: 0146

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0080

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone 0 should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes Q: 1,4, 5, 9, 1046, 1045, 193, 205, 206, 32, 83, 57,146, 89, 1838, 127, 1108, 239, 244, 952, 75, 126, 18, 113, 1794,90, 1779, 209, 1152, 1210, 305, 1711, 308, 322, 424, 912, 1092, 659, 292, 293, 937, 486, 595, 1156, 659, 730, 1131, 1685, 713, 1812, 434, 440, 731, 882, 885, 887, 774, 749, 936, 69, 457, 468, 405, 457, 1133, 490, 432, 1125, 266, 367, 358, 330, 388, 310, 263, 527, 525, 1756, 1544, 118, 1752, 1750, 636, 250, 225, 230, 296. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone Q routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

– Route: 01508

– Segment: 9711

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 9717

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or

Tribes.

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: 01508

No public comments for this Route

– Route: 01518

– Segment: 9838

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: 01518

No public comments for this Route

– Route: 01519

– Segment: 10405

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in

areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: 01519

No public comments for this Route

– Route: 01588

– Segment: 8719

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Special Status Species plants

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 8729

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Special Status Species plants

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 9420

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Needs More Data
- Drainage Crossing
- Potential cactus mitigation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 9479

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Special Status Species plants

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 8715

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 8718

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: 01588

No public comments for this Route

– Route: 01592

– Segment: 8738

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: 01592

No public comments for this Route

– Route: 01593

– Segment: 8755

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 8739

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Soils Mancos Shale areas

- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

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- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: 01593

No public comments for this Route

– Route: 0163

– Segment: 11425

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: 0163

No public comments for this Route

– Route: 01666

– Segment: 8644

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing

Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
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- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: 01666

No public comments for this Route

– Route: 01750

– Segment: 10207

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 11299

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 11440

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: O1750

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0080

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

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– Route: O1752

– Segment: 11041

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 11092

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
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- Special Designation VRM Class IV
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 11154

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Special Status Species inventory and potential mitigation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
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Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 11204

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Special Status Species inventory and potential mitigation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
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- Water Stream Crossing
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 11442

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Special Status Species inventory and potential mitigation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 11223

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route

- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

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Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 11234

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
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- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
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Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 11237

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

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Rationale

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Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 11268

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

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Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 11272

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

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Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 11423

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

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- Cultural Resource Concern
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- Soils Mancos Shale areas

- Special Designation VRM Class IV
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Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 11441

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

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- Cultural Resource Concern
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- Special Designation VRM Class IV
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- Water Stream Crossing
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Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 11424

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: O1752

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0080

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone 0 should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes Q: 1,4, 5, 9, 1046, 1045, 193, 205, 206, 32, 83, 57,146, 89, 1838, 127, 1108, 239, 244, 952, 75, 126, 18, 113, 1794,90, 1779, 209, 1152, 1210, 305, 1711, 308, 322, 424, 912, 1092, 659, 292, 293, 937, 486, 595, 1156, 659, 730, 1131, 1685, 713, 1812, 434, 440, 731, 882, 885, 887, 774, 749, 936, 69, 457, 468, 405, 457, 1133, 490, 432, 1125, 266, 367, 358, 330, 388, 310, 263, 527, 525, 1756, 1544, 118, 1752, 1750, 636, 250, 225, 230, 296. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone Q routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

– Route: O1756

– Segment: 10765

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 10693

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 10812

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 10820

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 10692

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Special Status Species survey and possible mitigation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 10766

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: 01756

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0080

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone 0 should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes Q: 1,4, 5, 9, 1046, 1045, 193, 205, 206, 32, 83, 57,146, 89, 1838, 127, 1108, 239, 244, 952, 75, 126, 18, 113, 1794,90, 1779, 209, 1152, 1210, 305, 1711, 308, 322, 424, 912, 1092, 659, 292, 293, 937, 486, 595, 1156, 659, 730, 1131, 1685, 713, 1812, 434, 440, 731, 882, 885, 887, 774, 749, 936, 69, 457, 468, 405, 457, 1133, 490, 432, 1125, 266, 367, 358, 330, 388, 310, 263, 527, 525, 1756, 1544, 118, 1752, 1750, 636, 250, 225, 230, 296. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone Q routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

— Route: 01779

— Segment: 8584

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Maintenance

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 8585

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Maintenance

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 8611

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Maintenance

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 7363

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 7366

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 8576

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize

direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: 01779

Commenter Name: Nees, Daniel

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0456

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

We live on 35 Road (East Orchard Mesa) and access the BLM land from Upland Drive with our ATV and 4-wheel drive vehicles using primarily Roads 0118, 01594, 01779, 0153, 0147, 0132, and 018. We use the BLM lands for recreation, to exercise our dog, and for our own exercise. We appreciate the beauty and seclusion of the country. We want this area to stay open to off highway vehicles. Closing these roads would decrease our property value and decrease our quality of life. Part of the reason we moved here was because of BLM access close to our house. We use this area on a daily basis, year around.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0080

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone 0 should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes Q: 1,4, 5, 9, 1046, 1045, 193, 205, 206, 32, 83, 57,146, 89, 1838, 127, 1108, 239, 244, 952, 75, 126, 18, 113, 1794,90, 1779, 209, 1152, 1210, 305, 1711, 308, 322, 424, 912, 1092, 659, 292, 293, 937, 486, 595, 1156, 659, 730, 1131, 1685, 713, 1812, 434, 440, 731, 882, 885, 887, 774, 749, 936, 69, 457, 468, 405, 457, 1133, 490, 432, 1125, 266, 367, 358, 330, 388, 310, 263, 527, 525, 1756, 1544, 118, 1752, 1750, 636, 250, 225, 230, 296. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone Q routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

– Route: 01795

– Segment: 8277

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: O1795

No public comments for this Route

– Route: O18

– Segment: 7660

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Special Status Species plants

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 7669

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Special Status Species plants

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 7936

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 8061

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Special Status Species plants

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III

- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 8095

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)
Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Special Status Species plants

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 8319

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 8448

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Special Status Species plants

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 8544

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use

authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 8612

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Potential Special Status Species plant mitigation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 8653

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 8671

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce as much as practicable route density (miles/square mile) within 200 meters of known Threatened and Endangered plant occurrences throughout the field office.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 8698

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce as much as practicable route density (miles/square mile) within 200 meters of known Threatened and Endangered plant occurrences throughout the field office.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.

Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 8699

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce as much as practicable route density (miles/square mile) within 200 meters of known Threatened and Endangered plant occurrences throughout the field office.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 8704

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 8725

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 8707

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV

- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
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- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 6066

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 8702

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: 018

Commenter Name: Nees, Daniel

Submission Code: emc0456

Organization:

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

We live on 35 Road (East Orchard Mesa) and access the BLM land from Upland Drive with our ATV and 4-wheel drive vehicles using primarily Roads 0118, 01594, 01779, 0153, 0147, 0132, and 018. We use the BLM lands for

recreation, to exercise our dog, and for our own exercise. We appreciate the beauty and seclusion of the country. We want this area to stay open to off highway vehicles. Closing these roads would decrease our property value and decrease our quality of life. Part of the reason we moved here was because of BLM access close to our house. We use this area on a daily basis, year around.

Commenter Name: Winans, Scott

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0868

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Horse Mtn area - most important access locally to the town of Palisade - I love to be able to ride to Horse Mtn and access dirt quickly. Existing routes are not all catalogued here. Those on the mtn itself already offer nice loop options. O75 - access North from ridgeline road connects to O1794, which allows for loop creation, and its existing trail. This is a nice existing route that is well defined and usable in loop form now. Existing trail is not on map to the West of O75, and South of EW road across the hill O1794, O132, and O113 are all part of that loop and make good connectivity around Horse Mtn Route is missing off of existing north O75 wrapping clockwise and intersecting O18 to the east.

Commenter Name: Monholland, Landon

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0922

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Zone O from a Bicycle perspective: Zone O offers the opportunity to connect to the Grand Mesa via bordering lands with NFS. Zone O also includes the Palisade Rims, The Blowout, Mesa Slopes, and Horse Mountain. These regions together form contiguous parcels to the east, southeast, and south of the town of Palisade. These areas have trail access via many points, and together could be made to form a recreation area that would be an amazing boon to the economy and quality of life for the town of Palisade. It will be important to assure access to-and-from the Zone to nearby lands, and to establish a Recreation Management Area which will plan future trail development. I would like to see this area turned into an SRMA for multiple types of trail based recreation. Route Comments: Southern region - dont limit access off of Indian Point area. O830/831/833 should be bike accessible O825/O2060 should be bike accessible. Whitewater Basin area O293/O292 should have complete connection to Whitewater basin (NFS boundary) O1219/O1131 - should remain accessible, form loop route. Upper Mesa O1029 - retain as open to mechanized travel for continued access off of the Mesa top Mesa Slopes O141/O226/O239 form nice spur loop O1213 should be continuous O1108 provides nice high access for later connection Flats; south of Horse Mtn O305 - serves as connector to trails in the flats Horse Mtn area O75 - access North from ridgeline road connects to O1794, which allows for loop creation, and its existing trail. Existing trail not on map to the West of O75, and South of E-W road across the hill O1794, O132, and O113 are all part of that loop and make good connectivity around Horse Mtn Route is missing off of existing north O75 wrapping clockwise and intersecting O18 to the east.

Commenter Name: Adams, Juliann

Organization: Palisade Chamber of Commerce

Submission Code: emc0749

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Horse Mountain area O75 - access North from ridgeline road connects to O1794, which allows for loop creation, and its existing trail. Existing trail not on map to the West of O75, and South of EW road across the hill O1794, O132, and O113 are all part of that loop and make good connectivity around Horse Mtn Route is missing off of existing north O75 wrapping clockwise and intersecting O18 to the east.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0080

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone O should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes Q: 1,4, 5, 9, 1046, 1045, 193, 205, 206, 32, 83, 57,146, 89, 1838, 127, 1108, 239, 244, 952, 75, 126, 18, 113, 1794,90, 1779, 209, 1152, 1210, 305, 1711, 308, 322, 424, 912, 1092, 659, 292, 293, 937, 486, 595, 1156, 659, 730, 1131, 1685, 713, 1812, 434, 440, 731, 882, 885, 887, 774, 749, 936, 69, 457, 468, 405, 457, 1133, 490, 432, 1125, 266, 367, 358, 330, 388, 310, 263, 527, 525, 1756, 1544, 118, 1752, 1750, 636, 250, 225, 230, 296. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWS) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone Q routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

Commenter Name: Cox, Kris
Submission Code: emc0788

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter
Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

O1029 - retain as open to mechanized travel for continued access off of the Mesa top Mesa Slopes O141/O226/O239 form nice spur loop O1213 should be continuous O1108 provides nice high access for later connection Flats; south of Horse Mtn. O305 - serves as connector to trails in the flats Horse Mtn area O75 - access North from ridgeline road connects to O1794, which allows for loop creation, and its existing trail. Existing trail not on map to the West of O75, and South of EW road across the hill O1794, O132, and O113 are all part of that loop and make good connectivity around Horse Mtn Route is missing off of existing north O75 wrapping clockwise and intersecting O18 to the east. O57 provide access northward from upper reaches of Blowout very important ridgeline to long range route options. O14 is a nice established route providing entrance from the lower Cottonwood Creek area Accurate Pal Rim trail needs to be added to map O1045 and O1 (Cottonwood & Rapid Creek Roads) are critical access to Mesa direction and upper altitudes.

– Route: 01838

– Segment: 8241

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

– Segment: 8247

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None**Mitigation**

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: 01838

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0080

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone 0 should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes Q: 1,4, 5, 9, 1046, 1045, 193, 205, 206, 32, 83, 57,146, 89, 1838, 127, 1108, 239, 244, 952, 75, 126, 18, 113, 1794,90, 1779, 209, 1152, 1210, 305, 1711, 308, 322, 424, 912, 1092, 659, 292, 293, 937, 486, 595, 1156, 659, 730, 1131, 1685, 713, 1812, 434, 440, 731, 882, 885, 887, 774, 749, 936, 69, 457, 468, 405, 457, 1133, 490, 432, 1125, 266, 367, 358, 330, 388, 310, 263, 527, 525, 1756, 1544, 118, 1752, 1750, 636, 250, 225, 230, 296. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone Q routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

– Route: 0192**– Segment: 7620****Designation ?**

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Municipal Watersheds and source-water protection areas
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce point and non-point source contributions of water quality contaminants from public lands by reducing disturbance footprints associated with travel infrastructure and other surface disturbing actions while also maintaining access and meeting resource use objectives.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: 0192

No public comments for this Route

– Route: 01935

– Segment: 11681

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: 01935

No public comments for this Route

– Route: 02003

– Segment: 13450

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: 02003

Commenter Name: Rechel, Eric

Organization:

Submission Code: rmc0049

Reccomended: Closed

Need to keep motorized travel limited to roads that are graded and maintained otherwise there will be an increase in dust, especially with the drought. I approve of closing roads 02022, and 02025. Close roads around Chenny Reservoir e.g. 0840,0832, and 02003.

– Route: 02019

– Segment: 13346

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)

- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
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- Designation was considered to reduce as much as practicable route density (miles/square mile) within 200 meters of known Threatened and Endangered plant occurrences throughout the field office.
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- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: O2019

No public comments for this Route

– Route: O2024

– Segment: 13351

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13485

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Vegetation Riparian proximate (100 ft)
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
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- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with slump areas.
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- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to reduce livestock and recreation impacts to riparian areas.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Public Comments On Route: O2024

No public comments for this Route

– Route: O2025

– Segment: 13575

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: No Designation Recorded

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Drainage Crossing
- Work with Land Owner on Public Access
- Potential mitigation for plants and cultural

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

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- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13444

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with slump areas.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: 02025

Commenter Name: Rechel, Eric

Organization:

Submission Code: rmc0049

Reccomended: Closed

Need to keep motorized travel limited to roads that are graded and maintained otherwise there will be an increase in dust, especially with the drought. I approve of closing roads 02022, and 02025. Close roads around Chenny Reservoir e.g. 0840,0832, and 02003.

– Route: 02026

– Segment: 13356

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: No Designation Recorded

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Drainage Crossing
- Work with Land Owner on Public Access
- Potential mitigation for plants and cultural

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

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erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13441

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: 02026

No public comments for this Route

– Route: O2029

– Segment: 13411

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Public Comments On Route: O2029

No public comments for this Route

– Route: O2047

– Segment: 13760

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meet Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: 02047

No public comments for this Route

— Route: 02051

— Segment: 13682

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

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- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: 02051

No public comments for this Route

— Route: 0206

— Segment: 7835

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None**Mitigation**

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Municipal Watersheds and source-water protection areas
- Water Does not meet Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

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- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce point and non-point source contributions of water quality contaminants from public lands by reducing disturbance footprints associated with travel infrastructure and other surface disturbing actions while also maintaining access and meeting resource use objectives.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 7852**Designation ?**

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None**Mitigation**

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

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Resources and / or Uses Present

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- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Municipal Watersheds and source-water protection areas
- Water Does not meet Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 7900**Designation** 

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Municipal Watersheds and source-water protection areas
- Water Does not meet Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: O206

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0080

Organization:

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone 0 should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes Q: 1,4, 5, 9, 1046, 1045, 193, 205, 206, 32, 83, 57,146, 89, 1838, 127, 1108, 239, 244, 952, 75, 126, 18, 113, 1794,90, 1779, 209, 1152, 1210, 305, 1711, 308, 322, 424, 912, 1092, 659, 292, 293, 937, 486, 595, 1156, 659, 730, 1131, 1685, 713, 1812, 434, 440, 731, 882, 885, 887, 774, 749, 936, 69, 457, 468, 405, 457, 1133, 490, 432, 1125, 266, 367, 358, 330, 388, 310, 263, 527, 525, 1756, 1544,

118, 1752, 1750, 636, 250, 225, 230, 296. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone Q routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

Commenter Name: Potterveld, Jan
Submission Code: emc0634

Organization: Back Country Horsemen of Colorado
Recommended: Foot/Horse

Rapid Creek and Cottonwood Creek, Trails O1, O1046, O1045, O32, O998, O193, O206, O205, should be designated and maintained as Horse and Hiking Trails. These trails which form a network in the canyons and up on top are a beautiful ride on horseback, with grand vistas, water, woods, and some grass. While we could ride them as Admin trails they need and deserve designation and maintenance to keep them in good shape, otherwise, wash outs and over growth will occur. These trails are important assets to the horse community and deserve better care. In addition, with proper permissions, they connect with the trails leading to the Chalk Mountain Area. Because of the need for admin access to the upper reservoirs, the cottonwood trails may need to be wider than normal.

Commenter Name: Shepherd, Janice
Submission Code: emc0835

Organization: The Quiet Trails Group
Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Specifically we support the closure and rehab of O887, O885 and O731 to protect the rare plants in the area. We are also interested that O293 retains its designation as bike, foot and horse. We note though the oddity in Alt B where O293, a bike, horse, foot routes is bounded at each end by Admin/Permittee routes. It is our understanding that Admin/Permittee routes are open to horse and foot but not bikes. Through access is needed for mountain bikers that includes route O293 as this provides access to the Whitewater Basin trail system. We also support designating the Rapid Creek and Cottonwood Creek trail complex (O1, 1046, O1045, O32, O998, O193, O206, O205) as horse, foot and biking trails. The BLM should work out with the adjoining landowners permissions to allow for a nonmotorized loop that includes O1 and O1045.

– Route: O239

– Segment: 7994

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

— Segment: 9578

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Public Comments On Route: 0239

Commenter Name: Winans, Scott

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0868

Reccomended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Mesa Slopes - this area of grade will be perfect terrain for several routes to link the higher bench area of the shoulder of the Mesa to the valley floor. The grade and terrain offer exciting technical route options, with good grade for flow of the trails. O141/O226/O239 form nice spur loop O1213 should be continuous O1108 provides nice high access for later connection

Commenter Name: Monholland, Landon

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0922

Reccomended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Zone O from a Bicycle perspective: Zone O offers the opportunity to connect to the Grand Mesa via bordering lands with NFS. Zone O also includes the Palisade Rims, The Blowout, Mesa Slopes, and Horse Mountain. These regions together form contiguous parcels to the east, southeast, and south of the town of Palisade. These areas have trail

access via many points, and together could be made to form a recreation area that would be an amazing boon to the economy and quality of life for the town of Palisade. It will be important to assure access to-and-from the Zone to nearby lands, and to establish a Recreation Management Area which will plan future trail development. I would like to see this area turned into an SRMA for multiple types of trail based recreation. Route Comments: Southern region - dont limit access off of Indian Point area. O830/831/833 should be bike accessible O825/O2060 should be bike accessible. Whitewater Basin area O293/O292 should have complete connection to Whitewater basin (NFS boundary) O1219/O1131 - should remain accessible, form loop route. Upper Mesa O1029 - retain as open to mechanized travel for continued access off of the Mesa top Mesa Slopes O141/O226/O239 form nice spur loop O1213 should be continuous O1108 provides nice high access for later connection Flats; south of Horse Mtn O305 - serves as connector to trails in the flats Horse Mtn area O75 - access North from ridgeline road connects to O1794, which allows for loop creation, and its existing trail. Existing trail not on map to the West of O75, and South of E-W road across the hill O1794, O132, and O113 are all part of that loop and make good connectivity around Horse Mtn Route is missing off of existing north O75 wrapping clockwise and intersecting O18 to the east.

Commenter Name: Adams, Juliann

Organization: Palisade Chamber of Commerce

Submission Code: emc0749

Reccomended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Mesa Slopes O141/O226/O239 form nice spur loop O1213 should be continuous O1108 provides nice high access for later connection

Commenter Name: Cox, Kris

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

Submission Code: emc0788

Reccomended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

O1029 - retain as open to mechanized travel for continued access off of the Mesa top Mesa Slopes O141/O226/O239 form nice spur loop O1213 should be continuous O1108 provides nice high access for later connection Flats; south of Horse Mtn. O305 - serves as connector to trails in the flats Horse Mtn area O75 - access North from ridgeline road connects to O1794, which allows for loop creation, and its existing trail. Existing trail not on map to the West of O75, and South of EW road across the hill O1794, O132, and O113 are all part of that loop and make good connectivity around Horse Mtn Route is missing off of existing north O75 wrapping clockwise and intersecting O18 to the east. O57 provide access northward from upper reaches of Blowout very important ridgeline to long range route options. O14 is a nice established route providing entrance from the lower Cottonwood Creek area Accurate Pal Rim trail needs to be added to map O1045 and O1 (Cottonwood & Rapid Creek Roads) are critical access to Mesa direction and upper altitudes.

Commenter Name: Bertolacci, Jason

Organization: International Mountain Bicycling Association

Submission Code: emc0912

Reccomended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Key Routes we Would Like to See Remain Open to Bicycles O830/831/833 and O825/O2060 O293/O292 should have complete connection to Whitewater basin (NFS boundary) O1219/O1131 - should remain accessible, form loop route. O1029 - retain as open to mechanized travel for continued access off of the Mesa top O141/O226/O239 form nice spur loop O1213 should be continuous O1108 provides nice high access for later connection O305 - serves as connector to trails in the flats O75 - access North from ridgeline road connects to O1794, which allows for loop creation, and its existing trail. Existing trail not on map to the West of O75, and South of E-W road across the hill O1794, O132, and O113 are all part of that loop and make good connectivity around Horse Mtn Route is missing off of existing north O75 wrapping clockwise and intersecting O18 to the east. O57 provide access northward from upper reaches of Blowout - very important ridgeline to long range route options. O14 is a nice established route providing entrance from the lower Cottonwood Creek area Accurate Pal Rim trail needs to be added to map O1045 and O1 (Cottonwood & Rapid Creek Roads) are critical access to Mesa direction and upper altitudes. In Zone M, the town of Palisade will focus on mountain bike and trail based recreation around the Bookcliffs. The Bookcliff area offers quick access to little used terrain that is immediately adjacent to the Grand Valley and yet not visibly connected until one reaches the ridgeline of the Bookcliff range. This isolation and eventual visual connection is a unique aspect of Bookcliff area riding. The only local access to this region of Zone M is through Cameo and Coal Canyon Road (M13). There is ongoing work to connect the town of Palisade to Cameo and Island Acres Campground via trail, as well as efforts to access the private lands on the bench south of Cameo as the Xcel power plant is decommissioned in that area. This connection will create yet another access from town directly to trails in these areas. With an established trailhead on M13, some resources are already in place to support improvement of

existing routes and expansion of new routes in the area.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0080

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone 0 should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes Q: 1,4, 5, 9, 1046, 1045, 193, 205, 206, 32, 83, 57,146, 89, 1838, 127, 1108, 239, 244, 952, 75, 126, 18, 113, 1794,90, 1779, 209, 1152, 1210, 305, 1711, 308, 322, 424, 912, 1092, 659, 292, 293, 937, 486, 595, 1156, 659, 730, 1131, 1685, 713, 1812, 434, 440, 731, 882, 885, 887, 774, 749, 936, 69, 457, 468, 405, 457, 1133, 490, 432, 1125, 266, 367, 358, 330, 388, 310, 263, 527, 525, 1756, 1544, 118, 1752, 1750, 636, 250, 225, 230, 296. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone Q routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

– Route: 0244

– Segment: 6114

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Study Site
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

— Segment: 9749

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

— Segment: 7673

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 7945

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)

- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 8794

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

— Segment: 8714

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce as much as practicable route density (miles/square mile) within 200 meters of known Threatened and Endangered plant occurrences throughout the field office.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: 0244

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0080

Organization:

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone 0 should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes Q: 1,4, 5, 9, 1046, 1045, 193, 205, 206, 32, 83, 57,146, 89, 1838, 127, 1108, 239, 244, 952, 75, 126, 18, 113, 1794,90, 1779, 209, 1152, 1210, 305, 1711, 308, 322, 424, 912, 1092, 659, 292, 293, 937, 486, 595, 1156, 659, 730, 1131, 1685, 713, 1812, 434, 440, 731, 882, 885, 887, 774, 749, 936, 69, 457, 468, 405, 457, 1133, 490, 432, 1125, 266, 367, 358, 330, 388, 310, 263, 527, 525, 1756, 1544, 118, 1752, 1750, 636, 250, 225, 230, 296. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone Q routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

– Route: O263

– Segment: 10107

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Special Status Species and potential Special Status Species mitigation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

– Segment: 10016

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed**Seasonal Limitations: None****Mitigation**

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed**Alternative A (Current):** Undesignated**Alternative B (Preferred):** Open (All modes of travel)**Alternative C (Conservation):** Admin/Permitted Use Only**Alternative D (Development):** Open (All modes of travel)**— Segment: 9831****Designation ?****Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)****Seasonal Limitations: None****Mitigation**

- Special Status Species survey and possible mitigation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 10035

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Special Status Species survey and possible mitigation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro

- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 10268

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Special Status Species survey and possible mitigation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: O263

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0080

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone 0 should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes Q: 1,4, 5, 9, 1046, 1045, 193, 205, 206, 32, 83, 57,146, 89, 1838, 127, 1108, 239, 244, 952, 75, 126, 18, 113, 1794,90, 1779, 209, 1152, 1210, 305, 1711, 308, 322, 424, 912, 1092, 659, 292, 293, 937, 486, 595, 1156, 659, 730, 1131, 1685, 713, 1812, 434, 440, 731, 882, 885, 887, 774, 749, 936, 69, 457, 468, 405, 457, 1133, 490, 432, 1125, 266, 367, 358, 330, 388, 310, 263, 527, 525, 1756, 1544, 118, 1752, 1750, 636, 250, 225, 230, 296. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone Q routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

– Route: O266

– Segment: 10322

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 10349

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: 0266

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0080

Organization:

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone 0 should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes Q: 1,4, 5, 9, 1046, 1045, 193, 205, 206, 32,

83, 57,146, 89, 1838, 127, 1108, 239, 244, 952, 75, 126, 18, 113, 1794,90, 1779, 209, 1152, 1210, 305, 1711, 308, 322, 424, 912, 1092, 659, 292, 293, 937, 486, 595, 1156, 659, 730, 1131, 1685, 713, 1812, 434, 440, 731, 882, 885, 887, 774, 749, 936, 69, 457, 468, 405, 457, 1133, 490, 432, 1125, 266, 367, 358, 330, 388, 310, 263, 527, 525, 1756, 1544, 118, 1752, 1750, 636, 250, 225, 230, 296. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone Q routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

– Route: O276

– Segment: 9850

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: O276

No public comments for this Route

– Route: 0296

– Segment: 10457

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: 0296

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0080

Organization:

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

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established on the entire list of Zone Q routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

– Route: 0306

– Segment: 10508

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Special Status Species survey and possible mitigation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

– Segment: 10288

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Special Status Species survey and possible mitigation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 10536

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 10539

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 10297

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None**Mitigation**

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to reduce as much as practicable route density (miles/square mile) within 200 meters of known Threatened and Endangered plant occurrences throughout the field office.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 10499**Designation** 

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 10298

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize

direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.

- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 10510

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Special Status Species survey and possible mitigation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: 0306

No public comments for this Route

— Route: 0310

— Segment: 10448

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: 0310

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0080

Organization:

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone 0 should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes Q: 1,4, 5, 9, 1046, 1045, 193, 205, 206, 32, 83, 57,146, 89, 1838, 127, 1108, 239, 244, 952, 75, 126, 18, 113, 1794,90, 1779, 209, 1152, 1210, 305, 1711, 308, 322, 424, 912, 1092, 659, 292, 293, 937, 486, 595, 1156, 659, 730, 1131, 1685, 713, 1812, 434, 440, 731, 882, 885, 887, 774, 749, 936, 69, 457, 468, 405, 457, 1133, 490, 432, 1125, 266, 367, 358, 330, 388, 310, 263, 527, 525, 1756, 1544, 118, 1752, 1750, 636, 250, 225, 230, 296. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWS) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone Q routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

– Route: 032

– Segment: 8113

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Other Considerations County Vested Interest
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Municipal Watersheds and source-water protection areas
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce point and non-point source contributions of water quality contaminants from public lands by reducing disturbance footprints associated with travel infrastructure and other surface disturbing actions while also maintaining access and meeting resource use objectives.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

– Segment: 8141

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Other Considerations County Vested Interest
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Municipal Watersheds and source-water protection areas
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce point and non-point source contributions of water quality contaminants from public lands by reducing disturbance footprints associated with travel infrastructure and other surface disturbing actions while also maintaining access and meeting resource use objectives.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 8185

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Municipal Watersheds and source-water protection areas
- Water Does not meet Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce point and non-point source contributions of water quality contaminants from public lands by reducing disturbance footprints associated with travel infrastructure and other surface disturbing actions while also maintaining access and meeting resource use objectives.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 8230

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Municipal Watersheds and source-water protection areas
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce point and non-point source contributions of water quality contaminants from public lands by reducing disturbance footprints associated with travel infrastructure and other surface disturbing actions while also maintaining access and meeting resource use objectives.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 8265

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Municipal Watersheds and source-water protection areas
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce point and non-point source contributions of water quality contaminants from public lands by reducing disturbance footprints associated with travel infrastructure and other surface disturbing actions while also maintaining access and meeting resource use objectives.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 8288

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Municipal Watersheds and source-water protection areas
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce point and non-point source contributions of water quality contaminants from public lands by reducing disturbance footprints associated with travel infrastructure and other surface disturbing actions while also maintaining access and meeting resource use objectives.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: O32

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0080

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone 0 should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes Q: 1,4, 5, 9, 1046, 1045, 193, 205, 206, 32, 83, 57,146, 89, 1838, 127, 1108, 239, 244, 952, 75, 126, 18, 113, 1794,90, 1779, 209, 1152, 1210, 305, 1711, 308, 322, 424, 912, 1092, 659, 292, 293, 937, 486, 595, 1156, 659, 730, 1131, 1685, 713, 1812, 434, 440, 731, 882, 885, 887, 774, 749, 936, 69, 457, 468, 405, 457, 1133, 490, 432, 1125, 266, 367, 358, 330, 388, 310, 263, 527, 525, 1756, 1544, 118, 1752, 1750, 636, 250, 225, 230, 296. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone Q routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

Commenter Name: Potterveld, Jan

Submission Code: emc0634

Organization: Back Country Horsemen of Colorado

Recommended: Foot/Horse

Rapid Creek and Cottonwood Creek, Trails O1, O1046, O1045, O32, O998, O193, O206, O205, should be designated and maintained as Horse and Hiking Trails. These trails which form a network in the canyons and up on top are a

beautiful ride on horseback, with grand vistas, water, woods, and some grass. While we could ride them as Admin trails they need and deserve designation and maintenance to keep them in good shape, otherwise, wash outs and over growth will occur. These trails are important assets to the horse community and deserve better care. In addition, with proper permissions, they connect with the trails leading to the Chalk Mountain Area. Because of the need for admin access to the upper reservoirs, the cottonwood trails may need to be wider than normal.

Commenter Name: Shepherd, Janice
Submission Code: emc0835

Organization: The Quiet Trails Group
Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Specifically we support the closure and rehab of O887, O885 and O731 to protect the rare plants in the area. We are also interested that O293 retains its designation as bike, foot and horse. We note though the oddity in Alt B where O293, a bike, horse, foot routes is bounded at each end by Admin/Permittee routes. It is our understanding that Admin/Permittee routes are open to horse and foot but not bikes. Through access is needed for mountain bikers that includes route O293 as this provides access to the Whitewater Basin trail system. We also support designating the Rapid Creek and Cottonwood Creek trail complex (O1, 1046, O1045, O32, O998, O193, O206, O205) as horse, foot and biking trails. The BLM should work out with the adjoining landowners permissions to allow for a nonmotorized loop that includes O1 and O1045.

– Route: O322

– Segment: 10525

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: O322

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0080

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone 0 should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes Q: 1,4, 5, 9, 1046, 1045, 193, 205, 206, 32, 83, 57,146, 89, 1838, 127, 1108, 239, 244, 952, 75, 126, 18, 113, 1794,90, 1779, 209, 1152, 1210, 305, 1711, 308, 322, 424, 912, 1092, 659, 292, 293, 937, 486, 595, 1156, 659, 730, 1131, 1685, 713, 1812, 434, 440, 731, 882, 885, 887, 774, 749, 936, 69, 457, 468, 405, 457, 1133, 490, 432, 1125, 266, 367, 358, 330, 388, 310, 263, 527, 525, 1756, 1544, 118, 1752, 1750, 636, 250, 225, 230, 296. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWS) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone Q routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

– Route: O323

– Segment: 10594

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Special Status Species plants

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Other Considerations County Vested Interest
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.

- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 10205

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: 0323

No public comments for this Route

– Route: 0330

– Segment: 10134

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

– Segment: 10211

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas

- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 10984

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 11007

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: O330

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0080

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone 0 should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes Q: 1,4, 5, 9, 1046, 1045, 193, 205, 206, 32, 83, 57,146, 89, 1838, 127, 1108, 239, 244, 952, 75, 126, 18, 113, 1794,90, 1779, 209, 1152, 1210, 305, 1711, 308, 322, 424, 912, 1092, 659, 292, 293, 937, 486, 595, 1156, 659, 730, 1131, 1685, 713, 1812, 434, 440, 731, 882, 885, 887, 774, 749, 936, 69, 457, 468, 405, 457, 1133, 490, 432, 1125, 266, 367, 358, 330, 388, 310, 263, 527, 525, 1756, 1544, 118, 1752, 1750, 636, 250, 225, 230, 296. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone Q routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfc0071

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

There are many established routes in the Whitewater Hill OHV area that fall under RS 2477 as they were constructed prior to 1976 and the BLM has no legal authority to close these legal ROW's under RS 2477. The routes identified as 069, 0457, 0468, 0405, 0490, 0432, 01125, 01133, 0358, 0330 should remain open to motorized use as

they are a legal ROW. I claim RS 2477 on these routes. Having a variety of areas to ride OHV's in the Grand Valley will offer safer and more enjoyable riding conditions for our youth, visitors and residents. High Density riding situations could prove hazardous and result in injury or death and alter the enjoyment of the experience. Finding peace and solitude is often desired.

– Route: 0331

– Segment: 9848

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only
Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

– Segment: 10748

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce as much as practicable route density (miles/square mile) within 200 meters of known Threatened and Endangered plant occurrences throughout the field office.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: 0331

No public comments for this Route

– Route: 0332

– Segment: 10836

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Needs More Data
- Special Status Species plants

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations County Vested Interest
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 10753

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Special Status Species plants

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce as much as practicable route density (miles/square mile) within 200 meters of known Threatened and Endangered plant occurrences throughout the field office.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 10776

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Special Status Species plants

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: 0332

No public comments for this Route

– Route: 0333

– Segment: 10754

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: 0333

No public comments for this Route

– Route: 0343

– Segment: 10779

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Historic Trail
- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Historic Trail
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty ROW

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to historic trails that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce as much as practicable route density (miles/square mile) within 200 meters of known Threatened and Endangered plant occurrences throughout the field office.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to protect shallow pipeline infrastructure, maintain administrative access (only) over pipeline facilities.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: 0343

No public comments for this Route

– Route: 0344

– Segment: 10780

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only**Public Comments On Route: 0344**

No public comments for this Route

– Route: 0345**– Segment: 10782****Designation ?**

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Historic Trail
- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Historic Trail
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty ROW

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to historic trails that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce as much as practicable route density (miles/square mile) within 200 meters of known Threatened and Endangered plant occurrences throughout the field office.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
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- Designation was considered to protect shallow pipeline infrastructure, maintain administrative access (only) over pipeline facilities.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: 0345

No public comments for this Route

– Route: 0360

– Segment: 10819

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: 0360

No public comments for this Route

– Route: 0361

– Segment: 10825

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: 0361

No public comments for this Route

– Route: 0367

– Segment: 10365

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

– Segment: 10500

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None**Mitigation**

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 10577**Designation** 

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas

- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
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- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 10683

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in

areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: O367

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0080

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone 0 should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes Q: 1,4, 5, 9, 1046, 1045, 193, 205, 206, 32, 83, 57,146, 89, 1838, 127, 1108, 239, 244, 952, 75, 126, 18, 113, 1794,90, 1779, 209, 1152, 1210, 305, 1711, 308, 322, 424, 912, 1092, 659, 292, 293, 937, 486, 595, 1156, 659, 730, 1131, 1685, 713, 1812, 434, 440, 731, 882, 885, 887, 774, 749, 936, 69, 457, 468, 405, 457, 1133, 490, 432, 1125, 266, 367, 358, 330, 388, 310, 263, 527, 525, 1756, 1544, 118, 1752, 1750, 636, 250, 225, 230, 296. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWS) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone Q routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

– Route: O370

– Segment: 10351

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
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- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 10358

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 21993

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
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- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 11529

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: 0370

No public comments for this Route

– Route: 0375

– Segment: 10622

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: 0375

No public comments for this Route

– Route: 0388

– Segment: 10658

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Special Status Species survey and possible mitigation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

- Water Stream Crossing
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 10670

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Special Status Species survey and possible mitigation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 10673

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 10684

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or

Tribes.

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 10112

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 10674

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 10685

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: 0388

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0080

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone 0 should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes Q: 1,4, 5, 9, 1046, 1045, 193, 205, 206, 32, 83, 57,146, 89, 1838, 127, 1108, 239, 244, 952, 75, 126, 18, 113, 1794,90, 1779, 209, 1152, 1210, 305, 1711, 308, 322, 424, 912, 1092, 659, 292, 293, 937, 486, 595, 1156, 659, 730, 1131, 1685, 713, 1812, 434, 440, 731, 882, 885, 887, 774, 749, 936, 69, 457, 468, 405, 457, 1133, 490, 432, 1125, 266, 367, 358, 330, 388, 310, 263, 527, 525, 1756, 1544, 118, 1752, 1750, 636, 250, 225, 230, 296. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone Q routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

– Route: 0403**– Segment: 10852****Designation** 

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: 0403

No public comments for this Route

– Route: 0404

– Segment: 10854

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)

- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: 0404

No public comments for this Route

– Route: 0406

– Segment: 10947

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
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Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 10944

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Special Status Species plants

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: 0406

No public comments for this Route

– Route: 0416

– Segment: 10879

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)

Rationale for Decision

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- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce as much as practicable route density (miles/square mile) within 200 meters of known Threatened and Endangered plant occurrences throughout the field office.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: 0416

No public comments for this Route

– Route: 0432

– Segment: 10584

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
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- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 10679

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: 0432

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0080

Organization:

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone 0 should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes Q: 1,4, 5, 9, 1046, 1045, 193, 205, 206, 32, 83, 57,146, 89, 1838, 127, 1108, 239, 244, 952, 75, 126, 18, 113, 1794,90, 1779, 209, 1152, 1210, 305, 1711, 308, 322, 424, 912, 1092, 659, 292, 293, 937, 486, 595, 1156, 659, 730, 1131, 1685, 713, 1812, 434, 440, 731, 882, 885, 887, 774, 749, 936, 69, 457, 468, 405, 457, 1133, 490, 432, 1125, 266, 367, 358, 330, 388, 310, 263, 527, 525, 1756, 1544, 118, 1752, 1750, 636, 250, 225, 230, 296. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone Q routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0071

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

There are many established routes in the Whitewater Hill OHV area that fall under RS 2477 as they were constructed prior to 1976 and the BLM has no legal authority to close these legal ROW's under RS 2477. The routes

identified as 069, 0457, 0468, 0405, 0490, 0432, 01125, 01133, 0358, 0330 should remain open to motorized use as they are a legal ROW. I claim RS 2477 on these routes. Having a variety of areas to ride OHV's in the Grand Valley will offer safer and more enjoyable riding conditions for our youth, visitors and residents. High Density riding situations could prove hazardous and result in injury or death and alter the enjoyment of the experience. Finding peace and solitude is often desired.

– Route: 0433

– Segment: 10139

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

– Segment: 11019

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Historic Trail
- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Historic Trail
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Lands and Realty ROW

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to historic trails that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce as much as practicable route density (miles/square mile) within 200 meters of known Threatened and Endangered plant occurrences throughout the field office.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to protect shallow pipeline infrastructure, maintain administrative access (only) over pipeline facilities.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 11150

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Historic Trail
- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Historic Trail
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Lands and Realty ROW

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to historic trails that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to protect shallow pipeline infrastructure, maintain administrative access (only) over pipeline facilities.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 11152**Designation** 

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: 0433

No public comments for this Route

– Route: 0434

– Segment: 11025

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: 0434

Commenter Name: Herron, Lydia

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0806

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

Zone O = Whitewater Hill OHV open area While a smaller area than the Grand Valley OHV area, it has many similar characteristics, and besides "open" riding, offers trail riding through the rocks and desert shrubbery. These are great trails! Not too technical, but enough to make it fun. We have started rides with friends and family off Hwy 50, just South/East of 32 Road intersection and then traveled on the rocky & diverse trails over to Kannah Creek Rd/Lands End Rd. There is one trail (# unknown) that is a technical, rocky, continuously inclining route, which climbs its way upward above Palisade. It does dead end at an administrative use gate, but the view was spectacular and the ride exhilarating. We do not want to see any closures in this area. We would like to see Alternative A or Alternative D routes remain open for this area. Some trails in Alternative B, slated for administrative use that wed like to have remain open for public use are O736, O937, O812, O434 & O440, O1046, O104, as these and others that have recreation value. This zone should also remain an intensive OHV use area.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0080

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone 0 should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes Q: 1, 4, 5, 9, 1046, 1045, 193, 205, 206, 32, 83, 57, 146, 89, 1838, 127, 1108, 239, 244, 952, 75, 126, 18, 113, 1794, 90, 1779, 209, 1152, 1210, 305, 1711, 308, 322, 424, 912, 1092, 659, 292, 293, 937, 486, 595, 1156, 659, 730, 1131, 1685, 713, 1812, 434, 440, 731, 882, 885, 887, 774, 749, 936, 69, 457, 468, 405, 457, 1133, 490, 432, 1125, 266, 367, 358, 330, 388, 310, 263, 527, 525, 1756, 1544, 118, 1752, 1750, 636, 250, 225, 230, 296. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone Q routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

– Route: 0457

– Segment: 9496

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 11102

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 11163

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 11065

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A (Current):** Undesignated
- Alternative B (Preferred):** Open (All modes of travel)
- Alternative C (Conservation):** Closed
- Alternative D (Development):** Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 9501

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A (Current):** Open (All modes of travel),
- Alternative B (Preferred):** Admin/Permitted Use Only
- Alternative C (Conservation):** Closed
- Alternative D (Development):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 11159

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas

- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 10987

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce as much as practicable route density (miles/square mile) within 200 meters of known Threatened and Endangered plant occurrences throughout the field office.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open Area

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 11045

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open Area

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 11176

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 11166

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 11171

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: 0457

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0080

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone 0 should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes Q: 1,4, 5, 9, 1046, 1045, 193, 205, 206, 32, 83, 57,146, 89, 1838, 127, 1108, 239, 244, 952, 75, 126, 18, 113, 1794,90, 1779, 209, 1152, 1210, 305, 1711, 308, 322, 424, 912, 1092, 659, 292, 293, 937, 486, 595, 1156, 659, 730, 1131, 1685, 713, 1812, 434, 440, 731, 882, 885, 887, 774, 749, 936, 69, 457, 468, 405, 457, 1133, 490, 432, 1125, 266, 367, 358, 330, 388, 310, 263, 527, 525, 1756, 1544, 118, 1752, 1750, 636, 250, 225, 230, 296. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone Q routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: cfc0071

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

There are many established routes in the Whitewater Hill OHV area that fall under RS 2477 as they were constructed prior to 1976 and the BLM has no legal authority to close these legal ROW's under RS 2477. The routes identified as 069, 0457, 0468, 0405, 0490, 0432, 01125, 01133, 0358, 0330 should remain open to motorized use as they are a legal ROW. I claim RS 2477 on these routes. Having a variety of areas to ride OHV's in the Grand Valley will offer safer and more enjoyable riding conditions for our youth, visitors and residents. High Density riding situations could prove hazardous and result in injury or death and alter the enjoyment of the experience. Finding peace and solitude is often desired.

– Route: 0468

– Segment: 11108

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel),

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: 0468

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0080

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone 0 should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes Q: 1,4, 5, 9, 1046, 1045, 193, 205, 206, 32, 83, 57,146, 89, 1838, 127, 1108, 239, 244, 952, 75, 126, 18, 113, 1794,90, 1779, 209, 1152, 1210, 305, 1711, 308, 322, 424, 912, 1092, 659, 292, 293, 937, 486, 595, 1156, 659, 730, 1131, 1685, 713, 1812, 434, 440, 731, 882, 885, 887, 774, 749, 936, 69, 457, 468, 405, 457, 1133, 490, 432, 1125, 266, 367, 358, 330, 388, 310, 263, 527, 525, 1756, 1544, 118, 1752, 1750, 636, 250, 225, 230, 296. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone Q routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0071

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

There are many established routes in the Whitewater Hill OHV area that fall under RS 2477 as they were constructed prior to 1976 and the BLM has no legal authority to close these legal ROW's under RS 2477. The routes identified as 069, 0457, 0468, 0405, 0490, 0432, 01125, 01133, 0358, 0330 should remain open to motorized use as they are a legal ROW. I claim RS 2477 on these routes. Having a variety of areas to ride OHV's in the Grand Valley will offer safer and more enjoyable riding conditions for our youth, visitors and residents. High Density riding situations could prove hazardous and result in injury or death and alter the enjoyment of the experience. Finding peace and solitude is often desired.

– Route: 0474

– Segment: 11596

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Special Status Species plants

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations County Vested Interest
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

– Segment: 11606

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: 0474

No public comments for this Route

– Route: 0486

– Segment: 10208

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Municipal Watersheds and source-water protection areas
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

— Segment: 11064

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to provide access to undeveloped campsites that exist along dead-end spur roads.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

— Segment: 1112

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to provide access to undeveloped campsites that exist along dead-end spur roads.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

— Segment: 1119

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or

other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

— Segment: 11132

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: 0486

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0080

Organization:

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone 0 should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes Q: 1,4, 5, 9, 1046, 1045, 193, 205, 206, 32, 83, 57,146, 89, 1838, 127, 1108, 239, 244, 952, 75, 126, 18, 113, 1794,90, 1779, 209, 1152, 1210, 305, 1711, 308, 322, 424, 912, 1092, 659, 292, 293, 937, 486, 595, 1156, 659, 730, 1131, 1685, 713, 1812, 434, 440, 731, 882, 885, 887, 774, 749, 936, 69, 457, 468, 405, 457, 1133, 490, 432, 1125, 266, 367, 358, 330, 388, 310, 263, 527, 525, 1756, 1544, 118, 1752, 1750, 636, 250, 225, 230, 296. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone Q routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

– Route: 0508

– Segment: 11173

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: 0508

No public comments for this Route

– Route: 0527

– Segment: 11219

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

– Segment: 11229

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 11169

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Special Status Species survey and possible mitigation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 11201

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Special Status Species survey and possible mitigation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 11037

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Special Status Species survey and possible mitigation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 11082

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Special Status Species survey and possible mitigation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 11081

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Special Status Species plants survey and possible mitigation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize

direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.

- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: O527

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0080

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone 0 should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes Q: 1,4, 5, 9, 1046, 1045, 193, 205, 206, 32, 83, 57,146, 89, 1838, 127, 1108, 239, 244, 952, 75, 126, 18, 113, 1794,90, 1779, 209, 1152, 1210, 305, 1711, 308, 322, 424, 912, 1092, 659, 292, 293, 937, 486, 595, 1156, 659, 730, 1131, 1685, 713, 1812, 434, 440, 731, 882, 885, 887, 774, 749, 936, 69, 457, 468, 405, 457, 1133, 490, 432, 1125, 266, 367, 358, 330, 388, 310, 263, 527, 525, 1756, 1544, 118, 1752, 1750, 636, 250, 225, 230, 296. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone Q routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

– Route: O534

– Segment: 11243

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: 0534

No public comments for this Route

– Route: 0535

– Segment: 11245

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: 0535

No public comments for this Route

– Route: 0536

– Segment: 11248

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Historic Trail
- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Historic Trail
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Lands and Realty ROW

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to historic trails that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to protect shallow pipeline infrastructure, maintain administrative access (only) over pipeline facilities.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: 0536

No public comments for this Route

– Route: 0545

– Segment: 11273

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 11276

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 11281

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: 0545

No public comments for this Route

– Route: 0549

– Segment: 11288

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: 0549

No public comments for this Route

– Route: 0550

– Segment: 11289

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: O550

No public comments for this Route

– Route: O564

– Segment: 9504

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: 0564

No public comments for this Route

– Route: 0568

– Segment: 11563

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Special Status Species plants

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 11550

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 11556

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: O568

No public comments for this Route

– Route: O571

– Segment: 11471

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Special Status Species plants

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 11488

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Special Status Species plants

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 11517

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Special Status Species plants

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 11534

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Special Status Species plants

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 11557

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Special Status Species plants

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 11622

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: O571

No public comments for this Route

– Route: O607

– Segment: 11700

Designation 

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Special Status Species plants

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the

compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 11582

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Special Status Species plants

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 11634

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Special Status Species plants

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 11649

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Special Status Species plants

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 11665

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Special Status Species plants

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 11564

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: 0607

No public comments for this Route

— Route: 0612

— Segment: 11578

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 11555

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.

- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: 0612

No public comments for this Route

– Route: 062

– Segment: 10890

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Historic Trail
- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Historic Trail
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty ROW

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to historic trails that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce as much as practicable route density (miles/square mile) within 200 meters of known Threatened and Endangered plant occurrences throughout the field office.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.

- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to protect shallow pipeline infrastructure, maintain administrative access (only) over pipeline facilities.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: O62

No public comments for this Route

– Route: O620

– Segment: 10160

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: O620

No public comments for this Route

– Route: O625

– Segment: 11778

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Special Status Species plants

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

– Segment: 10165

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: O625

No public comments for this Route

– Route: O638

– Segment: 11696

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: 0638

No public comments for this Route

– Route: 0641

– Segment: 11702

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.

- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: 0641

No public comments for this Route

– Route: 0659

– Segment: 11732

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Municipal Watersheds and source-water protection areas
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to provide access to undeveloped campsites that exist along dead-end spur roads.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

— Segment: 11736

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Municipal Watersheds and source-water protection areas
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to provide access to undeveloped campsites that exist along dead-end spur roads.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

— Segment: 11724

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Riparian proximate (100 ft)
- Water Perennial Stream/Fishery
- Water Municipal Watersheds and source-water protection areas
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to reduce livestock and recreation impacts to riparian areas.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to reduce point and non-point source contributions of water quality contaminants from public lands by reducing disturbance footprints associated with travel infrastructure and other surface disturbing actions while also maintaining access and meeting resource use objectives.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Public Comments On Route: 0659

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0080

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone 0 should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes Q: 1,4, 5, 9, 1046, 1045, 193, 205, 206, 32, 83, 57,146, 89, 1838, 127, 1108, 239, 244, 952, 75, 126, 18, 113, 1794,90, 1779, 209, 1152, 1210, 305, 1711, 308, 322, 424, 912, 1092, 659, 292, 293, 937, 486, 595, 1156, 659, 730, 1131, 1685, 713, 1812, 434, 440, 731, 882, 885, 887, 774, 749, 936, 69, 457, 468, 405, 457, 1133, 490, 432, 1125, 266, 367, 358, 330, 388, 310, 263, 527, 525, 1756, 1544, 118, 1752, 1750, 636, 250, 225, 230, 296. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone Q routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

Commenter Name: Velarde, Ron

Submission Code: rmc0074

Organization: Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Recommended: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Zone 0 Road 0822 and 0813. In Alternative B (preferred alternative) the BLM is proposing to keep 822 open with current winter timing stipulations, and close and rehab 813. Currently, BLM does not have a legal access easement to use 822. and the United States Forest Service does have a legal easement to use 813. This mixed use of access roads needs to be cleared up and finalized/memorialized in a document and depict it in the BLMs travel management plan. If BLM cannot get an easement for 822, it should be closed & rehabbed, and 813 opened. Road

0822. The BLM proposes to turn 0822 into a foot, horse, and bike trail in Alternative B & C; CPW does not support this change in any alternative. This area is not used by mountain bikers or hikers, and is used primarily by hunters. Currently hunters can drive an ATV to the BLM USFS boundary, and must hike from there. There is also an extensive road that takes off from 0822 (generally at the center of S8. T13S, R97W) to old habitat treatments that is not labeled in any alternative. This road should remain open with a big game winter season closure (December 1 to April 15). Roads 02033, 02036, 02035, 0833, 0827, & 0825. The main route driven by hunters to get from Kannah Creek to Hwy 50 has many sections that show up as administrative only. 02033, 02036, 02035, 0833, 0827, & 0825 are the main access roads, and they should remain open. Road 02034. This road leads to a campsite and probably doesn't need to be designated but should remain open. Road 0825. In Alternative D 0825 is an ATV only trail, this is a good road, that can easily handle truck traffic. CPW recommends that it be designated as open to all vehicles. Roads 0836 and 0831. There are many roads that essentially go the same place as other existing roads, the BLM proposes to make many of them administrative in Alternative B. For example 0836, and 0831 will continue to be used by the public unless they are closed and rehabbed. CPW would like to see expanded implementation of administratively closed roads in Zone 0. Road 0832. In Alternative B, there would be no legal public access to Cheney Reservoir, an area used by waterfowl and small game hunters. CPW recommends that Road 0832 be designated as open, and the remaining roads in close proximity to Cheney be closed and rehabbed. Roads 0762 and 0731. Roads 0762 and 0731 are power line roads. CPW recommends that these roads and other power line roads be designated as Administrative so that maintenance can be done if needed. The roads should be closed to the general public. Road 0659. Road 0659 leads to an irrigation structure for the City of Grand Junction, Alternative B shows this road be closed and rehabbed. CPW recommends that the road be designated as Administrative. Road 0292 leads to the trailhead for the Whitewater Creek Trail onto the forest, most of this road is open, and there is no good reason to stop the public from driving all the way to the gate/forest boundary. CPW recommends that the road remain open. Road 0980 and 0983. Roads 0980 and 0983 are proposed to be closed and rehabbed in Alternative B near Palisade Point. The roads are administrative and should be designated as such.

– Route: 0663

– Segment: 10212

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Municipal Watersheds and source-water protection areas
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to reduce point and non-point source contributions of water quality contaminants from public lands by reducing disturbance footprints associated with travel infrastructure and other surface disturbing actions while also maintaining access and meeting resource use objectives.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

— Segment: 11269

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Municipal Watersheds and source-water protection areas
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to reduce point and non-point source contributions of water quality contaminants from public lands by reducing disturbance footprints associated with travel infrastructure and other surface disturbing actions while also maintaining access and meeting resource use objectives.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

— Segment: 11316

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Public Comments On Route: 0663

No public comments for this Route

— Route: 0675

– Segment: 11777

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: 0675

No public comments for this Route

– Route: 0696

– Segment: 11866

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 11819

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: 0696

No public comments for this Route

– Route: 0701

– Segment: 11879

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: 0701

No public comments for this Route

– Route: 0702

– Segment: 11883

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: 0702

No public comments for this Route

– Route: 071

– Segment: 10832

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or

Tribes.

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to reduce as much as practicable route density (miles/square mile) within 200 meters of known Threatened and Endangered plant occurrences throughout the field office.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 10883

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Historic Trail
- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Historic Trail
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty ROW

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to historic trails that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to reduce as much as practicable route density (miles/square mile) within 200 meters of known Threatened and Endangered plant occurrences throughout the field office.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

- Designation was considered to protect shallow pipeline infrastructure, maintain administrative access (only) over pipeline facilities.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 10907

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to reduce as much as practicable route density (miles/square mile) within 200 meters of known Threatened and Endangered plant occurrences throughout the field office.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 10910

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: 071

No public comments for this Route

– Route: 0729

– Segment: 12011

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling

- Other Considerations Managed Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Bald Eagle Nest (0.5 miles)

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to reduce route density in areas where long-term management is designed to protect wilderness characteristics.
- Designation was considered to minimize surface disturbing activities such that the natural quality of the area is maintained. Also to maintain opportunities for solitude and primitive recreation where they occur in the areas.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: 0729

No public comments for this Route

– Route: 073

– Segment: 9877

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce as much as practicable route density (miles/square mile) within 200 meters of known Threatened and Endangered plant occurrences throughout the field office.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 10864

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to reduce as much as practicable route density (miles/square mile) within 200 meters of known Threatened and Endangered plant occurrences throughout the field office.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: 073

Commenter Name: BE, Andrew

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0358

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

We have 3 launch sites within the RMP zone which have been actively used for decades by free-flight pilots from around the western United States. Two of these sites (Reeder Mesa, roads 073, J0737/0738, and Otto's Ridge, road K64 and access) are flown year-round and are known for their steady conditions, safe learning environment for newer pilots and progressive conditions for intermediate pilots. They're known for smooth, multiple-hour flights. The third site (Peanut Point, road E27 and access) is known as one of the best cross-country flying sites in Colorado, with many flights exceeding 100 miles. All three of these sites are established and insured through a national governing organization, the US Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association (USHPA). Personally, I fly Otto's Ridge and Reeder Mesa sometimes 3-4 times per week. I have worked with the private property owners at Reeder Mesa (who grant access to the BLM land across their private property) for 7 years to ensure good relationships are maintained. I have worked with pilots, instructors and USHPA to promote good land-use practices to ensure minimal impact and long-term accessibility.

– Route: 0731

– Segment: 11967

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Special Status Species survey and possible mitigation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty ROW
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 12028

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Special Status Species survey and possible mitigation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty ROW
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 12035

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Special Status Species survey and possible mitigation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or

other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Lands and Realty ROW
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 12209

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Special Status Species survey and possible mitigation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty ROW
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 12219

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Special Status Species survey and possible mitigation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty ROW
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 12244

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Special Status Species survey and possible mitigation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty ROW
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 12218

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 12223

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 12220

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 12038

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 12039

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty ROW
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: 0731

Commenter Name: Shepherd, Janice

Submission Code: emc0835

Organization: The Quiet Trails Group

Recommended: Closed

Specifically we support the closure and rehab of O887, O885 and O731 to protect the rare plants in the area. We are also interested that O293 retains its designation as bike, foot and horse. We note though the oddity in Alt B where O293, a bike, horse, foot routes is bounded at each end by Admin/Permittee routes. It is our understanding that Admin/Permittee routes are open to horse and foot but not bikes. Through access is needed for mountain bikers that includes route O293 as this provides access to the Whitewater Basin trail system. We also support designating

the Rapid Creek and Cottonwood Creek trail complex (O1, 1046, O1045, O32, O998, O193, O206, O205) as horse, foot and biking trails. The BLM should work out with the adjoining landowners permissions to allow for a nonmotorized loop that includes O1 and O1045.

Commenter Name: Rechel, Eric

Organization:

Submission Code: rmc0049

Reccomended: Closed

Zone 0: Roads 0887,0885,0882,0731, should be closed. The entire area where these roads are located should be off limits to motorized travel because of presence of Colorado Hookless cactus.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0080

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone 0 should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes Q: 1,4, 5, 9, 1046, 1045, 193, 205, 206, 32, 83, 57,146, 89, 1838, 127, 1108, 239, 244, 952, 75, 126, 18, 113, 1794,90, 1779, 209, 1152, 1210, 305, 1711, 308, 322, 424, 912, 1092, 659, 292, 293, 937, 486, 595, 1156, 659, 730, 1131, 1685, 713, 1812, 434, 440, 731, 882, 885, 887, 774, 749, 936, 69, 457, 468, 405, 457, 1133, 490, 432, 1125, 266, 367, 358, 330, 388, 310, 263, 527, 525, 1756, 1544, 118, 1752, 1750, 636, 250, 225, 230, 296. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWS) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone Q routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

Commenter Name: Velarde, Ron

Organization: Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Submission Code: rmc0074

Reccomended: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Zone 0 Road 0822 and 0813. In Alternative B (preferred alternative) the BLM is proposing to keep 822 open with current winter timing stipulations, and close and rehab 813. Currently, BLM does not have a legal access easement to use 822. and the United States Forest Service does have a legal easement to use 813. This mixed use of access roads needs to be cleared up and finalized/memorialized in a document and depict it in the BLMs travel management plan. If BLM cannot get an easement for 822, it should be closed & rehabbed, and 813 opened. Road 0822. The BLM proposes to turn 0822 into a foot, horse, and bike trail in Alternative B & C; CPW does not support this change in any alternative. This area is not used by mountain bikers or hikers, and is used primarily by hunters. Currently hunters can drive an ATV to the BLM USFS boundary, and must hike from there. There is also an extensive road that takes off from 0822 (generally at the center of S8. T13S, R97W) to old habitat treatments that is not labeled in any alternative. This road should remain open with a big game winter season closure (December 1 to April 15). Roads 02033, 02036, 02035, 0833, 0827. & 0825. The main route driven by hunters to get from Kannah Creek to Hwy 50 has many sections that show up as administrative only. 02033, 02036, 02035, 0833, 0827, & 0825 are the main access roads, and they should remain open. Road 02034. This road leads to a campsite and probably doesn't need to be designated but should remain open. Road 0825. In Alternative D 0825 is an ATV only trail, this is a good road, that can easily handle truck traffic. CPW recommends that it be designated as open to all vehicles. Roads 0 836 and 0831. There arc many roads that essentially go the same place as other existing roads, the BLM proposes to make many of them administrative in Alternative B For example 0836, and 0831 will continue to be used by the public unless they are closed and rehabbed. CPW would like to see expanded implementation of administratively closed roads in Zone 0. Road 0832. In Alternative B, there would be no legal public access to Cheney Reservoir, an area used by waterfowl and small game hunters. CPW recommends that Road 0832 be designated as open, and the remaining roads in close proximity to Cheney be closed and rehabbed. Roads 0762 and 0731. Roads 0762 and 0731 are power line roads. CPW recommends that these roads and other power line roads be designated as Administrative so that maintenance can be done if needed. The roads should be closed to the general public. Road 0659. Road 0659 leads to an imigation structure for the City of Grand Junction, Alternative B shows this road be closed and rehabbed CPW recommends that the road be designated as Administrative. Road 0292 leads to the trailhead for the Whitevater Creek Trail onto the forest, most of this road is open, and there is no good reason to stop the public from driving all the way to the gate/forest boundary. CPW recommends that the road remain open. Road 0980 and 0983. Roads 0980 and 0983 are proposed to be closed and rehabbed in Alternative B near Palisade Point. The roads are administrative and should be designated as such.

Route: 0736

— Segment: 11707

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

— Segment: 12132

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 11749

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

— Segment: 12133

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 11133

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: 0736

Commenter Name: Harris, Jonathan

Submission Code: emc0334

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

*Aside from my personal interest in maintaining these sites, they are a draw for some pilots from across the country, potentially providing tourist dollars for the local economy.

Commenter Name: Brown, Matt

Submission Code: cfc0059

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

These are the only access roads to these locations which have been used by hang gliders and Para gliders for almost 40 years. Foot launch aviation sites are few and far between and we cannot afford to lose access to these sites. As a hang glider pilot, I can tell you these are the only flyable sites in the area and losing them would be devastating to the flying community.

Commenter Name: Hanning, David**Organization:****Submission Code: emc0328****Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)**

As a user of public lands for multiple sports I am requesting that the BLM maintain or improve current access and support of Paragliding and Hang gliding. 1. request to maintain full access to: - Road K.64 and access (Otto's Ridge fly-site) - Roads 0736, 0737, 0738 (Reeder M.s. fly-site) - Road E27 and access (Peanut Point) 2. our sport and land-use needs: - Unlike other recreational activities, we necessitate a very small amount of access to very specific locations. - Our sport has extremely low impact on public land. - These flying sites are flown year-round by pilots from across the western United States. - Reeder Mesa and Otto's Ridge sites are known to be some of the safest and consistently used in Colorado. - These sites fulfill an essential role of helping beginning and intermediate pilots safely learn and hone their skills. - These are established and insured flying sites with the US Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association.

Commenter Name: Banks, Granger**Organization: USHPA****Submission Code: emc0331****Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)**

I have been alerted to proposed closing of access to these roads: - Road K64 and access (Otto's Ridge fly-site) - Roads 0736, 0737, 0738 (Reeder Mesa fly-site) - Road E27 and access (Peanut Point) Sat, Feb 23, 2013 at 8:05 AM As a paragliding instructor that regularly visits these areas and brings pilots there that spend money in the local businesses, I encourage you to keep these roads open.

Commenter Name: Ratay, Chris**Organization:****Submission Code: emc0332****Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)**

I was recently informed that the BLM is considering closing access for paragliding pilots to Otto's Ridge, Reeder Mesa, and Peanut Point. (Road K64 and access, Roads 0736, 0737, 0738, and Road E27 and access to flying site). I am a Colorado resident and although there is plenty of BLM land here in Boulder, I don't get to utilize most of it. I utilize the roads listed above to access safe paragliding sites. I am a beginner/intermediate paraglider, and there are limited places in Colorado that I can safely fly to improve my skills. Paragliding is low-impact on public land and the environment, far less than many mountain and dirt bike trails I've used in the past. I didn't like the impact the dirt-bike caused, and have since gotten rid of them. The sites at Otto's Ridge and Reeder Mesa are safe and with consistent conditions make it worth traveling over from the Front Range. They are established and insured flying sites with the US Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association.

Commenter Name: Lawrence, Jerry**Organization:****Submission Code: emc0333****Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)**

I am a paragliding pilot from Westcliffe, CO. I am writing to ask that you not restrict access to some of the best flying sites in Colorado. Specifically: - Road K64 and access (Otto's Ridge fly-site) - Roads 0736, 0737, 0738 (Reeder Mesa fly site) - Road E27 and access (Peanut Point) Sat, Feb 23, 2013 at 9:01 AM These are established and insured flying sites with the US Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association. Our sport has extremely low impact on public land. These flying sites are flown year-round by pilots from across the western United States. Reeder Mesa and Otto's Ridge sites are known to be some of the safest and most consistently used in Colorado.

Commenter Name: Lawrence, Jerry**Organization:****Submission Code: emc0333****Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)**

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Commenter Name: Stites, William**Organization:****Submission Code: emc0341****Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)**

This is a request to keep access to the following roads open: - Road K64 and access (Otto's Ridge fly-site) - Roads

0736, 0737, 0738 (Reeder Mesa fly-site) - Road E27 and access (Peanut Point) Sat, Feb 23, 2013 at 11:00 AM This is for the benefit of free flying sports like paragliding and hang gliding wherein: - Unlike other recreational activities, we necessitate a very small amount of access to very specific locations. - Our sport has extremely low impact on public land. - These flying sites are flown year-round by pilots from across the western United States. - Reeder Mesa and Otto's Ridge sites are know to be some of the safest and most consistently used in Colorado. - These sites fulfill an essential role of helping beginning and intermediate pilots safely improve and hone their skills. - These are established and insured flying sites with the US Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association.

Commenter Name: McNealy, Thomas

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0351

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

Please allow full access to the following: - Road K64 and access (Otto's Ridge fly-site) - Roads 0736, 0737, 0738 (Reeder Mesa fly-site) - Road E27 and access (Peanut Point) Paragliding is a non pollution easy on the environment sport. - Unlike other recreational activities, we necessitate a very small amount of access to very specific locations. - Our sport has extremely low impact on public land. These flying sites are flom year-round by pilots from across the western United States. Reeder Mesa and Otto's Ridge sites are know to be some of the safest and most consistently used in Colorado. - These sites fulfill an essential role of helping beginning and intermediate pilots safely improve and hone their skills. - These are established and insured flying sites with the US Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association.

Commenter Name: Hildebrand, Jacob

Organization: ALTUS Environmental, LLC

Submission Code: emc0357

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

Further, these sites, especially Reeder Mesa and Otto's Ridge offer safe environments for newer pilots to hone their skills. From what I know, all three sites are established and insured flying sites by our governing body, USHPA. We often use Road K64 and access for Otto's Ridge and roads 0736, 0737, and 0738 for the Reeder Mesa site.

Commenter Name: McGlammery, Matthew

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0365

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

As a paraglider pilot I have a keen interest in keeping the following sites available for access to both drive up to launch and to participate in paragliding activities. - Road K64 and access (Otto's Ridge fly-site) - Roads 0736, 0737, 0738 (Reeder Mesa fly-site) - Road E27 and access (Peanut Point) All the sites are important as free flying sites, I am particularly fond of Otto's Ridge, Road K64 and would very much like to keep it available for drive up transportation, camping and foot traffic. Since all the options except Option A would close road K64 my only choice for an Alternative is Alternative A: No changes to current access.

Commenter Name: Hach, David

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0367

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

I write today to express that full access be maintained to Otto's Ridge, Reeder Mesa, and Peanut Point. Specifically, roads K64 and access to Otto's Ridge, roads 0736, 0737, and 0738 to the Reeder Mesa fly site, and road E27 to Peanut Point. I support Altematiw A, no change to currant access so that we may continue to enjoy using these special sites. I personally use the Otto's Ridge site several times per year.

Commenter Name: Kurtz, Douglas

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0380

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

I'm a Colorado paraglider pilot witing in response to proposed closures to Road K64, Roads 0736, 0737, 0738, and Road E27. All of these roads access flying sites that are central to our sport in the Grand Junction area.

Commenter Name: Kocurek, Richard

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0400

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

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year-round by pilots from across the western United States. Reeder Mesa and Ottos Ridge sites are known to be some of the safest and most consistently used in Colorado. These sites fulfill an essential role of helping beginning and intermediate pilots safely improve and hone their skills. These are established and insured flying sites with the US Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association.

Commenter Name: Su, Steve

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0428

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I'm writing to keep road access to Road K64 and access (Ottos Ridge fly-site), Roads O736, O737, O738 (Reeder Mesa fly-site), Road E27 and access (Peanut Point). These roads are essential for paraglider pilots to have safe access to these unique spots. As a beginner pilot these are some of the only areas with consistent smooth winds which novices can learn safely. In addition these sites allow year-round flying. Many pilots from all over the country visit these sites as it is so unique and scenic. These sites already have been established for many years and are insured with the US Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association. Please maintain access to the roads stated above.

Commenter Name: Christian, Paul

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0441

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I am a paraglider and I am requesting that Road K64 and access (Ottos Ridge fly-site), Roads O736, O737, O738 (Reeder Mesa fly-site), and Road E27 and access (Peanut Point) remain open.

Commenter Name: Dumont, Loren

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0512

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Reeder Mesa Paraglider pilots need O736 and (O936 where it connects to O736 to the southwest) to remain open because this is the only road we have to access the Reeder Mesa launch site. O737 is a side road that does not affect us. We currently have permission from the land owners to drive down their driveway to access the southern end of O936, as long as we drive slowly down their driveway. Reeder Mesa launch site is an intermediate paragliding area that has a ridge about 1 mile long. Reeder Mesa launch is located at 38 58'44.01"N 108 19'36.21"W. I got these coordinates from Google Earth.

Commenter Name: Dumont, Loren

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0512

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

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Commenter Name: Wirt, John

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0543

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I would very much like to maintain full access to: - Road K64 and access (Ottos Ridge fly-site) - Roads O736, O737, O738 (Reeder Mesa fly-site) - Road E27 and access (Peanut Point)

Commenter Name: Wirt, John

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0543

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

[Refers to Road K64 and access, Roads O736, O737, O738, and Road E27 and access] Paragliding is a sport that has very little impact on the environment but does have very modest land use needs: Unlike other recreational activities, we necessitate a very small amount of access to very specific locations. Our sport has extremely low impact on public land. These flying sites are flown year-round by pilots from across the western United States. Reeder Mesa and Ottos Ridge sites are known to be some of the safest and most consistently used in Colorado. These sites fulfill an essential role of helping beginning and intermediate pilots safely improve and hone their skills. These are established and insured flying sites with the US Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association.

Commenter Name: Herron, Lydia

Submission Code: emc0806

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Zone O = Whitewater Hill OHV open area While a smaller area than the Grand Valley OHV area, it has many similar characteristics, and besides "open" riding, offers trail riding through the rocks and desert shrubbery. These are great trails! Not too technical, but enough to make it fun. We have started rides with friends and family off Hwy 50, just South/East of 32 Road intersection and then traveled on the rocky & diverse trails over to Kannah Creek Rd/Lands End Rd. There is one trail (# unknown) that is a technical, rocky, continuously inclining route, which climbs its way upward above Palisade. It does dead end at an administrative use gate, but the view was spectacular and the ride exhilarating. We do not want to see any closures in this area. We would like to see Alternative A or Alternative D routes remain open for this area. Some trails in Alternative B, slated for administrative use that we'd like to have remain open for public use are O736, O937, O812, O434 & O440, O1046, O104, as these and others that have recreation value. This zone should also remain an intensive OHV use area.

Commenter Name: Rossman, Jack

Submission Code: cfc0198

Organization: US Hangliding and Paragliding Assoc.

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

These comments pertain to the area's around Roads K64, O736, O737, O738, and E27 and maintaining full access to paragliders. The sport of Paragliding requires a very small amount of access with limited to low impact on the land. We want to use existing roads to these areas known as Otto's Ridge, Reeder's Mesa and Peanut Point, which are established insured flying sights with US Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association.

– Route: O74

– Segment: 10878

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce as much as practicable route density (miles/square mile) within 200 meters of known Threatened and Endangered plant occurrences throughout the field office.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize

direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 10908

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
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- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 10962

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: 074

No public comments for this Route

— Route: 0774

— Segment: 12532

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None**Mitigation**

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 11329**Designation** 

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or

other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
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- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
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- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

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- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: 0774

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0080

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone 0 should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes Q: 1,4, 5, 9, 1046, 1045, 193, 205, 206, 32, 83, 57,146, 89, 1838, 127, 1108, 239, 244, 952, 75, 126, 18, 113, 1794,90, 1779, 209, 1152, 1210, 305, 1711, 308, 322, 424, 912, 1092, 659, 292, 293, 937, 486, 595, 1156, 659, 730, 1131, 1685, 713, 1812, 434, 440, 731, 882, 885, 887, 774, 749, 936, 69, 457, 468, 405, 457, 1133, 490, 432, 1125, 266, 367, 358, 330, 388, 310, 263, 527, 525, 1756, 1544, 118, 1752, 1750, 636, 250, 225, 230, 296. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone Q routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

– Route: 0797

— Segment: 12140

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: 0797

No public comments for this Route

– Route: 0822

– Segment: 11371

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Cultural

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide access to undeveloped campsites that exist along dead-end spur roads.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

– Segment: 12933

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Cultural

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern

- Energy Access COGCC well
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 12977

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Cultural

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 12920

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 12925

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 12890

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

— Segment: 12261

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or

Tribes.

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 11370

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Cultural

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- No Resources for this Route Segment

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to improve or maintain public access.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Public Comments On Route: 0822

Commenter Name: Barker, Bradley

Submission Code: cfc0050

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

While I use other routes within the RMP area, I will restrict my current comments to Zone 'O.' I travel routes 0813, 0822, 0825, 0829, 0830, 0831, 0833, 0836, 02033, 02037, 02060, 02067 and 02089 multiple times a year. . . If this area was closed we would have to travel miles to find another suitable recreation area.

Commenter Name: Barker, Bradley

Submission Code: rmc0025

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Description: These trails offer a varied riding experience and great views of the valley. Historical Use: I use these routes multiple times per year as routes to picnics, hunting, and general recreation. Why you like this trail: These trails are very close to my parent's home and keeps us from needing to load and travel long distances to ride. Benefits: These trails provide opportunity for me, my friends, and family to enjoy the outdoors away from the

crowds of the big city. Closure of these trails will increase density of use in other areas and thus become a safety risk and increase impact on environment in other areas.

Commenter Name: Velarde, Ron
Submission Code: rmc0074

Organization: Colorado Parks and Wildlife
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Zone 0 Road 0822 and 0813. In Alternative B (preferred alternative) the BLM is proposing to keep 822 open with current winter timing stipulations, and close and rehab 813. Currently, BLM does not have a legal access easement to use 822. and the United States Forest Service does have a legal easement to use 813. This mixed use of access roads needs to be cleared up and finalized/memorialized in a document and depict it in the BLMs travel management plan. If BLM cannot get an easement for 822, it should be closed & rehabbed, and 813 opened. Road 0822. The BLM proposes to turn 0822 into a foot, horse, and bike trail in Alternative B & C; CPW does not support this change in any alternative. This area is not used by mountain bikers or hikers, and is used primarily by hunters. Currently hunters can drive an ATV to the BLM USFS boundary, and must hike from there. There is also an extensive road that takes off from 0822 (generally at the center of S8. T13S, R97W) to old habitat treatments that is not labeled in any alternative. This road should remain open with a big game winter season closure (December 1 to April 15). Roads 02033, 02036, 02035, 0833, 0827. & 0825. The main route driven by hunters to get from Kannah Creek to Hwy 50 has many sections that show up as administrative only. 02033, 02036, 02035, 0833, 0827, & 0825 are the main access roads, and they should remain open. Road 02034. This road leads to a campsite and probably doesn't need to be designated but should remain open. Road 0825. In Alternative D 0825 is an ATV only trail, this is a good road, that can easily handle truck traffic. CPW recommends that it be designated as open to all vehicles. Roads 0 836 and 0831. There arc many roads that essentially go the same place as other existing roads, the BLM proposes to make many of them administrative in Alternative B For example 0836, and 0831 will continue to be used by the public unless they are closed and rehabbed. CPW would like to see expanded implementation of administratively closed roads in Zone 0. Road 0832. In Alternative B, there would be no legal public access to Cheney Reservoir, an area used by waterfowl and small game hunters. CPW recommends that Road 0832 be designated as open, and the remaining roads in close proximity to Cheney be closed and rehabbed. Roads 0762 and 0731. Roads 0762 and 0731 are power line roads. CPW recommends that these roads and other power line roads be designated as Administrative so that maintenance can be done if needed. The roads should be closed to the general public. Road 0659. Road 0659 leads to an imigation structure for the City of Grand Junction, Alternative B shows this road be closed and rehabbed CPW recommends that the road be designated as Administrative. Road 0292 leads to the trailhead for the Whitevater Creek Trail onto the forest, most of this road is open, and there is no good reason to stop the public from driving all the way to the gate/forest boundary. CPW recommends that the road remain open. Road 0980 and 0983. Roads 0980 and 0983 are proposed to be closed and rehabbed in Alternative B near Palisade Point. The roads are administrative and should be designated as such.

Commenter Name: Edwards, William
Submission Code: rmc0086

Organization: USDA
Recommended: Closed

Route 0822: Does the BLM have legal access across the private land crossed by that road? If not, maybe that route could be closed and Route 0813 used instead because there is provable legal public access on that route.

– Route: 0825

– Segment: 13096

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)
Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Maintainence
- Drainage Crossing
- Cultural survey and possible mitigation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to provide access to undeveloped campsites that exist along dead-end spur roads.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 13106

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation ACEC

- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

— Segment: 12836

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Slumping soils

- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with slump areas.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Public Comments On Route: O825

Commenter Name: Barker, Bradley

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0050

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

While I use other routes within the RMP area, I will restrict my current comments to Zone 'O.' I travel routes O813, O822, O825, O829, O830, O831, O833, O836, O2033, O2037, O2060, O2067 and O2089 multiple times a year. . . If this area was closed we would have to travel miles to find another suitable recreation area.

Commenter Name: Winans, Scott

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0868

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Southern region - dont limit access off of Indian Point area. This area is great for getting down off of the Grand Mesa, and is remote and rugged, though easily accessible on top via roads and existing trails (Mesa Top, Flowing Park). O830/831/833 should be bike accessible O825/O2060 should be bike accessible.

Commenter Name: Adams, Juliann

Organization: Palisade Chamber of Commerce

Submission Code: emc0749

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Southern region - dont limit access off Indian Point area. O830/831/833 should be bike accessible O825/O2060 should be bike accessible.

Commenter Name: Cox, Kris

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

Submission Code: emc0788

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

O830/831/833 should be bike accessible. O825/O2060 should be bike accessible.

Commenter Name: Barker, Bradley

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: rmc0025

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Description: These trails offer a varied riding experience and great views of the valley. Historical Use: I use these routes multiple times per year as routes to picnics, hunting, and general recreation. Why you like this trail: These trails are very close to my parent's home and keeps us from needing to load and travel long distances to ride. Benefits: These trails provide opportunity for me, my friends, and family to enjoy the outdoors away from the crowds of the big city. Closure of these trails will increase density of use in other areas and thus become a safety risk and increase impact on environment in other areas.

Commenter Name: Velarde, Ron
Submission Code: rmc0074

Organization: Colorado Parks and Wildlife
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Zone 0 Road 0822 and 0813. In Alternative B (preferred alternative) the BLM is proposing to keep 822 open with current winter timing stipulations, and close and rehab 813. Currently, BLM does not have a legal access easement to use 822. and the United States Forest Service does have a legal easement to use 813. This mixed use of access roads needs to be cleared up and finalized/memorialized in a document and depict it in the BLMs travel management plan. If BLM cannot get an easement for 822, it should be closed & rehabbed, and 813 opened. Road 0822. The BLM proposes to turn 0822 into a foot, horse, and bike trail in Alternative B & C; CPW does not support this change in any alternative. This area is not used by mountain bikers or hikers, and is used primarily by hunters. Currently hunters can drive an ATV to the BLM USFS boundary, and must hike from there. There is also an extensive road that takes off from 0822 (generally at the center of S8. T13S, R97W) to old habitat treatments that is not labeled in any alternative. This road should remain open with a big game winter season closure (December 1 to April 15). Roads 02033, 02036, 02035, 0833, 0827. & 0825. The main route driven by hunters to get from Kannah Creek to Hwy 50 has many sections that show up as administrative only. 02033, 02036, 02035, 0833, 0827, & 0825 are the main access roads, and they should remain open. Road 02034. This road leads to a campsite and probably doesn't need to be designated but should remain open. Road 0825. In Alternative D 0825 is an ATV only trail, this is a good road, that can easily handle truck traffic. CPW recommends that it be designated as open to all vehicles. Roads 0 836 and 0831. There are many roads that essentially go the same place as other existing roads, the BLM proposes to make many of them administrative in Alternative B For example 0836, and 0831 will continue to be used by the public unless they are closed and rehabbed. CPW would like to see expanded implementation of administratively closed roads in Zone 0. Road 0832. In Alternative B, there would be no legal public access to Cheney Reservoir, an area used by waterfowl and small game hunters. CPW recommends that Road 0832 be designated as open, and the remaining roads in close proximity to Cheney be closed and rehabbed. Roads 0762 and 0731. Roads 0762 and 0731 are power line roads. CPW recommends that these roads and other power line roads be designated as Administrative so that maintenance can be done if needed. The roads should be closed to the general public. Road 0659. Road 0659 leads to an irrigation structure for the City of Grand Junction, Alternative B shows this road be closed and rehabbed CPW recommends that the road be designated as Administrative. Road 0292 leads to the trailhead for the Whitewater Creek Trail onto the forest, most of this road is open, and there is no good reason to stop the public from driving all the way to the gate/forest boundary. CPW recommends that the road remain open. Road 0980 and 0983. Roads 0980 and 0983 are proposed to be closed and rehabbed in Alternative B near Palisade Point. The roads are administrative and should be designated as such.

Commenter Name: Bertolacci, Jason
Submission Code: emc0912

Organization: International Mountain Bicycling Association
Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Key Routes we Would Like to See Remain Open to Bicycles 0830/831/833 and 0825/02060 0293/0292 should have complete connection to Whitewater basin (NFS boundary) 01219/01131 - should remain accessible, form loop route. 01029 - retain as open to mechanized travel for continued access off of the Mesa top 0141/0226/0239 form nice spur loop 01213 should be continuous 01108 provides nice high access for later connection 0305 - serves as connector to trails in the flats 075 - access North from ridgeline road connects to 01794, which allows for loop creation, and its existing trail. Existing trail not on map to the West of 075, and South of E-W road across the hill 01794, 0132, and 0113 are all part of that loop and make good connectivity around Horse Mtn Route is missing off of existing north 075 wrapping clockwise and intersecting 018 to the east. 057 provide access northward from upper reaches of Blowout - very important ridgeline to long range route options. 014 is a nice established route providing entrance from the lower Cottonwood Creek area Accurate Pal Rim trail needs to be added to map 01045 and 01 (Cottonwood & Rapid Creek Roads) are critical access to Mesa direction and upper altitudes. In Zone M, the town of Palisade will focus on mountain bike and trail based recreation around the Bookcliffs. The Bookcliff area offers quick access to little used terrain that is immediately adjacent to the Grand Valley and yet not visibly connected until one reaches the ridgeline of the Bookcliff range. This isolation and eventual visual connection is a unique aspect of Bookcliff area riding. The only local access to this region of Zone M is through Cameo and Coal Canyon Road (M13). There is ongoing work to connect the town of Palisade to Cameo and Island Acres Campground via trail, as well as efforts to access the private lands on the bench south of Cameo as the Xcel power plant is decommissioned in that area. This connection will create yet another access from town directly to trails in these areas. With an established trailhead on M13, some resources are already in place to support improvement of existing routes and expansion of new routes in the area.

Commenter Name: Monholland, Landon

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0922

Reccomended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Zone O from a Bicycle perspective: Zone O offers the opportunity to connect to the Grand Mesa via bordering lands with NFS. Zone O also includes the Palisade Rims, The Blowout, Mesa Slopes, and Horse Mountain. These regions together form contiguous parcels to the east, southeast, and south of the town of Palisade. These areas have trail access via many points, and together could be made to form a recreation area that would be an amazing boon to the economy and quality of life for the town of Palisade. It will be important to assure access to-andfrom the Zone to nearby lands, and to establish a Recreation Management Area which will plan future trail development. I would like to see this area turned into an SRMA for multiple types of trail based recreation. Route Comments: Southern region - dont limit access off of Indian Point area. O830/831/833 should be bike accessible O825/O2060 should be bike accessible. Whitewater Basin area O293/O292 should have complete connection to Whitewater basin (NFS boundary) O1219/O1131 - should remain accessible, form loop route. Upper Mesa O1029 - retain as open to mechanized travel for continued access off of the Mesa top Mesa Slopes O141/O226/O239 form nice spur loop O1213 should be continuous O1108 provides nice high access for later connection Flats; south of Horse Mtn O305 - serves as connector to trails in the flats Horse Mtn area O75 - access North from ridgeline road connects to O1794, which allows for loop creation, and its existing trail. Existing trail not on map to the West of O75, and South of E-W road across the hill O1794, O132, and O113 are all part of that loop and make good connectivity around Horse Mtn Route is missing off of existing north O75 wrapping clockwise and intersecting O18 to the east.

– Route: 0828

– Segment: 12025

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: 0828

No public comments for this Route

– Route: 0829

– Segment: 12830

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with slump areas.
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plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13160

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
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- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 21958

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with slump areas.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Winter Closure

Public Comments On Route: 0829

Commenter Name: Barker, Bradley

Submission Code: cfc0050

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

While I use other routes within the RMP area, I will restrict my current comments to Zone 'O.' I travel routes 0813, 0822, 0825, 0829, 0830, 0831, 0833, 0836, 02033, 02037, 02060, 02067 and 02089 multiple times a year. . . If this area was closed we would have to travel miles to find another suitable recreation area.

Commenter Name: Barker, Bradley

Submission Code: rmc0025

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Description: These trails offer a varied riding experience and great views of the valley. Historical Use: I use these routes multiple times per year as routes to picnics, hunting, and general recreation. Why you like this trail: These trails are very close to my parent's home and keeps us from needing to load and travel long distances to ride. Benefits: These trails provide opportunity for me, my friends, and family to enjoy the outdoors away from the crowds of the big city. Closure of these trails will increase density of use in other areas and thus become a safety risk

and increase impact on environment in other areas.

– Route: 0831

– Segment: 13172

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meet Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Range Study Site
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with slump areas.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure**Public Comments On Route: 0831**

Commenter Name: Barker, Bradley

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0050

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

While I use other routes within the RMP area, I will restrict my current comments to Zone 'O.' I travel routes 0813, 0822, 0825, 0829, 0830, 0831, 0833, 0836, 02033, 02037, 02060, 02067 and 02089 multiple times a year. . . If this area was closed we would have to travel miles to find another suitable recreation area.

Commenter Name: Winans, Scott

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0868

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Southern region - dont limit access off of Indian Point area. This area is great for getting down off of the Grand Mesa, and is remote and rugged, though easily accessible on top via roads and existing trails (Mesa Top, Flowing Park). 0830/831/833 should be bike accessible 0825/02060 should be bike accessible.

Commenter Name: Adams, Juliann

Organization: Palisade Chamber of Commerce

Submission Code: emc0749

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Southern region - dont limit access off Indian Point area. 0830/831/833 should be bike accessible 0825/02060 should be bike accessible.

Commenter Name: Cox, Kris

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

Submission Code: emc0788

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

0830/831/833 should be bike accessible. 0825/02060 should be bike accessible.

Commenter Name: Bertolacci, Jason

Organization: International Mountain Bicycling Association

Submission Code: emc0912

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

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Commenter Name: Velarde, Ron

Organization: Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Submission Code: rmc0074

Recommended: Closed

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Commenter Name: Monholland, Landon

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0922

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Zone 0 from a Bicycle perspective: Zone 0 offers the opportunity to connect to the Grand Mesa via bordering lands with NFS. Zone 0 also includes the Palisade Rims, The Blowout, Mesa Slopes, and Horse Mountain. These regions together form contiguous parcels to the east, southeast, and south of the town of Palisade. These areas have trail access via many points, and together could be made to form a recreation area that would be an amazing boon to the economy and quality of life for the town of Palisade. It will be important to assure access to-and-from the Zone to nearby lands, and to establish a Recreation Management Area which will plan future trail development. I would like to see this area turned into an SRMA for multiple types of trail based recreation. Route Comments: Southern region - dont limit access off of Indian Point area. 0830/831/833 should be bike accessible 0825/02060 should be bike accessible. Whitewater Basin area 0293/0292 should have complete connection to Whitewater basin (NFS boundary) 01219/01131 - should remain accessible, form loop route. Upper Mesa 01029 - retain as open to mechanized travel for continued access off of the Mesa top Mesa Slopes 0141/0226/0239 form nice spur loop 01213 should be continuous 01108 provides nice high access for later connection Flats; south of Horse Mtn 0305 - serves as connector to trails in the flats Horse Mtn area 075 - access North from ridgeline road connects to 01794, which allows for loop creation, and its existing trail. Existing trail not on map to the West of 075, and South of E-W road across the hill 01794, 0132, and 0113 are all part of that loop and make good connectivity around Horse Mtn Route is missing off of existing north 075 wrapping clockwise and intersecting 018 to the east.

– Route: 0832

– Segment: 13335

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meet Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13345

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13352

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 21960

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to reduce as much as practicable route density (miles/square mile) within 200 meters of known Threatened and Endangered plant occurrences throughout the field office.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

— Segment: 11394

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13397

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13389

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13419

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 11390

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13610

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Historic Trail
- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Historic Trail
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Lands and Realty ROW
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: 0832

Commenter Name: Rechel, Eric

Submission Code: rmc0049

Organization:

Reccomended: Closed

Need to keep motorized travel limited to roads that are graded and maintained otherwise there will be an increase in dust, especially with the drought. I approve of closing roads 02022, and 02025. Close roads around Chenny Reservoir e.g. 0840,0832, and 02003.

Commenter Name: Velarde, Ron

Submission Code: rmc0074

Organization: Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

Zone 0 Road 0822 and 0813. In Alternative B (preferred alternative) the BLM is proposing to keep 822 open with current winter timing stipulations, and close and rehab 813. Currently, BLM does not have a legal access easement to use 822. and the United States Forest Service does have a legal easement to use 813. This mixed use of access roads needs to be cleared up and finalized/memorialized in a document and depict it in the BLMs travel management plan. If BLM cannot get an easement for 822, it should be closed & rehabbed, and 813 opened. Road 0822. The BLM proposes to turn 0822 into a foot, horse, and bike trail in Alternative B & C; CPW does not support this change in any alternative. This area is not used by mountain bikers or hikers, and is used primarily by hunters. Currently hunters can drive an ATV to the BLM USFS boundary, and must hike from there. There is also an extensive road that takes off from 0822 (generally at the center of S8. T13S, R97W) to old habitat treatments that is not labeled in any alternative. This road should remain open with a big game winter season closure (December 1 to April 15). Roads 02033, 02036, 02035, 0833, 0827, & 0825. The main route driven by hunters to get from Kannah Creek to Hwy 50 has many sections that show up as administrative only. 02033, 02036, 02035, 0833, 0827, & 0825 are the main access roads, and they should remain open. Road 02034. This road leads to a campsite and probably doesn't need to be designated but should remain open. Road 0825. In Alternative D 0825 is an ATV only trail, this is a good road, that can easily handle truck traffic. CPW recommends that it be designated as open to all vehicles. Roads 0 836 and 0831. There arc many roads that essentially go the same place as other existing roads, the BLM proposes to make many of them administrative in Alternative B For example 0836, and 0831 will continue to be

used by the public unless they are closed and rehabbed. CPW would like to see expanded implementation of administratively closed roads in Zone O. Road 0832. In Alternative B, there would be no legal public access to Cheney Reservoir, an area used by waterfowl and small game hunters. CPW recommends that Road 0832 be designated as open, and the remaining roads in close proximity to Cheney be closed and rehabbed. Roads 0762 and 0731. Roads 0762 and 0731 are power line roads. CPW recommends that these roads and other power line roads be designated as Administrative so that maintenance can be done if needed. The roads should be closed to the general public. Road 0659. Road 0659 leads to an irrigation structure for the City of Grand Junction, Alternative B shows this road be closed and rehabbed CPW recommends that the road be designated as Administrative. Road 0292 leads to the trailhead for the Whitewater Creek Trail onto the forest, most of this road is open, and there is no good reason to stop the public from driving all the way to the gate/forest boundary. CPW recommends that the road remain open. Road 0980 and 0983. Roads 0980 and 0983 are proposed to be closed and rehabbed in Alternative B near Palisade Point. The roads are administrative and should be designated as such.

– Route: 0836

– Segment: 13285

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meet Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Range Study Site
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with slump areas.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

— Segment: 13288

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with slump areas.

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

— Segment: 13311

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

— Segment: 13219

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

— Segment: 13402

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

— Segment: 13586

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Vegetation Riparian proximate (100 ft)
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to reduce livestock and recreation impacts to riparian areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

— Segment: 13603

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Vegetation Riparian proximate (100 ft)
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
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- Designation was considered to reduce livestock and recreation impacts to riparian areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

— Segment: 13618

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with slump areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to

erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

— Segment: 13567

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Vegetation Riparian (PFC) not functioning
- Vegetation Riparian proximate (100 ft)
- Water Does not meet Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.

Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to reduce duplicative and redundant routes in riparian areas, especially those identified as not functioning or functioning at risk.
- Designation was considered to reduce livestock and recreation impacts to riparian areas.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

— Segment: 13484

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Vegetation Riparian proximate (100 ft)
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce as much as practicable route density (miles/square mile) within 200 meters of known Threatened and Endangered plant occurrences throughout the field office.

Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.

- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to reduce livestock and recreation impacts to riparian areas.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: 0836

Commenter Name: Barker, Bradley

Submission Code: cfc0050

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

While I use other routes within the RMP area, I will restrict my current comments to Zone 'O.' I travel routes 0813, 0822, 0825, 0829, 0830, 0831, 0833, 0836, 02033, 02037, 02060, 02067 and 02089 multiple times a year. . . If this area was closed we would have to travel miles to find another suitable recreation area.

Commenter Name: Velarde, Ron

Submission Code: rmc0074

Organization: Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Recommended: Closed

Zone 0 Road 0822 and 0813. In Alternative B (preferred alternative) the BLM is proposing to keep 822 open with current winter timing stipulations, and close and rehab 813. Currently, BLM does not have a legal access easement to use 822. and the United States Forest Service does have a legal easement to use 813. This mixed use of access roads needs to be cleared up and finalized/memorialized in a document and depict it in the BLMs travel management plan. If BLM cannot get an easement for 822, it should be closed & rehabbed, and 813 opened. Road 0822. The BLM proposes to turn 0822 into a foot, horse, and bike trail in Alternative B & C; CPW does not support this change in any alternative. This area is not used by mountain bikers or hikers, and is used primarily by hunters. Currently hunters can drive an ATV to the BLM USFS boundary, and must hike from there. There is also an extensive road that takes off from 0822 (generally at the center of S8. T13S, R97W) to old habitat treatments that is not labeled in any alternative. This road should remain open with a big game winter season closure (December 1 to April 15). Roads 02033, 02036, 02035, 0833, 0827. & 0825. The main route driven by hunters to get from Kannah Creek to Hwy 50 has many sections that show up as administrative only. 02033, 02036, 02035, 0833, 0827, & 0825 are the main access roads, and they should remain open. Road 02034. This road leads to a campsite and probably doesn't need to be designated but should remain open. Road 0825. In Alternative D 0825 is an ATV only trail, this is a good road, that can easily handle truck traffic. CPW recommends that it be designated as open to all vehicles. Roads 0 836 and 0831. There are many roads that essentially go the same place as other existing roads, the BLM proposes to make many of them administrative in Alternative B For example 0836, and 0831 will continue to be used by the public unless they are closed and rehabbed. CPW would like to see expanded implementation of administratively closed roads in Zone 0. Road 0832. In Alternative B, there would be no legal public access to Cheney Reservoir, an area used by waterfowl and small game hunters. CPW recommends that Road 0832 be designated as open, and the remaining roads in close proximity to Cheney be closed and rehabbed. Roads 0762 and 0731. Roads 0762 and 0731 are power line roads. CPW recommends that these roads and other power line roads be designated as Administrative so that maintenance can be done if needed. The roads should be closed to the general public. Road 0659. Road 0659 leads to an irrigation structure for the City of Grand Junction, Alternative B shows this road be closed and rehabbed CPW recommends that the road be designated as Administrative. Road 0292 leads to the trailhead for the Whitewater Creek Trail onto the forest, most of this road is open, and there is no good

reason to stop the public from driving all the way to the gate/forest boundary. CPW recommends that the road remain open. Road 0980 and 0983. Roads 0980 and 0983 are proposed to be closed and rehabbed in Alternative B near Palisade Point. The roads are administrative and should be designated as such.

– Route: 0840

– Segment: 13576

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meet Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Pronghorn Antelope Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
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- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with slump areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13594

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Vegetation Riparian proximate (100 ft)
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

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- Designation was considered to reduce livestock and recreation impacts to riparian areas.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13602

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Riparian (PFC) not functioning
- Vegetation Riparian proximate (100 ft)
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered to reduce duplicative and redundant routes in riparian areas, especially those identified as not functioning or functioning at risk.
- Designation was considered to reduce livestock and recreation impacts to riparian areas.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13596

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with slump areas.
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- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

— Segment: 13578

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Slumping soils

- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with slump areas.
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- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: 0840

Commenter Name: Rechel, Eric

Organization:

Submission Code: rmc0049

Reccomended: Closed

Need to keep motorized travel limited to roads that are graded and maintained otherwise there will be an increase in dust, especially with the drought. I approve of closing roads 02022, and 02025. Close roads around Chenny Reservoir e.g. 0840,0832, and 02003.

– Route: 0844

– Segment: 13598

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Seasonal closure gate at fence

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III

- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 2 (Soils)

— Segment: 13631

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with slump areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13690

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Road currently skirts around private

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Historic Trail
- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Historic Trail
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty ROW
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13644

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Study Site
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with slump areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13634

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Study Site

- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13569

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Energy Access COGCC well
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to maintain administrative access to active oil and gas wells, but limit public access to provide for public safety at active well sites.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with slump areas.
- Designation was considered to reduce as much as practicable route density (miles/square mile) within 200 meters

of known Threatened and Endangered plant occurrences throughout the field office.

- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 13623

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with slump areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: 0844

No public comments for this Route

– Route: 0846

– Segment: 13633

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with slump areas.
- Designation was considered to reduce as much as practicable route density (miles/square mile) within 200 meters of known Threatened and Endangered plant occurrences throughout the field office.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13693

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro

Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with slump areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13694

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health

1.
 - Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
 - Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
 - Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13727

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with slump areas.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of

roads, routes and trails.

- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13606

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to provide access to undeveloped campsites that exist along dead-end spur roads.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: 0846

Commenter Name: Edwards, William

Submission Code: rmc0086

Organization: USDA

Recommened: Closed

Route 0846: Who would use that administrative access? Is it designated the same in the Uncompahgre Basin Field Office's RMP? There is a Forest Service Mesa Point Communication Site just across the Mesa-Delta County line and

a road leading to the site. The area of the forest that appears to be accessed by that route is within the Kannah Creek CRA.

– Route: 0856

– Segment: 11639

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

– Segment: 11641

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 11642

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: 0856

No public comments for this Route

– Route: 0858

– Segment: 11656

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: 0858

No public comments for this Route

– Route: 0882

– Segment: 12253

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Special Status Species survey and possible mitigation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Lands and Realty ROW
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 12262

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Special Status Species survey and possible mitigation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty ROW
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 12267

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Special Status Species survey and possible mitigation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 12259

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: 0882

Commenter Name: Rechel, Eric

Organization:

Submission Code: rmc0049

Recommended: Closed

Zone 0: Roads 0887,0885,0882,0731, should be closed. The entire area where these roads are located should be off limits to motorized travel because of presence of Colorado Hookless cactus.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0080

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone 0 should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes Q: 1,4, 5, 9, 1046, 1045, 193, 205, 206, 32, 83, 57,146, 89, 1838, 127, 1108, 239, 244, 952, 75, 126, 18, 113, 1794,90, 1779, 209, 1152, 1210, 305, 1711, 308, 322, 424, 912, 1092, 659, 292, 293, 937, 486, 595, 1156, 659, 730, 1131, 1685, 713, 1812, 434, 440, 731, 882, 885, 887, 774, 749, 936, 69, 457, 468, 405, 457, 1133, 490, 432, 1125, 266, 367, 358, 330, 388, 310, 263, 527, 525, 1756, 1544, 118, 1752, 1750, 636, 250, 225, 230, 296. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone Q routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

– Route: 089

– Segment: 8063

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with slump areas.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 8088

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Soils Slumping soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with slump areas.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: 089

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0080

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone 0 should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes Q: 1,4, 5, 9, 1046, 1045, 193, 205, 206, 32, 83, 57,146, 89, 1838, 127, 1108, 239, 244, 952, 75, 126, 18, 113, 1794,90, 1779, 209, 1152, 1210, 305, 1711, 308, 322, 424, 912, 1092, 659, 292, 293, 937, 486, 595, 1156, 659, 730, 1131, 1685, 713, 1812, 434, 440, 731, 882, 885, 887, 774, 749, 936, 69, 457, 468, 405, 457, 1133, 490, 432, 1125, 266, 367, 358, 330, 388, 310, 263, 527, 525, 1756, 1544, 118, 1752, 1750, 636, 250, 225, 230, 296. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone Q routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

– Route: 0905

– Segment: 10033

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Water Stream Crossing
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 10082

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in

areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: 0905

No public comments for this Route

– Route: 0908

– Segment: 9974

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: 0908

No public comments for this Route

– Route: 0920

– Segment: 10911

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce as much as practicable route density (miles/square mile) within 200 meters of known Threatened and Endangered plant occurrences throughout the field office.

- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 10968

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce as much as practicable route density (miles/square mile) within 200 meters of known Threatened and Endangered plant occurrences throughout the field office.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 10975

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: 0920

No public comments for this Route

– Route: 0921

– Segment: 10826

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to reduce as much as practicable route density (miles/square mile) within 200 meters of known Threatened and Endangered plant occurrences throughout the field office.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 10871

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in

areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.

- Designation was considered to reduce as much as practicable route density (miles/square mile) within 200 meters of known Threatened and Endangered plant occurrences throughout the field office.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 10872

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to reduce as much as practicable route density (miles/square mile) within 200 meters of known Threatened and Endangered plant occurrences throughout the field office.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 10884

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce as much as practicable route density (miles/square mile) within 200 meters of known Threatened and Endangered plant occurrences throughout the field office.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 10970

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce as much as practicable route density (miles/square mile) within 200 meters of known Threatened and Endangered plant occurrences throughout the field office.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: 0921

No public comments for this Route

– Route: 0923

– Segment: 10974

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce as much as practicable route density (miles/square mile) within 200 meters of known Threatened and Endangered plant occurrences throughout the field office.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: 0923

No public comments for this Route

– Route: 0928

– Segment: 10985

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class IV
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)

- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce as much as practicable route density (miles/square mile) within 200 meters of known Threatened and Endangered plant occurrences throughout the field office.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: 0928

No public comments for this Route

– Route: 0931

– Segment: 10995

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Historic Trail
- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Historic Trail
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Mancos Shale areas
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Lands and Realty ROW

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to historic trails that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with Mancos Shale soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to protect shallow pipeline infrastructure, maintain administrative access (only) over pipeline facilities.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: 0931

No public comments for this Route

– Route: 0933

– Segment: 11974

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations Managed Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Bald Eagle Nest (0.5 miles)

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to reduce route density in areas where long-term management is designed to protect

wilderness characteristics.

- Designation was considered to minimize surface disturbing activities such that the natural quality of the area is maintained. Also to maintain opportunities for solitude and primitive recreation where they occur in the areas.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: 0933

No public comments for this Route

– Route: 0937

– Segment: 11252

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Maintenance

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Other Considerations County Vested Interest
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Study Site
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

— Segment: 11404

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Maintainence

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Other Considerations County Vested Interest
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Study Site
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

— Segment: 11737

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Maintainence

Rationale

Designation Criteria

Minimize Harassment: Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Other Considerations County Vested Interest
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Study Site
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
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- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

— Segment: 11953

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Maintenance

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Public Comments On Route: 0937

Commenter Name: Herron, Lydia

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0806

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Zone O = Whitewater Hill OHV open area While a smaller area than the Grand Valley OHV area, it has many similar characteristics, and besides "open" riding, offers trail riding through the rocks and desert shrubbery. These are great trails! Not too technical, but enough to make it fun. We have started rides with friends and family off Hwy 50, just South/East of 32 Road intersection and then traveled on the rocky & diverse trails over to Kannah Creek Rd/Lands End Rd. There is one trail (# unknown) that is a technical, rocky, continuously inclining route, which climbs its way upward above Palisade. It does dead end at an administrative use gate, but the view was spectacular and the ride exhilarating. We do not want to see any closures in this area. We would like to see Alternative A or Alternative D routes remain open for this area. Some trails in Alternative B, slated for administrative use that we'd like to have remain open for public use are O736, O937, O812, O434 & O440, O1046, O104, as these and others that have recreation value. This zone should also remain an intensive OHV use area.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0080

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone O should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes Q: 1,4, 5, 9, 1046, 1045, 193, 205, 206, 32, 83, 57,146, 89, 1838, 127, 1108, 239, 244, 952, 75, 126, 18, 113, 1794,90, 1779, 209, 1152, 1210, 305, 1711, 308, 322, 424, 912, 1092, 659, 292, 293, 937, 486, 595, 1156, 659, 730, 1131, 1685, 713, 1812, 434, 440, 731, 882, 885, 887, 774, 749, 936, 69, 457, 468, 405, 457, 1133, 490, 432, 1125, 266, 367, 358, 330, 388, 310, 263, 527, 525, 1756, 1544, 118, 1752, 1750, 636, 250, 225, 230, 296. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWS) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone Q routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

– Route: P100

– Segment: 9783

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance

- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

— Segment: 9788

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

— Segment: 10200

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

— Segment: 10374

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

— Segment: 10475

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

— Segment: 10513

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Paleo Paleontological site In or Through
- Paleo Paleontological site Proximate (200m Buffer)
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

— Segment: 10530

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

— Segment: 10543

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

— Segment: 10198

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Closed

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 10393

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.
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- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Closed

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 10395

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)

- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Closed

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: P100

No public comments for this Route

– Route: P1072

– Segment: 9683

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and

sensitive plant species.

- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Closed

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: P1072

No public comments for this Route

– Route: P1081

– Segment: 9684

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Paleo Paleontological site Proximate (200m Buffer)
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to reduce ongoing damage to known paleontological sites, close routes that are inside or pass through sensitive paleontological sites, or identify mitigation necessary to protect sites.
- Designation was considered to reduce the potential for vandalism or collection of paleontological sites and reduce the number of routes in proximity to known paleontological localities.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Closed

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: P1081

No public comments for this Route

– Route: P1089

– Segment: 7387

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

– Segment: 9587

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Closed

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: P1089

No public comments for this Route

– Route: P1112

– Segment: 8972

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II

- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Closed

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 9256

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A (Current):** Foot/Horse/Mechanized
- Alternative B (Preferred):** Foot/Horse/Mechanized
- Alternative C (Conservation):** Foot/Horse/Mechanized
- Alternative D (Development):** Foot/Horse/Mechanized

— Segment: 9365

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A (Current):** Foot/Horse/Mechanized
- Alternative B (Preferred):** Foot/Horse/Mechanized
- Alternative C (Conservation):** Foot/Horse/Mechanized
- Alternative D (Development):** Foot/Horse/Mechanized

— Segment: 8973

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Closed

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: P1112

No public comments for this Route

– Route: P1119

– Segment: 9000

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Closed

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 9577

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Public Comments On Route: P1119

No public comments for this Route

– Route: P1182

– Segment: 13120

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Closed

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

– Segment: 13155

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Closed

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: P1182

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0079

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone P should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes P: 212, 219, 16, 12, 888, 889, 887, 703, 702, 704, 705, 697, 270, 1182, 792, 793, 572, 571, 569, 273, 2007, 251, 8, 855, 450, 451, 394, 393, 297, 296, 298, 410. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone P routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: emc0079

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

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– Route: P1198

– Segment: 9226

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 9247

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: P1198

No public comments for this Route

– Route: P12

– Segment: 12773

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access
- Sign ends of segments as private property

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

– Segment: 6110

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

— Segment: 9584

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Paleo Paleontological site Proximate (200m Buffer)
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A (Current):** Foot/Horse/Mechanized
- Alternative B (Preferred):** Foot/Horse/Mechanized
- Alternative C (Conservation):** Foot/Horse/Mechanized
- Alternative D (Development):** Foot/Horse/Mechanized

— Segment: 8776

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- No Resources for this Route Segment

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to improve or maintain public access.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A (Current):** Foot/Horse/Mechanized
- Alternative B (Preferred):** Foot/Horse/Mechanized
- Alternative C (Conservation):** Foot/Horse/Mechanized
- Alternative D (Development):** Foot/Horse/Mechanized

— Segment: 8888

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- No Resources for this Route Segment

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to improve or maintain public access.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

— Segment: 8965

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- No Resources for this Route Segment

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to improve or maintain public access.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

— Segment: 8966

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II

- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

— Segment: 9275

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

— Segment: 9302



Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

— Segment: 9424

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Paleo Paleontological site Proximate (200m Buffer)
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

— Segment: 9600

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Paleo Paleontological site Proximate (200m Buffer)
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

— Segment: 9668

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Paleo Paleontological site Proximate (200m Buffer)
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

— Segment: 9679

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

— Segment: 9753

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

— Segment: 9966

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and

other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

— Segment: 9976

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

— Segment: 9979

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

— Segment: 10001

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

— Segment: 10037

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

— Segment: 10043

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

— Segment: 10047

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II

- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

— Segment: 10057

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

— Segment: 10059

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Seasonal Limitations: None**Mitigation**

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

— Segment: 10095**Designation** 

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

— Segment: 10254

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

— Segment: 10259

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

— Segment: 10270

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

— Segment: 10271

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

— Segment: 10272

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and

other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

— Segment: 10280

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

— Segment: 10287

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

— Segment: 9689

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route

- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

— Segment: 10157

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 10167

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 10170

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)

Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 11599

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 11922

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None**Mitigation**

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Vegetation Relic Vegetation
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 11924**Designation** 

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)

- Vegetation Relic Vegetation
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 11964

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Vegetation Relic Vegetation
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 12004



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Vegetation Riparian proximate (100 ft)
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 12170

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 12385

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Study Site
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 12456

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 12506

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 12832

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Riparian proximate (100 ft)
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 12534

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Study Site
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 12978

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations Managed Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route

- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13107

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13108

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 12926

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations Managed Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13116

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Other Considerations Managed Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13118

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations Managed Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Water Stream Crossing

- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13100

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations Managed Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13104

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Other Considerations Managed Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 10166

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and

setting characteristics of cultural sites).

- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Closed

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 10171

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Closed

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: P12

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0079

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone P should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes P: 212, 219, 16, 12, 888, 889, 887, 703, 702, 704, 705, 697, 270, 1182, 792, 793, 572, 571, 569, 273, 2007, 251, 8, 855, 450, 451, 394, 393, 297, 296, 298, 410. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone P routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: emc0631

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): P12, P336, P2, P1 Trail Name: Tabeguache and Windmill Loop Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): These trails offer a variety of terrain, from rocky areas, to smoother faster sections. They offer something for a variety of trail users. Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): I have traveled these roads in both a full-size Jeep and a UTV (> 50 wide). Ive also used my vehicle to get farther along the trail before parking and exploring on foot. The playground area is a fun challenge for a variety of vehicles. Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): This trail is fun and close to home. I enjoy the views of the Gunnison River from the Windmill Loop Road. I enjoy the rockiness of the Tabeguache Trail. It makes for a nice challenge in my UTV. The Tabeguache would make a fantastic day trip for jeeps and other licensed 4WD vehicles if the road were opened up all the way to Hwy 141 like the BLM has talked about in the past. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): The Tabeguache offers a feeling of remoteness, while the Windmill Loop offers a shorter loop. The Windmill Loop offers important access to a variety of trails rock crawling in Billings Canyon, ATV trails, and mountain biking. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): I would like to see the BLM connect the Tabeguache Trail all the way through to Hwy 141 for full size 4WDs. I would like to see more signage installed at the playground area that indicates the ledges are ok to drive on. Often, hikers coming back from Rough Canyon hike by and are under the wrong impression that 4WD users are driving where they arent supposed to.

Commenter Name: Fahrney, Mel

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0145

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Area P. One area we are interested in is the P291-P402 area. None of the plans proposed are preferred, here's why. For example, even the least restrictive plan calls it a Hunting Season Road. There is no reason to publicize this as a Hunter Access Road. This road should be open year round and the label of ~ Hunting SeasonD is not specific and should be eliminated. Do you mean turkey season, small game, big game seasons? It's ambiguous and unneeded. In this area, as well as many other areas you are proposing to close roads and limit public use, the end result will eliminate public use and allow private landowners to continue use (and they most assuredly will). This is completely contrary to your mission and purpose. Absolutely NO to alternatives C & D. A & B are better, but still too restrictive. Please leave as is. Regarding the Tabeguache Trail/Road, P12 and P281 should be left as is now.

Commenter Name: Hylton, Mark

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: rmc0025

Recommended: No Designation Recorded

illegible

Commenter Name: Hundtroft,
Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

The Snyder Flats Rd. (P-291 P-402) is a scenic opportunity for day motorized use and provides access to nature and hiking experiences in a remote undeveloped landscape. The listed routes are critical to the recreation experiences described in Appendix M of the RMP.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Tabeguache and Windmill Loop P12, P336, P2, P1 Nice scenic loop trail

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0079

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone P should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes P: 212, 219, 16, 12, 888, 889, 887, 703, 702, 704, 705, 697, 270, 1182, 792, 793, 572, 571, 569, 273, 2007, 251, 8, 855, 450, 451, 394, 393, 297, 296, 298, 410. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone P routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes

Commenter Name: No Record

Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

We travel in the Bangs Canyon area a lot. It is one of our favorite places to Jeep in. It has a lot of varied terrain and beautiful views. This trail needs an access onto Hwy 141 to make it loop.

Commenter Name: No Record

Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

[Area 6 Tabeguache Trail & A B C D & E Synder Flats Hunter Access & Tabeguache Trail] The area on both sides of North East Creek (between P291 and P12) is remote enough that it is somewhat hard to get into (that's a good thing), and yet close to Grand J

Commenter Name: No Record

Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Variety of resources, natural and cultural, in a setting that links the Uncompahgre plateau of Gunnison River, great corridor for wildlife migrations. Rich in cultural (archeological) sites.

Commenter Name: No Record

Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

[Area 6 Tabeguache Trail & A B C D & E Synder Flats Hunter Access & Tabeguache Trail] The area on both sides of North East Creek (between P291 and P12) is remote enough that it is somewhat hard to get into (that's a good thing), and yet close to Grand Junction. Its significance is the diversity of awesome terrain- canyons and mesas. We have viewed a wide range of wildlife - birds (including turkey), elk, deer, bear, coyote, mountain lion (several times), bobcat and small rodents. We have also hiked into a number of chipping grounds and seen evidence of past Native American life. Our family has hunted big game in this area for the past 45 years. We have also enjoyed hiking, mountain biking, 4 wheel driving, ATV, horseback riding and camping in the area.

Commenter Name: Jespersen, Soren

Organization: The Wilderness Society

Submission Code: emc0917

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Recommendations: If BLM proceeds with petitioning the Interior Secretary to designate the Tabeguache Trail as a National Recreation Trail, then the agency should adopt Alternative C, in which BLM would not seek to acquire vehicle access from Little Park Road to Colorado State Highway 141. The Tabeguache Trail should be managed to promote high-quality non-motorized recreation experiences in and around Bangs Canyon.

Commenter Name: Oliver, Heather

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: rmc0024

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Refers to Tahaguache and Bangs Canyon area and Windmill loop I use it as a quick day trip to test out new modifications (bought at local vendors) and test and [tame] other peoples [rigs]. It provides beautiful photographs

and offers areas to challenge all skill levels. Super pretty views, seasonal waterfall, close to home, good day trip. Wild life and wild flowers viewing, teaching my children to enjoy the outdoors and exercise teaching them to respect wildlife and nature, to be thankful for all they can experience. Traveling as a club or as an individual, picnicing, quick trail runs during the week enjoyment of nature, beautiful place to exercise and keep fit and healthy. I believe it is perfectly feasible to keep this trail open and operating due to the support or local off road and ATV groups pitching in to help maintain the trail as needed. Which I am sure they would do for any trail that needs it.

Commenter Name: Houtchens, Codie

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: rmc0024

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

Tabequache Trail This is a good trail for a nice day trip or even to go camping. It does have difficult parts but nothing a stock vehicle can't do. This trail is close to home and the wildlife is wonderful. This trail is great for socializing with friends and family that gets you out of town and away from the rest of the world. This is a great trail that you can make as long or as short as possible. That allows families to enjoy there time together.

– Route: P1237

– Segment: 7707

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: P1237

No public comments for this Route

– Route: P1239

– Segment: 9374

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Closed

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

– Segment: 9620

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Closed

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: P1239

No public comments for this Route

– Route: P1240

– Segment: 9205

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and

sensitive plant species.

- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Closed

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: P1240

No public comments for this Route

— Route: P1241

— Segment: 9416

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Closed

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 9574

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: P1241

No public comments for this Route

– Route: P1244

– Segment: 9727

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)

- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Closed

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 9785

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Closed

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: P1244

No public comments for this Route

– Route: P1247

– Segment: 9786

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Closed

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

– Segment: 9789

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Closed

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: P1247

No public comments for this Route

– Route: P1255

– Segment: 10413

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or

Tribes.

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Closed

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 10548

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Closed

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: P1255

No public comments for this Route

– Route: P1258

– Segment: 10312

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Closed

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: P1258

Commenter Name: Cranston, Ryan

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0651

Reccomended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

The experience that is most important to me is mountain biking in remote areas. I enjoy the popular trail systems that exist, Palisade, Lunch Loop, Kokopelli, and 18 Road, but I'm really drawn to linking back roads, and back country singletrack together in order to form 30-50 mile backcountry rides that I can access by riding out of my garage. This comment pertains to most of the zones in the outlying area, but in particular, zones P, Q, S, and I, and O. So much opportunity exists to create these "epic" adventures, and we need a management plan that supports this. I believe that shared use single-track (motorcycle and MTB) are great ways to accomplish this and fill the needs of more than one user group. Closing existing routes does not help this at all. P 251 should remain open to bikes P 1258 should remain open to bikes Connect P 558 to P 681 and open to bikes

– Route: P13

– Segment: 8370

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 12355

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 12368

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 12374

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Riparian proximate (100 ft)
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to reduce livestock and recreation impacts to riparian areas.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: P13

No public comments for this Route

– Route: P152

– Segment: 10789

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.

- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 10941

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: P152

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommened: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

The Snyder Flats Rd. (P-291 P-402) is a scenic opportunity for day motorized use and provides access to nature and hiking experiences in a remote undeveloped landscape. The listed routes are critical to the recreation experiences described in Appendix M of the RMP.

Commenter Name: No Record

Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Recommened: Closed

[Trails Preservation Alliance - www.coloradotpa.org][Subject: Combined input to the BLM RMP, from the TPA and COHVCO.] This map does not accurately show the present condition. P152 is closed east of P1030.

– Route: P16

– Segment: 12487

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Other Considerations Managed Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to reduce route density in areas where long-term management is designed to protect wilderness characteristics.
- Designation was considered to minimize surface disturbing activities such that the natural quality of the area is

maintained. Also to maintain opportunities for solitude and primitive recreation where they occur in the areas.

- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 12064

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Other Considerations Managed Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to reduce route density in areas where long-term management is designed to protect wilderness characteristics.
- Designation was considered to minimize surface disturbing activities such that the natural quality of the area is maintained. Also to maintain opportunities for solitude and primitive recreation where they occur in the areas.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 11971

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations Managed Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Bald Eagle Nest (0.5 miles)

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to reduce route density in areas where long-term management is designed to protect wilderness characteristics.
- Designation was considered to minimize surface disturbing activities such that the natural quality of the area is maintained. Also to maintain opportunities for solitude and primitive recreation where they occur in the areas.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 12389

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations Managed Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Bald Eagle Nest (0.5 miles)
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to reduce route density in areas where long-term management is designed to protect wilderness characteristics.
- Designation was considered to minimize surface disturbing activities such that the natural quality of the area is maintained. Also to maintain opportunities for solitude and primitive recreation where they occur in the areas.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 12449

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: P16

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0079

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone P should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes P: 212, 219, 16, 12, 888, 889, 887, 703, 702, 704, 705, 697, 270, 1182, 792, 793, 572, 571, 569, 273, 2007, 251, 8, 855, 450, 451, 394, 393, 297, 296, 298, 410. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone P routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

Commenter Name: Harris, Jonathan

Submission Code: rmc0025

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): The above areas are special to me, my family and many others. They represent unique view opportunities and driving challenges and the spurrs above offer great camping and view points Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): Exploring, 4x4 driving, a big appeal to driving these less traveled roads and spurrs is the feeling of exploration that

is often lost when channelized onto major routes. Why you like this trait(challenges you vehicle, close to home, wildlife, history characteristics views): The big appeal of these trails is to get away from others and experience the solitude of the outdoors the views and camping are amazing. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): The solitude and sence of adventure are the big draws for me for these areas. They are unmatched in Colorado. These areas currently receive very light traffic. The vast majority of users are respectful to the ecology, the history and other users.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0079

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone P should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes P: 212, 219, 16, 12, 888, 889, 887, 703, 702, 704, 705, 697, 270, 1182, 792, 793, 572, 571, 569, 273, 2007, 251, 8, 855, 450, 451, 394, 393, 297, 296, 298, 410. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone P routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes

– Route: P17

– Segment: 12390

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: P17

Commenter Name: Shepherd, Janice

Organization:

Submission Code: rmc0089

Reccomended: Closed

P17 should be closed. The stock pond at the end of P17 has a large breach and is non-functional. With the introduction of the nearby catchment pond and troughs there is no need to spend limited resources on fixing this stock pond.

– Route: P184

– Segment: 11650

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: P184

Commenter Name: Shepherd, Janice

Organization:

Submission Code: rmc0089

Reccomended: Closed

I walked on P184 and P185 recently and they have not been used by a vehicle in years. As the area is otherwise listed as being closed to mechanized and motorized vehicles it does not make sense to keep these as open. Since P339 where P184 (and P185) come from is a private road, the private owner can park on their private road and walk to the designated trail. They dont need a motorized road for such access. They should be changed to closed.

– Route: P20

– Segment: 8936

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: P20

No public comments for this Route

– Route: P2046

– Segment: 9631

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Paleo Paleontological site In or Through
- Paleo Paleontological site Proximate (200m Buffer)
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to reduce ongoing damage to known paleontological sites, close routes that are inside or pass through sensitive paleontological sites, or identify mitigation necessary to protect sites.
- Designation was considered to reduce the potential for vandalism or collection of paleontological sites and reduce the number of routes in proximity to known paleontological localities.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: P2046

No public comments for this Route

– Route: P2047

– Segment: 9643

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Paleo Paleontological site Proximate (200m Buffer)
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to reduce ongoing damage to known paleontological sites, close routes that are inside or pass through sensitive paleontological sites, or identify mitigation necessary to protect sites.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: P2047

No public comments for this Route

– Route: P219

– Segment: 12221

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None**Mitigation**

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 12287**Designation** 

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Other Considerations Managed Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to reduce route density in areas where long-term management is designed to protect wilderness characteristics.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 12304

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or

other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: P219

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0079

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone P should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes P: 212, 219, 16, 12, 888, 889, 887, 703, 702, 704, 705, 697, 270, 1182, 792, 793, 572, 571, 569, 273, 2007, 251, 8, 855, 450, 451, 394, 393, 297, 296, 298, 410. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone P routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

Commenter Name: Winans, Scott

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0868

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

P219 should be considered for continued mechanized access to enable access to more remote areas.

Commenter Name: Cox, Kris

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

Submission Code: emc0788

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

P212 should remain accessible to mechanized use. Existing trail planning already identifies this as a portion of a larger future eastward route. P219 should be considered for continued mechanized access to enable access to more remote areas. P251 should remain accessible to mechanized use - allowing for access parallel to the Unaweep Cyn drainage, and westward connectivity to the higher elevations in that direction. P450, P286, P440, P309, P315, P312, P308 corridor - same westward connectivity P291, P402 corridor - same westward connectivity

Commenter Name: Bertolacci, Jason

Organization: International Mountain Bicycling Association

Submission Code: emc0912**Reccomended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized**

P212 should remain open to mountain bike use. Existing trail planning already identifies this as a portion of a larger future eastward route. P219 should be considered for continued mountain bike use to enable access to more remote areas. P251 should remain open to mountain bike use - allowing for access parallel to the Unawep Canyon drainage, and westward connectivity to the higher elevations. P450, P286, P440, P309, P315, P312, P308 corridor - should remain open to bikes as they provide westward connectivity P291, P402 corridor - should remain open to bikes as they provide westward connectivity

Commenter Name: Hundtroft,
Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693**Reccomended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle**

The Snyder Flats Rd. (P-291 P-402) is a scenic opportunity for day motorized use and provides access to nature and hiking experiences in a remote undeveloped landscape. The listed routes are critical to the recreation experiences described in Appendix M of the RMP.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0079**Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)**

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Commenter Name: No Record

Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record**Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)**

[P219- gated][Grand Mesa Jeep Club] P219 shown as an open road on your map is gated for some reason. This is a very scenic route and was used by members of the Grand Mesa Jeep Club up until the time it was gated.

Commenter Name: No Record

Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record**Reccomended: Closed**

[Trails Preservation Alliance - www.coloradotpa.org][Subject: Combined input to the BLM RMP, from the TPA and COHVCO.] This map does not accurately show the present condition. P219 is closed.

– Route: P240**– Segment: 12403****Designation** 

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Paleo Paleontological site Proximate (200m Buffer)
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Riparian proximate (100 ft)
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to reduce ongoing damage to known paleontological sites, close routes that are inside or pass through sensitive paleontological sites, or identify mitigation necessary to protect sites.
- Designation was considered to reduce the potential for vandalism or collection of paleontological sites and reduce the number of routes in proximity to known paleontological localities.
- Designation was considered to reduce livestock and recreation impacts to riparian areas.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: P240

No public comments for this Route

– Route: P245

– Segment: 12438

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: P245

No public comments for this Route

– Route: P248

– Segment: 12450

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations Managed Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II

- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to reduce route density in areas where long-term management is designed to protect wilderness characteristics.
- Designation was considered to minimize surface disturbing activities such that the natural quality of the area is maintained. Also to maintain opportunities for solitude and primitive recreation where they occur in the areas.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
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- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: P248

No public comments for this Route

– Route: P251

– Segment: 10252

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route

- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 10251

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

— Segment: 10253

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Vegetation Riparian proximate (100 ft)
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

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- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 12052

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Other Considerations Managed Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

— Segment: 12463

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 12596

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Other Considerations Managed Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to reduce route density in areas where long-term management is designed to protect wilderness characteristics.
- Designation was considered to minimize surface disturbing activities such that the natural quality of the area is maintained. Also to maintain opportunities for solitude and primitive recreation where they occur in the areas.
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- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

— Segment: 12600

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Other Considerations Managed Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

— Segment: 12601

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Other Considerations Managed Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
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- Designation was considered to reduce route density in areas where long-term management is designed to protect wilderness characteristics.
- Designation was considered to minimize surface disturbing activities such that the natural quality of the area is maintained. Also to maintain opportunities for solitude and primitive recreation where they occur in the areas.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

— Segment: 12062

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Other Considerations Managed Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to reduce route density in areas where long-term management is designed to protect wilderness characteristics.
- Designation was considered to minimize surface disturbing activities such that the natural quality of the area is maintained. Also to maintain opportunities for solitude and primitive recreation where they occur in the areas.
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- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

— Segment: 12446

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Riparian (PFC) functioning at risk
- Vegetation Riparian proximate (100 ft)

- Water Perennial Stream/Fishery
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to reduce duplicative and redundant routes in riparian areas, especially those identified as not functioning or functioning at risk.
- Designation was considered to reduce livestock and recreation impacts to riparian areas.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to reduce point and non-point source contributions of water quality contaminants from public lands by reducing disturbance footprints associated with travel infrastructure and other surface disturbing actions while also maintaining access and meeting resource use objectives.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 12454

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 13105

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Other Considerations Managed Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Vegetation Riparian proximate (100 ft)
- Water Perennial Stream/Fishery
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.

- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

— Segment: 21941

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Other Considerations Managed Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II

- Vegetation Riparian proximate (100 ft)
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: P251

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Submission Code: emc0631

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): P8, P251 Trail Name: East Creek Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This is an area I enjoy exploring using a variety of methods: full size 4WD, UTV, and ATV. Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): I like that this trail is close to home. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): This makes a nice shorter trip, good for exploring and enjoyable for the whole family. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): Please leave this trail open to full size 4WD year round.

Commenter Name: Potterveld, Jan

Submission Code: emc0634

Organization: Back Country Horsemen of Colorado

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Trails P8 and P251 could be left open to bike, horse and foot travel. There is no apparent reason to close this down.

Commenter Name: Cranston, Ryan

Submission Code: emc0651

Organization:

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

The experience that is most important to me is mountain biking in remote areas. I enjoy the popular trail systems that exist, Palisade, Lunch Loop, Kokopelli, and 18 Road, but I'm really drawn to linking back roads, and back country singletrack together in order to form 30-50 mile backcountry rides that I can access by riding out of my garage. This comment pertains to most of the zones in the outlying area, but in particular, zones P, Q, S, and I, and O. So much opportunity exists to create these "epic" adventures, and we need a management plan that supports this.

I believe that shared use single-track (motorcycle and MTB) are great ways to accomplish this and fill the needs of more than one user group. Closing existing routes does not help this at all. P 251 should remain open to bikes P 1258 should remain open to bikes Connect P 558 to P 681 and open to bikes

Commenter Name: Winans, Scott

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0868

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

P251 should remain accessible to mechanized use - allowing for access parallel to the Unaweep Cyn drainage, and westward connectivity to the higher elevations in that direction. P450, P286, P440, P309, P315, P312, P308 corridor - same westward connectivity P291, P402 corridor - same westward connectivity

Commenter Name: Cox, Kris

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

Submission Code: emc0788

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

P212 should remain accessible to mechanized use. Existing trail planning already identifies this as a portion of a larger future eastward route. P219 should be considered for continued mechanized access to enable access to more remote areas. P251 should remain accessible to mechanized use - allowing for access parallel to the Unaweep Cyn drainage, and westward connectivity to the higher elevations in that direction. P450, P286, P440, P309, P315, P312, P308 corridor - same westward connectivity P291, P402 corridor - same westward connectivity

Commenter Name: Shepherd, Janice

Organization: The Quiet Trails Group

Submission Code: emc0835

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

As far as specific routes, we would like to see P251 on East Creek open to motorized use up until just after the creek crossing, then limited to mechanized/foot/horse use, as shown in Alternative D. For routes P291 and P402, we support Alternative B, leaving it open seasonally to motorized use for hunting, but would like to see it open year round for mechanized, foot and horse travel.

Commenter Name: Bertolacci, Jason

Organization: International Mountain Bicycling Association

Submission Code: emc0912

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

P212 should remain open to mountain bike use. Existing trail planning already identifies this as a portion of a larger future eastward route. P219 should be considered for continued mountain bike use to enable access to more remote areas. P251 should remain open to mountain bike use - allowing for access parallel to the Unaweep Canyon drainage, and westward connectivity to the higher elevations. P450, P286, P440, P309, P315, P312, P308 corridor - should remain open to bikes as they provide westward connectivity P291, P402 corridor - should remain open to bikes as they provide westward connectivity

Commenter Name: Atencio, James

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: rmc0025

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Historical use: picnics, rock crawling, photography, exercising, pets, use 1-2 times per week. Like because it is close to home, scenic views, wildlife. Benefits are family time, exercise, solitude. Leave open to full sized vehicles, hiking, atvs.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

The Snyder Flats Rd. (P-291 P-402) is a scenic opportunity for day motorized use and provides access to nature and hiking experiences in a remote undeveloped landscape. The listed routes are critical to the recreation experiences described in Appendix M of the RMP.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

East Creek P8, P251 Leave Open to full size, nice short trip for exploring

Commenter Name: Shepherd, Janice

Organization:

Submission Code: rmc0089

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Closed roads can make great hiking/horse trails as walking or riding side-by-side allows for easier conversation than a single does. Consider converting some of the roads scheduled to be closed to hiking or hiking/horse trails. The bulk of P251 is an example of a road that Alt B lists as to be closed but would make a great Quiet use Trail (Bicycle, horse and foot).

Commenter Name: Shepherd, Janice

Organization:

Submission Code: rmc0089

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

P251 to the first parking spot near 12 S 675233 4313515 and P249 should be kept open to allow people to enjoy the shade of the cottonwoods by East Creek. This is a great spot for families to hang out on a hot spring/summer day. Because it is well below the level of the highway young children can enjoy the area without concern for fast traffic going by. The area should be a no camping area however. The road also allows rock/boulder climbers to get across the creek to access a wide spectrum of climbing spots. As per my earlier comment the rest of P251 should be changed to a bicycle/horse/foot trail.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0079

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone P should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes P: 212, 219, 16, 12, 888, 889, 887, 703, 702, 704, 705, 697, 270, 1182, 792, 793, 572, 571, 569, 273, 2007, 251, 8, 855, 450, 451, 394, 393, 297, 296, 298, 410. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone P routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

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– Route: P270

– Segment: 12703

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations Managed Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to reduce route density in areas where long-term management is designed to protect wilderness characteristics.
- Designation was considered to minimize surface disturbing activities such that the natural quality of the area is maintained. Also to maintain opportunities for solitude and primitive recreation where they occur in the areas.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 12774

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Other Considerations Managed Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: P270

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0079

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

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Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0079

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

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Commenter Name: No Record

Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Recommended: Closed

[Trails Preservation Alliance - www.coloradotpa.org][Subject: Combined input to the BLM RMP, from the TPA and COHVCO.] This map does not accurately show the present condition. P270 is closed.

– Route: P275

– Segment: 12979

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations Managed Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to reduce route density in areas where long-term management is designed to protect wilderness characteristics.
- Designation was considered to minimize surface disturbing activities such that the natural quality of the area is maintained. Also to maintain opportunities for solitude and primitive recreation where they occur in the areas.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Closed

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: P275

No public comments for this Route

– Route: P286

– Segment: 13573

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails

- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Water Stream Crossing
- Range Study Site
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13587

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)**Public Comments On Route: P286**

Commenter Name: Solomon, James

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0614

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

In Zone (P) Bangs Canyon/Snyder Flats area: Trails P450, P288, P286, P440, P309, P315, P312, P308, & P314 should be left open to motorized travel. These routes access areas above Snyder Flats which adds diversity and interest to other recreation options in the BLM Field office area.

Commenter Name: Blackburn, Walt

Organization: Thunder Mountain Wheelers

Submission Code: emc0623

Recommended: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Bangs Canyon, Snyder Flats Area Routes P450, P288, P286, P440, P309, P315, P312, P308, P314 These routes are access to the area above Snyder Flats. Closure of these routes would severely limit the recreational experience in the area for 50" motorized community.

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: emc0631

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): P314, P312, P315, P309, P310, P311, P286, P450, P288 Trail Name: North East Creek Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): Click here to enter text. Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): Trail Number(s): P314, P312, P315, P309, P310, P311, P286, P450, P288 Trail Name: North East Creek This is an area I would like the opportunity to explore more. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): This has been landlocked for a long time. The BLM should build a connector from P311 to P291 (Snyder Flats). That would open this up for new areas to explore.

Commenter Name: Blackburn, Walt

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0886

Recommended: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

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Commenter Name: Winans, Scott

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0868

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

P251 should remain accessible to mechanized use - allowing for access parallel to the Unaweep Cyn drainage, and westward connectivity to the higher elevations in that direction. P450, P286, P440, P309, P315, P312, P308 corridor - same westward connectivity P291, P402 corridor - same westward connectivity

Commenter Name: Bertolacci, Jason

Organization: International Mountain Bicycling Association

Submission Code: emc0912

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

P212 should remain open to mountain bike use. Existing trail planning already identifies this as a portion of a larger future eastward route. P219 should be considered for continued mountain bike use to enable access to more remote areas. P251 should remain open to mountain bike use - allowing for access parallel to the Unaweep Canyon drainage, and westward connectivity to the higher elevations. P450, P286, P440, P309, P315, P312, P308 corridor - should remain open to bikes as they provide westward connectivity P291, P402 corridor - should remain open to bikes as they provide westward connectivity

Commenter Name: None

Organization: WSATVA

Submission Code: rmc0087

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Bangs Canyon - Snyder Flats Area Trails: P440, P309, P315, P312, P308, P314, P450, P228, and P286. This area above Snyder Flats is covered with Juniper and Ponderosa Pine and affords riders a scenic experience that is unequalled. Trails: P402 & P291 afford the rider views of sandstone formations endemic to the area.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

North East Creek P314, P312, P315, P309, P310, P311, P286, P450, P288 This has been landlocked for a long time, a connector from P311 to P291 would open this up for New areas to explorer (see Snyder Flats).

Commenter Name: Cox, Kris

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

Submission Code: emc0788

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

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Commenter Name: No Record

Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

[Area 6 Tabeguache Trail & A B C D & E Synder Flats Hunter Access & Tabeguache Trail] The area on both sides of North East Creek (between P291 and P12) is remote enough that it is somewhat hard to get into (that's a good thing), and yet close to Grand Junction. Its significance is the diversity of awesome terrain- canyons and mesas. We have viewed a wide reange of wildlife - birds (inclucing turkey), elk, deer, bear, coyote, mountain lion (several times), bobcat and small rodents. We have also hiked into a number of chipping grounds and seen evidence of pas Native Americna life. Our family has hunted big game in this area for the past 45 years. We have also enjoyed hiking, mountain biking, 4 wheel driving, ATV, horseback riding and camping in the area.

Commenter Name: Chapel, Steve

Organization: Western Slope ATV Association

Submission Code: rmc0013

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

P450, P288, P286, P440, P309, P315, P312, P308, & P314 These routes should be left open to motorized travel. These access areas above Snyder Flats and should be left open they enhance the recreation experience for users.

Commenter Name: Potter, Monte

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0926

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Castle Rock Trail System Zone (F): Option (D) which allows the trail system to stay open and stay intact meets most of the Route Designation Criteria as summarized on p. M-11, Appendix M. The trail system creates a loop trail. The system is recognized in local maps and social media. The trail resolves user conflicts because of remoteness and proximity to Grand Junction. The trail was not previously designated but developed in an area that was labeled Open to Cross Country Travel. We would encourage the BLM to keep this trail system open and follow a planned process to mitigate any problem areas within the existing trail system. Trails: (F555, F571, F572, F560): We recommend Alternative (A). These trails connect V.2 road and the Coon Hollow area. They provide an important link between these two roads and allow for a much enhanced experience as opposed to riding down the gas roads. There are areas of slick rock and challenges that add a great deal to the recreation experience. This two-track trail enhances the recreation experience and adds a great deal to the overall enjoyment of this area. The Option B, Preferred Alternative closes these routes to motorized recreation. There is no documented proof exhibited in the EIS that shows substantial evidence that there are resource issues impacted by motorized travel. The BLM has made an error in closing these trails and a much better option would be Option A, no action. Zone (H) North of Coal Gulch: Option (D) Trail (H)52, & (H)40, complete the loop between Coal Gulch and Garvey Canyon. It is important to keep this connection open for >50" motorized travel. Zone (I) 21 Road-Hwy 139A: Option (D) Trail (I)1027, provides a loop ride from Coal Gulch to Garvey Canyon and back on 16 Road. This is a desirable option for >50" motorized travel. This trail provides a scenic view and remote feeling traversing between canyons. This is an important route for ATV's, Motorcycles and possibly mountain bikes. Zone (M) Cameo/Coal Canyon and Main Canyon area: M420,

M410, & M414 are listed as "Vested Interest" by Mesa County Roads and Right of Way. This road may have been inadvertently closed without proper authority granted by the Mesa County Commissioners. Please comment on this issue. If the road was inappropriately closed, then it should be reopened to motorized travel immediately. In Zone (P) Bangs Canyon/Snyder Flats area: Trails P450, P288, P286, P440, P309, P315, P312, P308, & P314 should be left open to motorized travel. These routes access areas above Snyder Flats which adds diversity and interest to other recreation options in the BLM Field office area. Trails P291 and P402, should remain open to motorized travel as option (D) would allow. This route offers a full day of exploring in a very unusual area. The slick rock formations and canyons area some of the highlights. To traverse the length of this route is a good days journey and allows a fulfilling social outing with friends. Zone (V) Gateway: This area features interesting mining history, outstanding scenery, and is a great place for people to explore. The area is very remote, with a feeling of being back in another time period. Our comment pertains to keeping as many of the routes open in this area simply because of the experiences that they provide. Many old roads lead back into mining areas or scenic overlooks into Maverick canyon. Closing these routes would create significant administrative problems for the BLM. Just the signing of closed routes would probably take years at great expense and then the enforcement of these closures would be difficult. A much better option would be to leave the roads open and let the people enjoy the possibilities of exploring this incredible country.

– Route: P288

– Segment: 13253

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: P288

Commenter Name: Solomon, James

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0614

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

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Commenter Name: Blackburn, Walt

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0886

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Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

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Organization:

Submission Code: emc0926

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Commenter Name: No Record

Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Recommended: Admin/Permitted Use Only

[Trails Preservation Alliance - www.coloradotpa.org][Subject: Combined input to the BLM RMP, from the TPA and COHVCO.] This map does not accurately show the present condition. P288 has a locked gate at the section line between section 34 and 35.

Commenter Name: Chapel, Steve

Organization: Western Slope ATV Association

Submission Code: rmc0013

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

P450, P288, P286, P440, P309, P315, P312, P308, & P314 These routes should be left open to motorized travel. These access areas above Snyder Flats and should be left open they enhance the recreation experience for users.

– Route: P309

– Segment: 13619

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: P309

Commenter Name: Solomon, James

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0614

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

In Zone (P) Bangs Canyon/Snyder Flats area: Trails P450, P288, P286, P440, P309, P315, P312, P308, & P314 should be left open to motorized travel. These routes access areas above Snyder Flats which adds diversity and interest to other recreation options in the BLM Field office area.

Commenter Name: Blackburn, Walt

Organization: Thunder Mountain Wheelers

Submission Code: emc0623

Recommended: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Bangs Canyon, Snyder Flats Area Routes P450, P288, P286, P440, P309, P315, P312, P308, P314 These routes are access to the area above Snyder Flats. Closure of these routes would severely limit the recreational experience in the area for 50" motorized community.

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: emc0631

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): P314, P312, P315, P309, P310, P311, P286, P450, P288 Trail Name: North East Creek Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): Click here to enter text. Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): Trail Number(s): P314, P312, P315, P309, P310, P311, P286, P450, P288 Trail Name: North East Creek This is an area I would like the opportunity to explore more. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): This has been landlocked for a long time. The BLM should build a connector from P311 to P291 (Snyder Flats). That would open this up for new areas to explore.

Commenter Name: Blackburn, Walt

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0886

Recommended: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Bangs Canyon, Snyder Flats Area Routes P450, P288, P286, P440, P309, P315, P312, P308, P314 These routes are access to the area above Snyder Flats. Closure of these routes would severely limit the recreational experience in the area for 50" motorized community.

Commenter Name: Winans, Scott

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0868

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

P251 should remain accessible to mechanized use - allowing for access parallel to the Unawep Cyn drainage, and westward connectivity to the higher elevations in that direction. P450, P286, P440, P309, P315, P312, P308 corridor - same westward connectivity P291, P402 corridor - same westward connectivity

Commenter Name: Cox, Kris

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

Submission Code: emc0788

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

P212 should remain accessible to mechanized use. Existing trail planning already identifies this as a portion of a larger future eastward route. P219 should be considered for continued mechanized access to enable access to more remote areas. P251 should remain accessible to mechanized use - allowing for access parallel to the Unawep Cyn drainage, and westward connectivity to the higher elevations in that direction. P450, P286, P440, P309, P315, P312, P308 corridor - same westward connectivity P291, P402 corridor - same westward connectivity

Commenter Name: Bertolacci, Jason **Organization:** International Mountain Bicycling Association

Submission Code: emc0912 **Recommended:** Foot/Horse/Mechanized

P212 should remain open to mountain bike use. Existing trail planning already identifies this as a portion of a larger future eastward route. P219 should be considered for continued mountain bike use to enable access to more remote areas. P251 should remain open to mountain bike use - allowing for access parallel to the Unaweep Canyon drainage, and westward connectivity to the higher elevations. P450, P286, P440, P309, P315, P312, P308 corridor - should remain open to bikes as they provide westward connectivity P291, P402 corridor - should remain open to bikes as they provide westward connectivity

Commenter Name: None **Organization:** WSATVA

Submission Code: rmc0087 **Recommended:** Open (All modes of travel)

Bangs Canyon - Snyder Flats Area Trails: P440, P309, P315, P312, P308, P314, P450, P228, and P286. This area above Snyder Flats is covered with Juniper and Ponderosa Pine and affords riders a scenic experience that is unequalled. Trails: P402 & P291 afford the rider views of sandstone formations endemic to the area.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas **Organization:** Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693 **Recommended:** Open (All modes of travel)

North East Creek P314, P312, P315, P309, P310, P311, P286, P450, P288 This has been landlocked for a long time, a connector from P311 to P291 would open this up for New areas to explorer (see Snyder Flats).

Commenter Name: Potter, Monte **Organization:**

Submission Code: emc0926 **Recommended:** Open (All modes of travel)

Castle Rock Trail System Zone (F): Option (D) which allows the trail system to stay open and stay intact meets most of the Route Designation Criteria as summarized on p. M-11, Appendix M. The trail system creates a loop trail. The system is recognized in local maps and social media. The trail resolves user conflicts because of remoteness and proximity to Grand Junction. The trail was not previously designated but developed in an area that was labeled Open to Cross Country Travel. We would encourage the BLM to keep this trail system open and follow a planned process to mitigate any problem areas within the existing trail system. Trails: (F555, F571, F572, F560): We recommend Alternative (A). These trails connect V.2 road and the Coon Hollow area. They provide an important link between these two roads and allow for a much enhanced experience as opposed to riding down the gas roads. There are areas of slick rock and challenges that add a great deal to the recreation experience. This two-track trail enhances the recreation experience and adds a great deal to the overall enjoyment of this area. The Option B, Preferred Alternative closes these routes to motorized recreation. There is no documented proof exhibited in the EIS that shows substantial evidence that there are resource issues impacted by motorized travel. The BLM has made an error in closing these trails and a much better option would be Option A, no action. Zone (H) North of Coal Gulch: Option (D) Trail (H)52, & (H)40, complete the loop between Coal Gulch and Garvey Canyon. It is important to keep this connection open for >50" motorized travel. Zone (I) 21 Road-Hwy 139A: Option (D) Trail (I)1027, provides a loop ride from Coal Gulch to Garvey Canyon and back on 16 Road. This is a desirable option for >50" motorized travel. This trail provides a scenic view and remote feeling traversing between canyons. This is an important route for ATV's, Motorcycles and possibly mountain bikes. Zone (M) Cameo/Coal Canyon and Main Canyon area: M420, M410, & M414 are listed as "Vested Interest" by Mesa County Roads and Right of Way. This road may have been inadvertently closed without proper authority granted by the Mesa County Commissioners. Please comment on this issue. If the road was inappropriately closed, then it should be reopened to motorized travel immediately. In Zone (P) Bangs Canyon/Snyder Flats area: Trails P450, P288, P286, P440, P309, P315, P312, P308, & P314 should be left open to motorized travel. These routes access areas above Snyder Flats which adds diversity and interest to other recreation options in the BLM Field office area. Trails P291 and P402, should remain open to motorized travel as option (D) would allow. This route offers a full day of exploring in a very unusual area. The slick rock formations and canyons area some of the highlights. To traverse the length of this route is a good days journey and allows a fulfilling social outing with friends. Zone (V) Gateway: This area features interesting mining history, outstanding scenery, and is a great place for people to explore. The area is very remote, with a feeling of being back in another time period. Our comment pertains to keeping as many of the routes open in this area simply because of the experiences that they provide. Many old roads lead back into mining areas or scenic overlooks into Maverick

canyon. Closing these routes would create significant administrative problems for the BLM. Just the signing of closed routes would probably take years at great expense and then the enforcement of these closures would be difficult. A much better option would be to leave the roads open and let the people enjoy the possibilities of exploring this incredible country.

Commenter Name: Chapel, Steve

Organization: Western Slope ATV Association

Submission Code: rmc0013

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

P450, P288, P286, P440, P309, P315, P312, P308, & P314 These routes should be left open to motorized travel. These access areas above Snyder Flats and should be left open they enhance the recreation experience for users.

– Route: P310

– Segment: 13605

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: P310

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: emc0631

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): P314, P312, P315, P309, P310, P311, P286, P450, P288 Trail Name: North East Creek Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): Click here to enter text. Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): Trail Number(s): P314, P312, P315, P309, P310, P311, P286, P450, P288 Trail Name: North East Creek This is an area I would like the opportunity to explore more. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): This has been landlocked for a long time. The BLM should build a connector from P311 to P291 (Snyder Flats). That would open this up for new areas to explore.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

North East Creek P314, P312, P315, P309, P310, P311, P286, P450, P288 This has been landlocked for a long time, a connector from P311 to P291 would open this up for New areas to explorer (see Snyder Flats).

– Route: P311

– Segment: 13629

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only**Public Comments On Route: P311****Commenter Name:** Znamenacek, Dale**Organization:** Grand Mesa Jeep Club**Submission Code:** emc0631**Recommended:** Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): P314, P312, P315, P309, P310, P311, P286, P450, P288 Trail Name: North East Creek Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): Click here to enter text. Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): Trail Number(s): P314, P312, P315, P309, P310, P311, P286, P450, P288 Trail Name: North East Creek This is an area I would like the opportunity to explore more. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): This has been landlocked for a long time. The BLM should build a connector from P311 to P291 (Snyder Flats). That would open this up for new areas to explore.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas**Organization:** Bookcliff Rattlers**Submission Code:** emc0693**Recommended:** Open (All modes of travel)

Snyder Flats P291 We would like to see this connected to North East Creek at P311. This would open a new area that has been landlocked. Open other times of the year other than hunting season.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas**Organization:** Bookcliff Rattlers**Submission Code:** emc0693**Recommended:** Open (All modes of travel)

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Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale**Organization:** Grand Mesa Jeep Club**Submission Code:** emc0631**Recommended:** Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): P291 Trail Name: Snyder Flats Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): A variety of terrain Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): Exploring Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): This trail is close to home and a nice area to explore. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): I would like to see the Snyder Flats road connected to North East Creek at P311. This would open up an area that has been landlocked. This road should remain open year round.

– Route: P312**– Segment: 13645****Designation** **Proposed Designation:** Admin/Permitted Use Only**Seasonal Limitations:** None**Mitigation**

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails

- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13647

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II

Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for the this designation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13648

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

Minimize Damage: Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II

Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for the this designation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13670

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II

Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for the this designation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: P312

Commenter Name: Solomon, James

Submission Code: emc0614

Organization:

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

In Zone (P) Bangs Canyon/Snyder Flats area: Trails P450, P288, P286, P440, P309, P315, P312, P308, & P314 should be left open to motorized travel. These routes access areas above Snyder Flats which adds diversity and interest to other recreation options in the BLM Field office area.

Commenter Name: Blackburn, Walt

Organization: Thunder Mountain Wheelers

Submission Code: emc0623

Recommended: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

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Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: emc0631

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Commenter Name: Blackburn, Walt

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0886

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Commenter Name: Cox, Kris

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

Submission Code: emc0788

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

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Commenter Name: Bertolacci, Jason

Organization: International Mountain Bicycling Association

Submission Code: emc0912

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Commenter Name: None

Organization: WSATVA

Submission Code: rmc0087

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Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

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Commenter Name: Potter, Monte
Submission Code: emc0926

Organization:
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

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Commenter Name: Chapel, Steve
Submission Code: rmc0013

Organization: Western Slope ATV Association
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

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– Route: P314

– Segment: 13657

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II

Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for the this designation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13697

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: P314

Commenter Name: Solomon, James

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0614

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

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Commenter Name: Blackburn, Walt

Organization: Thunder Mountain Wheelers

Submission Code: emc0623

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Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: emc0631

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

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Commenter Name: Blackburn, Walt

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0886

Recommended: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Bangs Canyon, Snyder Flats Area Routes P450, P288, P286, P440, P309, P315, P312, P308, P314 These routes are access to the area above Snyder Flats. Closure of these routes would severely limit the recreational experience in the area for 50" motorized community.

Commenter Name: None

Organization: WSATVA

Submission Code: rmc0087

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Bangs Canyon - Snyder Flats Area Trails: P440, P309, P315, P312, P308, P314, P450, P228, and P286. This area above Snyder Flats is covered with Juniper and Ponderosa Pine and affords riders a scenic experience that is unequalled. Trails: P402 & P291 afford the rider views of sandstone formations endemic to the area.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

North East Creek P314, P312, P315, P309, P310, P311, P286, P450, P288 This has been landlocked for a long time, a connector from P311 to P291 would open this up for New areas to explorer (see Snyder Flats).

Commenter Name: Potter, Monte

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0926

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Castle Rock Trail System Zone (F): Option (D) which allows the trail system to stay open and stay intact meets most of the Route Designation Criteria as summarized on p. M-11, Appendix M. The trail system creates a loop trail. The system is recognized in local maps and social media. The trail resolves user conflicts because of remoteness and proximity to Grand Junction. The trail was not previously designated but developed in an area that was labeled Open to Cross Country Travel. We would encourage the BLM to keep this trail system open and follow a planned process to mitigate any problem areas within the existing trail system. Trails: (F555, F571, F572, F560): We recommend Alternative (A). These trails connect V.2 road and the Coon Hollow area. They provide an important link between these two roads and allow for a much enhanced experience as opposed to riding down the gas roads. There are areas of slick rock and challenges that add a great deal to the recreation experience. This two-track trail enhances the recreation experience and adds a great deal to the overall enjoyment of this area. The Option B,

Preferred Alternative closes these routes to motorized recreation. There is no documented proof exhibited in the EIS that shows substantial evidence that there are resource issues impacted by motorized travel. The BLM has made an error in closing these trails and a much better option would be Option A, no action. Zone (H) North of Coal Gulch: Option (D) Trail (H)52, & (H)40, complete the loop between Coal Gulch and Garvey Canyon. It is important to keep this connection open for >50" motorized travel. Zone (I) 21 Road-Hwy 139A: Option (D) Trail (I)1027, provides a loop ride from Coal Gulch to Garvey Canyon and back on 16 Road. This is a desirable option for >50" motorized travel. This trail provides a scenic view and remote feeling traversing between canyons. This is an important route for ATV's, Motorcycles and possibly mountain bikes. Zone (M) Cameo/Coal Canyon and Main Canyon area: M420, M410, & M414 are listed as "Vested Interest" by Mesa County Roads and Right of Way. This road may have been inadvertently closed without proper authority granted by the Mesa County Commissioners. Please comment on this issue. If the road was inappropriately closed, then it should be reopened to motorized travel immediately. In Zone (P) Bangs Canyon/Snyder Flats area: Trails P450, P288, P286, P440, P309, P315, P312, P308, & P314 should be left open to motorized travel. These routes access areas above Snyder Flats which adds diversity and interest to other recreation options in the BLM Field office area. Trails P291 and P402, should remain open to motorized travel as option (D) would allow. This route offers a full day of exploring in a very unusual area. The slick rock formations and canyons area some of the highlights. To traverse the length of this route is a good days journey and allows a fulfilling social outing with friends. Zone (V) Gateway: This area features interesting mining history, outstanding scenery, and is a great place for people to explore. The area is very remote, with a feeling of being back in another time period. Our comment pertains to keeping as many of the routes open in this area simply because of the experiences that they provide. Many old roads lead back into mining areas or scenic overlooks into Maverick canyon. Closing these routes would create significant administrative problems for the BLM. Just the signing of closed routes would probably take years at great expense and then the enforcement of these closures would be difficult. A much better option would be to leave the roads open and let the people enjoy the possibilities of exploring this incredible country.

Commenter Name: Chapel, Steve

Submission Code: rmc0013

Organization: Western Slope ATV Association

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

P450, P288, P286, P440, P309, P315, P312, P308, & P314 These routes should be left open to motorized travel. These access areas above Snyder Flats and should be left open they enhance the recreation experience for users.

– Route: P315

– Segment: 13620

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13646

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13669

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II

Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for the this designation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: P315

Commenter Name: Solomon, James

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0614

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

In Zone (P) Bangs Canyon/Snyder Flats area: Trails P450, P288, P286, P440, P309, P315, P312, P308, & P314 should be left open to motorized travel. These routes access areas above Snyder Flats which adds diversity and interest to other recreation options in the BLM Field office area.

Commenter Name: Blackburn, Walt

Organization: Thunder Mountain Wheelers

Submission Code: emc0623

Recommended: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Bangs Canyon, Snyder Flats Area Routes P450, P288, P286, P440, P309, P315, P312, P308, P314 These routes are access to the area above Snyder Flats. Closure of these routes would severely limit the recreational experience in the area for 50" motorized community.

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: emc0631

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): P314, P312, P315, P309, P310, P311, P286, P450, P288 Trail Name: North East Creek Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): Click here to enter text. Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): Trail Number(s): P314, P312, P315, P309, P310, P311, P286, P450, P288 Trail Name: North East Creek This is an area I would like the opportunity to explore more. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): This has been landlocked for a long time. The BLM should build a connector from P311 to P291 (Snyder Flats). That would open this up for new areas to explore.

Commenter Name: Blackburn, Walt

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0886

Recommended: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Bangs Canyon, Snyder Flats Area Routes P450, P288, P286, P440, P309, P315, P312, P308, P314 These routes are access to the area above Snyder Flats. Closure of these routes would severely limit the recreational experience in the area for 50" motorized community.

Commenter Name: Winans, Scott

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0868

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

P251 should remain accessible to mechanized use - allowing for access parallel to the Unawep Cyn drainage, and westward connectivity to the higher elevations in that direction. P450, P286, P440, P309, P315, P312, P308 corridor - same westward connectivity P291, P402 corridor - same westward connectivity

Commenter Name: Bertolacci, Jason

Organization: International Mountain Bicycling

Association**Submission Code: emc0912****Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized**

P212 should remain open to mountain bike use. Existing trail planning already identifies this as a portion of a larger future eastward route. P219 should be considered for continued mountain bike use to enable access to more remote areas. P251 should remain open to mountain bike use - allowing for access parallel to the Unawep Canyon drainage, and westward connectivity to the higher elevations. P450, P286, P440, P309, P315, P312, P308 corridor - should remain open to bikes as they provide westward connectivity P291, P402 corridor - should remain open to bikes as they provide westward connectivity

Commenter Name: None**Organization: WSATVA****Submission Code: rmc0087****Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)**

Bangs Canyon - Snyder Flats Area Trails: P440, P309, P315, P312, P308, P314, P450, P228, and P286. This area above Snyder Flats is covered with Juniper and Ponderosa Pine and affords riders a scenic experience that is unequalled. Trails: P402 & P291 afford the rider views of sandstone formations endemic to the area.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas**Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers****Submission Code: emc0693****Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)**

North East Creek P314, P312, P315, P309, P310, P311, P286, P450, P288 This has been landlocked for a long time, a connector from P311 to P291 would open this up for New areas to explorer (see Snyder Flats).

Commenter Name: Potter, Monte**Organization:****Submission Code: emc0926****Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)**

Castle Rock Trail System Zone (F): Option (D) which allows the trail system to stay open and stay intact meets most of the Route Designation Criteria as summarized on p. M-11, Appendix M. The trail system creates a loop trail. The system is recognized in local maps and social media. The trail resolves user conflicts because of remoteness and proximity to Grand Junction. The trail was not previously designated but developed in an area that was labeled Open to Cross Country Travel. We would encourage the BLM to keep this trail system open and follow a planned process to mitigate any problem areas within the existing trail system. Trails: (F555, F571, F572, F560): We recommend Alternative (A). These trails connect V.2 road and the Coon Hollow area. They provide an important link between these two roads and allow for a much enhanced experience as opposed to riding down the gas roads. There are areas of slick rock and challenges that add a great deal to the recreation experience. This two-track trail enhances the recreation experience and adds a great deal to the overall enjoyment of this area. The Option B, Preferred Alternative closes these routes to motorized recreation. There is no documented proof exhibited in the EIS that shows substantial evidence that there are resource issues impacted by motorized travel. The BLM has made an error in closing these trails and a much better option would be Option A, no action. Zone (H) North of Coal Gulch: Option (D) Trail (H)52, & (H)40, complete the loop between Coal Gulch and Garvey Canyon. It is important to keep this connection open for >50" motorized travel. Zone (I) 21 Road-Hwy 139A: Option (D) Trail (I)1027, provides a loop ride from Coal Gulch to Garvey Canyon and back on 16 Road. This is a desirable option for >50" motorized travel. This trail provides a scenic view and remote feeling traversing between canyons. This is an important route for ATV's, Motorcycles and possibly mountain bikes. Zone (M) Cameo/Coal Canyon and Main Canyon area: M420, M410, & M414 are listed as "Vested Interest" by Mesa County Roads and Right of Way. This road may have been inadvertently closed without proper authority granted by the Mesa County Commissioners. Please comment on this issue. If the road was inappropriately closed, then it should be reopened to motorized travel immediately. In Zone (P) Bangs Canyon/Snyder Flats area: Trails P450, P288, P286, P440, P309, P315, P312, P308, & P314 should be left open to motorized travel. These routes access areas above Snyder Flats which adds diversity and interest to other recreation options in the BLM Field office area. Trails P291 and P402, should remain open to motorized travel as option (D) would allow. This route offers a full day of exploring in a very unusual area. The slick rock formations and canyons area some of the highlights. To traverse the length of this route is a good days journey and allows a fulfilling social outing with friends. Zone (V) Gateway: This area features interesting mining history, outstanding scenery, and is a great place for people to explore. The area is very remote, with a feeling of being back in another time period. Our comment pertains to keeping as many of the routes open in this area simply because of the experiences that they provide. Many old roads lead back into mining areas or scenic overlooks into Maverick canyon. Closing these routes would create significant administrative problems for the BLM. Just the signing of closed routes would probably take years at great expense and then the enforcement of these closures would be

difficult. A much better option would be to leave the roads open and let the people enjoy the possibilities of exploring this incredible country.

Commenter Name: Cox, Kris
Submission Code: emc0788

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter
Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

P212 should remain accessible to mechanized use. Existing trail planning already identifies this as a portion of a larger future eastward route. P219 should be considered for continued mechanized access to enable access to more remote areas. P251 should remain accessible to mechanized use - allowing for access parallel to the Unaweep Cyn drainage, and westward connectivity to the higher elevations in that direction. P450, P286, P440, P309, P315, P312, P308 corridor - same westward connectivity P291, P402 corridor - same westward connectivity

Commenter Name: Chapel, Steve
Submission Code: rmc0013

Organization: Western Slope ATV Association
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

P450, P288, P286, P440, P309, P315, P312, P308, & P314 These routes should be left open to motorized travel. These access areas above Snyder Flats and should be left open they enhance the recreation experience for users.

– Route: P323

– Segment: 8945

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Federally Listed vegetation species proximate (200m)

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes to minimize habitat fragmentation and minimize direct impacts to listed plant species habitat; As well as occupied habitat from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Closed

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: P323

No public comments for this Route

– Route: P324

– Segment: 11792

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

– Segment: 11447

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 11670

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Paleo Paleontological site Proximate (200m Buffer)
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)

- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 11694

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Paleo Paleontological site Proximate (200m Buffer)
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 11771

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Paleo Paleontological site Proximate (200m Buffer)
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 11783

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: P324

Commenter Name: Potterveld, Jan

Submission Code: emc0634

Organization: Back Country Horsemen of Colorado

Recommended: Foot/Horse

The Horse Canyon area south of P324 along with the Horse Mesas should remain undeveloped and open to hiking and horses travel. There are enough routes for all mechanized travel surrounding this area. Please keep this area in its primitive condition without further trails.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Submission Code: emc0693

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

The Snyder Flats Rd. (P-291 P-402) is a scenic opportunity for day motorized use and provides access to nature and hiking experiences in a remote undeveloped landscape. The listed routes are critical to the recreation experiences described in Appendix M of the RMP.

– Route: P397

– Segment: 13731

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Elk Migratory and Movement Corridors
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in

areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13733

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Elk Migratory and Movement Corridors
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13734

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Elk Migratory and Movement Corridors
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13736

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Elk Migratory and Movement Corridors
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: P397

No public comments for this Route

– Route: P450

– Segment: 13218

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13255

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Vegetation Riparian proximate (100 ft)
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

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- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: P450

Commenter Name: Solomon, James

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0614**Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)**

In Zone (P) Bangs Canyon/Snyder Flats area: Trails P450, P288, P286, P440, P309, P315, P312, P308, & P314 should be left open to motorized travel. These routes access areas above Snyder Flats which adds diversity and interest to other recreation options in the BLM Field office area.

Commenter Name: Blackburn, Walt**Organization: Thunder Mountain Wheelers****Submission Code: emc0623****Recommened: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide**

Bangs Canyon, Snyder Flats Area Routes P450, P288, P286, P440, P309, P315, P312, P308, P314 These routes are access to the area above Snyder Flats. Closure of these routes would severely limit the recreational experience in the area for 50" motorized community.

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale**Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club****Submission Code: emc0631****Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)**

Trail Number(s): P314, P312, P315, P309, P310, P311, P286, P450, P288 Trail Name: North East Creek Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): Click here to enter text. Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): Trail Number(s): P314, P312, P315, P309, P310, P311, P286, P450, P288 Trail Name: North East Creek This is an area I would like the opportunity to explore more. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): This has been landlocked for a long time. The BLM should build a connector from P311 to P291 (Snyder Flats). That would open this up for new areas to explore.

Commenter Name: Blackburn, Walt**Organization:****Submission Code: emc0886****Recommened: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide**

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Commenter Name: Winans, Scott**Organization:****Submission Code: emc0868****Recommened: Foot/Horse/Mechanized**

P251 should remain accessible to mechanized use - allowing for access parallel to the Unawep Cyn drainage, and westward connectivity to the higher elevations in that direction. P450, P286, P440, P309, P315, P312, P308 corridor - same westward connectivity P291, P402 corridor - same westward connectivity

Commenter Name: Cox, Kris**Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter****Submission Code: emc0788****Recommened: Foot/Horse/Mechanized**

P212 should remain accessible to mechanized use. Existing trail planning already identifies this as a portion of a larger future eastward route. P219 should be considered for continued mechanized access to enable access to more remote areas. P251 should remain accessible to mechanized use - allowing for access parallel to the Unawep Cyn drainage, and westward connectivity to the higher elevations in that direction. P450, P286, P440, P309, P315, P312, P308 corridor - same westward connectivity P291, P402 corridor - same westward connectivity

Commenter Name: Bertolacci, Jason**Organization: International Mountain Bicycling Association****Submission Code: emc0912****Recommened: Foot/Horse/Mechanized**

P212 should remain open to mountain bike use. Existing trail planning already identifies this as a portion of a larger future eastward route. P219 should be considered for continued mountain bike use to enable access to more remote areas. P251 should remain open to mountain bike use - allowing for access parallel to the Unawep Canyon drainage, and westward connectivity to the higher elevations. P450, P286, P440, P309, P315, P312, P308 corridor - should remain open to bikes as they provide westward connectivity P291, P402 corridor - should remain open to bikes as they provide westward connectivity

Commenter Name: None

Organization: WSATVA

Submission Code: rmc0087

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Bangs Canyon - Snyder Flats Area Trails: P440, P309, P315, P312, P308, P314, P450, P228, and P286. This area above Snyder Flats is covered with Juniper and Ponderosa Pine and affords riders a scenic experience that is unequalled. Trails: P402 & P291 afford the rider views of sandstone formations endemic to the area.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

North East Creek P314, P312, P315, P309, P310, P311, P286, P450, P288 This has been landlocked for a long time, a connector from P311 to P291 would open this up for New areas to explorer (see Snyder Flats).

Commenter Name: Shepherd, Janice

Organization:

Submission Code: rmc0089

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

P450 should stay open to motorized vehicles as it is a popular rock climbing / bouldering area with over 12 boulders being used in the area.

Commenter Name: Potter, Monte

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0926

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Castle Rock Trail System Zone (F): Option (D) which allows the trail system to stay open and stay intact meets most of the Route Designation Criteria as summarized on p. M-11, Appendix M. The trail system creates a loop trail. The system is recognized in local maps and social media. The trail resolves user conflicts because of remoteness and proximity to Grand Junction. The trail was not previously designated but developed in an area that was labeled Open to Cross Country Travel. We would encourage the BLM to keep this trail system open and follow a planned process to mitigate any problem areas within the existing trail system. Trails: (F555, F571, F572, F560): We recommend Alternative (A). These trails connect V.2 road and the Coon Hollow area. They provide an important link between these two roads and allow for a much enhanced experience as opposed to riding down the gas roads. There are areas of slick rock and challenges that add a great deal to the recreation experience. This two-track trail enhances the recreation experience and adds a great deal to the overall enjoyment of this area. The Option B, Preferred Alternative closes these routes to motorized recreation. There is no documented proof exhibited in the EIS that shows substantial evidence that there are resource issues impacted by motorized travel. The BLM has made an error in closing these trails and a much better option would be Option A, no action. Zone (H) North of Coal Gulch: Option (D) Trail (H)52, & (H)40, complete the loop between Coal Gulch and Garvey Canyon. It is important to keep this connection open for >50" motorized travel. Zone (I) 21 Road-Hwy 139A: Option (D) Trail (I)1027, provides a loop ride from Coal Gulch to Garvey Canyon and back on 16 Road. This is a desirable option for >50" motorized travel. This trail provides a scenic view and remote feeling traversing between canyons. This is an important route for ATV's, Motorcycles and possibly mountain bikes. Zone (M) Cameo/Coal Canyon and Main Canyon area: M420, M410, & M414 are listed as "Vested Interest" by Mesa County Roads and Right of Way. This road may have been inadvertently closed without proper authority granted by the Mesa County Commissioners. Please comment on this issue. If the road was inappropriately closed, then it should be reopened to motorized travel immediately. In Zone (P) Bangs Canyon/Snyder Flats area: Trails P450, P288, P286, P440, P309, P315, P312, P308, & P314 should be left open to motorized travel. These routes access areas above Snyder Flats which adds diversity and interest to other recreation options in the BLM Field office area. Trails P291 and P402, should remain open to motorized travel as option (D) would allow. This route offers a full day of exploring in a very unusual area. The slick rock formations and canyons area some of the highlights. To traverse the length of this route is a good days journey and allows a fulfilling social outing with friends. Zone (V) Gateway: This area features interesting mining history, outstanding scenery, and is a great place for people to explore. The area is very remote, with a feeling of being back in another time period. Our comment pertains to keeping as many of the routes open in this area simply because of the experiences that they provide. Many old roads lead back into mining areas or scenic overlooks into Maverick canyon. Closing these routes would create significant administrative problems for the BLM. Just the signing of closed routes would probably take years at great expense and then the enforcement of these closures would be difficult. A much better option would be to leave the roads open and let the people enjoy the possibilities of exploring this incredible country.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon**Organization:****Submission Code: cfc0079****Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)**

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone P should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes P: 212, 219, 16, 12, 888, 889, 887, 703, 702, 704, 705, 697, 270, 1182, 792, 793, 572, 571, 569, 273, 2007, 251, 8, 855, 450, 451, 394, 393, 297, 296, 298, 410. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone P routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

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Commenter Name: No Record**Organization: No Record****Submission Code: No Record****Recommended: Admin/Permitted Use Only**

[Trails Preservation Alliance - www.coloradotpa.org][Subject: Combined input to the BLM RMP, from the TPA and COHVCO.] This map does not accurately show the present condition. P450 has a locked gate at P451.

Commenter Name: Chapel, Steve**Organization: Western Slope ATV Association****Submission Code: rmc0013****Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)**

P450, P288, P286, P440, P309, P315, P312, P308, & P314 These routes should be left open to motorized travel. These access areas above Snyder Flats and should be left open they enhance the recreation experience for users.

– Route: P7

– Segment: 8354

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed**Seasonal Limitations: None**

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Riparian proximate (100 ft)
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area

- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Utility corridor

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 8369

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Riparian proximate (100 ft)
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
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Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 12360

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

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Resources and / or Uses Present

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- Cultural Resource Concern
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Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: P7

No public comments for this Route

– Route: P8

– Segment: 8368

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Vegetation Riparian (PFC) functioning at risk
- Vegetation Riparian proximate (100 ft)
- Water Perennial Stream/Fishery
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 10185

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 12379

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Riparian (PFC) functioning at risk
- Vegetation Riparian proximate (100 ft)
- Water Perennial Stream/Fishery
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 12404

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None**Mitigation**

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Paleo Paleontological site Proximate (200m Buffer)
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Vegetation Riparian proximate (100 ft)
- Wildlife Bighorn Sheep Production Area
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

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Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 12437**Designation** 

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: P8

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Submission Code: emc0631

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): P8, P251 Trail Name: East Creek Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This is an area I enjoy exploring using a variety of methods: full size 4WD, UTV, and ATV. Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): I like that this trail is close to home. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): This makes a nice shorter trip, good for exploring and enjoyable for the whole family. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): Please leave this trail open to full size 4WD year round.

Commenter Name: Potterveld, Jan

Organization: Back Country Horsemen of Colorado

Submission Code: emc0634**Recommened: Foot/Horse/Mechanized**

Trails P8 and P251 could be left open to bike, horse and foot travel. There is no apparent reason to close this down.

Commenter Name: Atencio, James**Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club****Submission Code: rmc0025****Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)**

Historical use: picnics, rock crawling, photography, exersising, pets, use 1-2 times per week. Like because it is close to home, scenic views, wildlife. Benefits are family time, exercise, solitude. Leave open to full sized vehicles, hiking, atvs.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas**Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers****Submission Code: emc0693****Recommened: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle**

The Snyder Flats Rd. (P-291 P-402) is a scenic opportunity for day motorized use and provides access to nature and hiking experiences in a remote undeveloped landscape. The listed routes are critical to the recreation experiences described in Appendix M of the RMP.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas**Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers****Submission Code: emc0693****Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)**

East Creek P8, P251 Leave Open to full size, nice short trip for exploring

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon**Organization:****Submission Code: cfc0079****Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)**

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone P should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes P: 212, 219, 16, 12, 888, 889, 887, 703, 702, 704, 705, 697, 270, 1182, 792, 793, 572, 571, 569, 273, 2007, 251, 8, 855, 450, 451, 394, 393, 297, 296, 298, 410. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone P routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon**Organization:****Submission Code: emc0079****Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)**

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– Route: P80**– Segment: 8948****Designation** **Proposed Designation: Closed****Seasonal Limitations: None****Mitigation**

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Closed

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 8950

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Closed

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: P80

No public comments for this Route

– Route: P836

– Segment: 10552

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Closed

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: P836

No public comments for this Route

– Route: Q103

– Segment: 10309

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)**Public Comments On Route: Q103****Commenter Name: No Record****Organization: No Record****Submission Code: No Record****Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)**

["The Reservation" South of Sieber Canyon] I would to see that there are no changes or closures to these routes. We use these routes for hunting in the fall. There are elderly hunters in our party that will no longer be able to hunt this area if the routes are closed to vehicles.

Commenter Name: No Record**Organization: No Record****Submission Code: No Record****Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)**

I am writing this letter in regard to a decision that is about to be made regarding a relatively small piece of BLM controlled land on Glade Park in Western Slope of Colorado (RMP travel management update for the Grand Junction District: Q103, Q139, Q140, Q141, and Q149). The land I'm referencing is commonly known as "The Reservation". It is isolated by Sieber Canyon and is accessible by motorized vehicles only through private land. The BLM is on the verge of eliminating the use of motorized vehicles on the Reservation. I sincerely believe that regardless of claims to the contrary, the decision to close this country has already been made. (A year and a half ago, the malcontents who have been pressuring the local BLM office to close the Reservation to motorized vehicles bragged to all who would listen that they had been assured by the Grand Junction BLM office that the closure was a "done deal".) This decision would have a real, immediate, and detrimental impact on me and the other landowners whose land borders the Reservation. The fact is, the Reservation has been open to motorized vehicles for decades. Using vehicles on the Reservation would not be an issue if it were not for the loud, sustained and sometimes dishonest grumbling of two or three jealous malcontents who have apparently been able to catch your ear. In fact up until these malcontents were no longer allowed through our private property, it seems they thought the use of motorized vehicles was perfectly acceptable as evidenced by their use of their motorized vehicles on the Reservation. When they were no longer allowed access onto the Reservation through our private land*, an unauthorized trail was built on public land to accommodate four wheelers. The illegal trail was closed by the BLM, and shortly thereafter these few malcontents began their campaign. These jealous malcontents remind me of the little boy who destroys his neighbor's toy because he didn't have one. The very few people doing the complaining use the Reservation only during hunting season. The malcontents could access the Reservation at other times of the year, but don't. We (the landowners, their families, friends, and acquaintances) enjoy the Reservation all year around. Camping, picnicking, hiking, shed hunting, sight seeing with out of town visitors, caring for cows are some of the activities that take place on the Reservation. Because we can presently use motorized vehicles, small children and the elderly can also enjoy this country. I've attempted to calculate the number of people who can now enjoy the Reservation. I think that number is well over 100 thoughtful individuals, including children and older adults, all of whom take care of private and public lands. We have not been selfish in allowing responsible people access through our lands and onto the Reservation. If motorized vehicles are eliminated, only a handful of people will be able to enjoy the Reservations. Among those eliminated will be all of us who are getting up there in age (I'm 63). At least two 80+ year old landowner who have hunted this land and paid taxes on their land for over forty years will not be able to use the Reservation again. For us this is serious business. I must also add that it is the property owners and their guests who have kept the Reservation clean. We are the ones who pick up beer cans and other trash left by people in places on the Reservation where only peopl on horse back or hiking can reach. The littering always takes place during hunting season. (I have never known the malcontents to pick up even one beer can during their short visits to the Reservation.) We have been the only good stewards of that land. And we have been good stewards for decades. The roads on the Reserveration have been kept up by one of the landowners. Eliminating motorized vehicles from the Reservation is in fact declaring the Reservation a wilderness area. It is my understanding that a specific process is necessary to make such a declaration. In this instance that process has not been followed. If it is decided that motorized vehicles will no longer be allowed on the Reservation, that decision will be made to quiet the squeaking wheels, not because of any positive impact on the Reservation or the flora and fauna on that land. Thank you for your time and attention. * The access through our private land was restricted because the number of people using our lands kept increasing, and many of these people were tearing up the roads on our properties, leaving trash, and trespassing onto other portions of our deeded land. We attempted to eliminated only those who did not take care of the land.

Commenter Name: No Record
Submission Code: No Record

Organization: No Record
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I am writing this letter in regard to a decision that is about to be made regarding a relatively small piece of BLM controlled land on Glade Park in Western Slope of Colorado (RMP travel management update for the Grand Junction District: Q103, Q139, Q140,

– Route: Q118

– Segment: 12714

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Active Lek (4 miles)
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Study Site
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to close duplicate or redundant routes within 4 miles of Gunnison or greater Sage-Grouse lek.
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only**Public Comments On Route: Q118**

Commenter Name: Hundtroft,
Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommened: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

A non motorized zone is proposed in Alt B that encompasses routes Q- 524, 526, 528, 529, 513, 514, 517, 539, 623, 324, 118, 287. The closure of these routes interrupts a good dual sport motorcycle opportunity and denies access to hunters in a good hunting location. A spring closure due to soil conditions would be more appropriate. As the entire Field Office will be managed as a designated routes limited zone the designation of non motorized zones is not necessary.

– Route: Q121**– Segment: 13147****Designation ?**

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Spring Closure 1 (Sage Grouse)

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Work with Land Owner on Public Access
- Sign private

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Study Site
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 1 (Sage Grouse)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 1 (Sage Grouse)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

– Segment: 13150**Designation ?**

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)
Seasonal Limitations: Spring Closure 1 (Sage Grouse)

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access
- Sign private

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Study Site
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 1 (Sage Grouse)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 1 (Sage Grouse)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— **Segment: 12745**

Designation 

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 12722

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 12748

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 12763

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 12915

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 12936

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 12952

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 13153

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 12685

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)

- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 12678

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: Q121

Commenter Name: Weber, Patricia
Submission Code: emc0459

Organization:
Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

Q121, Q479, Q448: object to "Administrative" classification of these roads. This eliminates possibility for public to make a nice "loop" drive with Q114 and Q481.

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale
Submission Code: emc0668

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): Q114, Q457, Q461, Q208, Q451, Q461, Q437, Q445, Q121, Q450, Q479, Q338, Q480, Q448, Q121, Q117
Trail Name: Pinon Mesa Loop Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): This trail offers a mix of challenges and scenic views. Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This is a great area for exploration and getting away from the crowds. Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): I like that this trail is a little more remote. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): This trail offers me a feeling of remoteness and is an enjoyable area to explore with my friends and family. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): I would like to see this trail remain open to all vehicles, including full-size. Q121 is needed to make the loop with Q114. I would like to see Q479, Q480, & Q448 remain open, as they offer further opportunities to explore and to take in the scenic viewpoints. These routes aren't just meaningless dead ends - they offer a place to get off the beaten path, take in the view, and find a spot to camp.

Commenter Name: McClellan, Roz
Submission Code: emc0846

Organization: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative
Recommended: Closed

Zone Q We support the Alt B and C closures included in the route table in RMRIs 2009 Route Inventory Comments Q 114,338, 451, 440 Thin soils, poor closures deer and elk transition range, Gunnison SG Q 461 where it goes around Hogback close motorized routes and prohibit shed antlering Q 302 does not exist on the ground Q 117 unauthorized spur route Q 121 grown over cow trail, no purpose Q447 spur, Q 443, not a good OHV trail, do not put on recreation maps but keep open for hunting Effective closures needed., Q 427 no recreational value, no purpose Q 511 - Q 287 close to motorized, horse, hiking only Lands in the SW corner of Zone Q between Renegade Point and Granite Creek - Designate this area for horse and hiking only to reduce OHV impacts on wildlife Hogback and Spring Creek Drainages and lands north of Renegade Point to DS Road - o Ban shed antlering o Keep main arteries but close all ATV spurs to protect deer and elk transition range and Gunnison Sage Grouse. The area is easily impacted by ATV use. Mud Springs Campground - keep 16 Road but close all other routes and spurs to protect big game. Maintain closures. Q 528 Timber Ridge - Carry forward Alt B closures of Q 528 and all the small spurs showing on the Alt D map branching into this WEA BLM lands adjacent to Miracle Rock - Foot and horse travel only

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas
Submission Code: emc0693

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Loop on Pinon Mesa - NW end Q114, Q457, Q461, Q208, Q451, Q461, Q437, Q445, Q121, Q450, Q479, Q338, Q480, Q448, Q121, Q117,

Commenter Name: No Record
Submission Code: No Record

Organization: No Record
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

[Grand Mesa Jeep Club, Absolute Off Road, LLC] 3. From the Utah border up onto Pinion Mesa. Q114; Q121; Q117; Q338; Q451; Q457; Q458; Q456; Q461; Q302; Q300; Q443; Q440; These Jeep roads offer access to some very good hunting and fun ATV and 4-w

Commenter Name: Moores, Craig
Submission Code: cfc0169

Organization:
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

The following is a partial list of roads, that should remain open and usable, that are listed for closure or restriction in the proposed RMP Alternative B, C and or D. U13, U14, U11, U699, U345, U701, U317, U701, U317, U680, U681, U682 U15, U17, U23, U20, U18, U666, U723, U725, U712, W221, W2, W225, W222, W218, W60, W27, W57, W51, W33, W53, W176. W174, W118, W125, W126, W120, W192, W194, W195, W198, Q121, Q338, Q448, Q450, Q479, Q256, Q673, Q529, Q517, Q528, Q535, Q537, Q539, Q115, Q623, Q771, Q737, Q763, Q835

– Route: Q139

– Segment: 10385

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

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- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: Q139

Commenter Name: No Record

Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record**Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)**

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Commenter Name: No Record**Organization: No Record****Submission Code: No Record****Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)**

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– Route: Q140**– Segment: 10554****Designation ?**

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: Q140

Commenter Name: No Record

Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

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Commenter Name: No Record

Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

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– Route: Q141

– Segment: 10556

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: Q141

Commenter Name: No Record
Submission Code: No Record
[North of Q141 (The Palisade WSA)]

Organization: No Record
Reccomended: Closed

Commenter Name: No Record
Submission Code: No Record

Organization: No Record
Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

["The Reservation" South of Sieber Canyon] I would like to see that there are no changes or closures to these routes. We use these routes for hunting in the fall. There are elderly hunters in our party that will no longer be able to hunt this area if the ro

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Submission Code: No Record

Organization: No Record
Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

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– Route: Q149

– Segment: 10479

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: Q149

Commenter Name: No Record

Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

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– Route: Q173

– Segment: 10952

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: Q173

Commenter Name: Weber, Patricia

Submission Code: emc0459

Q184, Q183, Q174, Q173, Q229: I object to instituting a Spring Closure. Vehicle traffic in these areas is already sparse as is. Prefer this be left Open.

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Commenter Name: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

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Organization: No Record

Recommended: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

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Organization: No Record

Recommended: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

– Route: Q184

– Segment: 11124

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Study Site
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 1 (Sage Grouse)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 1 (Sage Grouse)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 11256

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 1 (Sage Grouse)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 1 (Sage Grouse)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 11271

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
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Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 1 (Sage Grouse)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 1 (Sage Grouse)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: Q184

Commenter Name: Weber, Patricia

Submission Code: emc0459

Q184, Q183, Q174, Q173, Q229: I object to instituting a Spring Closure. Vehicle traffic in these areas is already sparse as is. Prefer this be left Open.

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Submission Code: emc0693

Little Dolores to Border Q247, Q230, Q228, Q225, Q214, Q657, A656, Q655, Q654, Q652, Q651, Q650, Q658, Q661, Q256, Q673, Q229, Q184, Q183, Q634, Q174, Q48, Once this trail dries up enough to run, it makes a good early spring trip.

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale**Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club****Submission Code: emc0668****Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)**

Trail Number(s): Q247, Q230, Q228, Q225, Q214, Q657, A656, Q655, Q654, Q652, Q651, Q650, Q658, Q661, Q256, Q673, Q229, Q184, Q183, Q634, Q174, Q48 Trail Name: Little Dolores to the Utah Border Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): A scenic drive offering a fun non-pavement way to get from Colorado to Utah Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This is an area that is wonderful for exploring Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): I like that this trail offers a scenic backroads experience Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): This trail offers me a way to get away from the crowds and explore. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): I would like to see this route remain open to all vehicles

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale**Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club****Submission Code: emc0668****Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)**

Trail Number(s): Q114, Q457, Q461, Q208, Q451, Q461, Q437, Q445, Q121, Q450, Q479, Q338, Q480, Q448, Q121, Q117 Trail Name: Pinon Mesa Loop Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): This trail offers a mix of challenges and scenic views. Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This is a great area for exploration and getting away from the crowds. Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): I like that this trail is a little more remote. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): This trail offers me a feeling of remoteness and is an enjoyable area to explore with my friends and family. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): I would like to see this trail remain open to all vehicles, including full-size. Q121 is needed to make the loop with Q114. I would like to see Q479, Q480, & Q448 remain open, as they offer further opportunities to explore and to take in the scenic viewpoints. These routes aren't just meaningless dead ends - they offer a place to get off the beaten path, take in the view, and find a spot to camp.

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[Grand Mesa Jeep Club, Absolute Off Road, LLC] 2. Roads from Little Delores Rd. south and west, above the Little Delores Canyon. Q247; Q231; Q205; Q206; Q230; Q228; Q214; Q225; Q229; Q184; Q48; Q174; Q183; Q163; These Jeep roads offer lower elevation running that give people a place to go in late fall and early spring. This can help folks relieve tension from being hom bound through the winter months. There is much beautiful scenery and often wildlife to observe in the area as well. We have done several hours of maintenance on these Jeep Roads making them safer and cleaner for the public. The majority of these roads are not difficult to traverse, so many average vehicles may negotiate them. We (the above) use them nearly year-round and recommend them to others as well. This area is also used extensively for hunting by ATVs and 4-wheelers.

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– Route: Q208

– Segment: 11632

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Lands and Realty Route through disposal parcel

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: Q208

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: emc0668

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

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Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Loop on Pinon Mesa - NW end Q114, Q457, Q461, Q208, Q451, Q461, Q437, Q445, Q121, Q450, Q479, Q338, Q480, Q448, Q121, Q117,

– Route: Q229

– Segment: 11457

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

– Segment: 11508

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Study Site
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 11620

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 11635

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 11796

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 11809

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 11816

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 11797

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 11869

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 11915

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Potential spring mitigation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
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- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 10236

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Study Site
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 1 (Sage Grouse)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 1 (Sage Grouse)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 11410

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 1 (Sage Grouse)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 1 (Sage Grouse)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 11270

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 1 (Sage Grouse)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 1 (Sage Grouse)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 11568

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: Q229

Commenter Name: Weber, Patricia

Submission Code: emc0459

Q184, Q183, Q174, Q173, Q229: I object to instituting a Spring Closure. Vehicle traffic in these areas is already sparse as is. Prefer this be left Open.

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Submission Code: emc0693

Little Dolores to Border Q247, Q230, Q228, Q225, Q214, Q657, A656, Q655, Q654, Q652, Q651, Q650, Q658, Q661, Q256, Q673, Q229, Q184, Q183, Q634, Q174, Q48, Once this trail dries up enough to run, it makes a good early spring trip.

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Submission Code: emc0668

Trail Number(s): Q247, Q230, Q228, Q225, Q214, Q657, A656, Q655, Q654, Q652, Q651, Q650, Q658, Q661, Q256, Q673, Q229, Q184, Q183, Q634, Q174, Q48 Trail Name: Little Dolores to the Utah Border Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): A scenic drive offering a fun non-pavement way to get from Colorado to Utah Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This is an area that is wonderful for exploring Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): I like that this trail offers a scenic backroads experience Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): This trail offers me a way to get away from the crowds and explore. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): I would like to see this route remain open to all vehicles

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale
Submission Code: emc0668

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): Q114, Q457, Q461, Q208, Q451, Q461, Q437, Q445, Q121, Q450, Q479, Q338, Q480, Q448, Q121, Q117 Trail Name: Pinon Mesa Loop Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): This trail offers a mix of challenges and scenic views. Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This is a great area for exploration and getting away from the crowds. Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): I like that this trail is a little more remote. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): This trail offers me a feeling of remoteness and is an enjoyable area to explore with my friends and family. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): I would like to see this trail remain open to all vehicles, including full-size. Q121 is needed to make the loop with Q114. I would like to see Q479, Q480, & Q448 remain open, as they offer further opportunities to explore and to take in the scenic viewpoints. These routes aren't just meaningless dead ends - they offer a place to get off the beaten path, take in the view, and find a spot to camp.

Commenter Name: No Record
Submission Code: No Record

Organization: No Record
Recommended: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

[Map attached] Great views - unknown by most people - Has a lot of history from 1800s to early 1900s + with the "Water Jugs", the "Bisbuit" and "Doctors Point". IT is good route for beginners to advanced. Remote and away from most users. Used often by WSATVA members. Q247 to Q230 to Q228 to Q214 - back again and over to Q229 to Q184 to Q173 to Q174, Q183 and Q184 is all a popular ATV club route in Fall and Spring. A way to make some of it loop would be great.

Commenter Name: No Record
Submission Code: No Record

Organization: No Record
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

[Grand Mesa Jeep Club, Absolute Off Road, LLC] 2. Roads from Little Delores Rd. south and west, above the Little Delores Canyon. Q247; Q231; Q205; Q206; Q230; Q228; Q214; Q225; Q229; Q184; Q48; Q174; Q183; Q163; These Jeep roads offer lower elevation running that give people a place to go in late fall and early spring. This can help folks relieve tension from being home bound through the winter months. There is much beautiful scenery and often wildlife to observe in the area as well. We have done several hours of maintenance on these Jeep Roads making them safer and cleaner for the public. The majority of these roads are not difficult to traverse, so many average vehicles may negotiate them. We (the above) use them nearly year-round and recommend them to others as well. This area is also used extensively for hunting by ATVs and 4-wheelers.

Commenter Name: No Record
Submission Code: No Record

Organization: No Record
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

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— **Route: Q256**

— **Segment: 10169**

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Cultural

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 12151

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Cultural

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern

Cultural Resource Concern

- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 12272**Designation ?**

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Cultural

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: Q256

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Little Dolores to Border Q247, Q230, Q228, Q225, Q214, Q657, A656, Q655, Q654, Q652, Q651, Q650, Q658, Q661, Q256, Q673, Q229, Q184, Q183, Q634, Q174, Q48, Once this trail dries up enough to run, it makes a good early spring trip.

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: emc0668

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): Q247, Q230, Q228, Q225, Q214, Q657, A656, Q655, Q654, Q652, Q651, Q650, Q658, Q661, Q256, Q673, Q229, Q184, Q183, Q634, Q174, Q48 Trail Name: Little Dolores to the Utah Border Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): A scenic drive offering a fun non-pavement way to get from Colorado to Utah Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This is an area that is wonderful for exploring Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): I like that this trail offers a scenic backroads experience Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): This trail offers me a way to get away from the crowds and explore. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): I would like to see this route remain open to all vehicles

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Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: emc0668

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Commenter Name: Moores, Craig

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0169

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

The following is a partial list of roads, that should remain open and usable, that are listed for closure or restriction

in the proposed RMP Alternative B, C and or D. U13, U14, U11, U699, U345, U701, U317, U701, U317, U680, U681, U682 U15, U17, U23, U20, U18, U666, U723, U725, U712, W221, W2, W225, W222, W218, W60, W27, W57, W51, W33, W53, W176. W174, W118, W125, W126, W120, W192, W194, W195, W198, Q121, Q338, Q448, Q450, Q479, Q256, Q673, Q529, Q517, Q528, Q535, Q537, Q539, Q115, Q623, Q771, Q737, Q763, Q835

– Route: Q282

– Segment: 21946

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Reroute
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Active Lek (4 miles)
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

– Segment: 13326

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Active Lek (4 miles)
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to close duplicate or redundant routes within 4 miles of Gunnison or greater Sage-Grouse lek.
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: Q282

No public comments for this Route

– Route: Q283

– Segment: 11341

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 12892

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Right of Way

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: Q283

No public comments for this Route

– Route: Q285

– Segment: 12635

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation:

Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Spring Closure 1 (Sage Grouse)

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 1 (Sage Grouse)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 1 (Sage Grouse)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: Q285

No public comments for this Route

– Route: Q287

– Segment: 12645

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Active Lek (4 miles)
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to close duplicate or redundant routes within 4 miles of Gunnison or greater Sage-Grouse lek.
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: Q287

Commenter Name: Hundtroft,
Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693**Recommened: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle**

A non motorized zone is proposed in Alt B that encompasses routes Q 526, 528, 529, 513, 517, 623, 324, and 287. The closure of these routes interrupts a good dual sport motorcycle opportunity and denies access to hunters in a good hunting location. A spring closure due to soil conditions would be more appropriate. Otherwise, this is added to 5,000 acre (in aggregate) withdrawal requiring Congressional approval.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693**Recommened: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle**

A non motorized zone is proposed in Alt B that encompasses routes Q- 524, 526, 528, 529, 513, 514, 517, 539, 623, 324, 118, 287. The closure of these routes interrupts a good dual sport motorcycle opportunity and denies access to hunters in a good hunting location. A spring closure due to soil conditions would be more appropriate. As the entire Field Office will be managed as a designated routes limited zone the designation of non motorized zones is not necessary.

Commenter Name: McClellan, Roz

Organization: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative

Submission Code: emc0846**Recommened: Foot/Horse**

Zone Q We support the Alt B and C closures included in the route table in RMRIs 2009 Route Inventory Comments Q 114,338, 451, 440 Thin soils, poor closures deer and elk transition range, Gunnison SG Q 461 where it goes around Hogback close motorized routes and prohibit shed antlering Q 302 does not exist on the ground Q 117 unauthorized spur route Q 121 grown over cow trail, no purpose Q447 spur, Q 443, not a good OHV trail, do not put on recreation maps but keep open for hunting Effective closures needed., Q 427 no recreational value, no purpose Q 511 - Q 287 close to motorized, horse, hiking only Lands in the SW corner of Zone Q between Renegade Point and Granite Creek - Designate this area for horse and hiking only to reduce OHV impacts on wildlife Hogback and Spring Creek Drainages and lands north of Renegade Point to DS Road - o Ban shed antlering o Keep main arteries but cose all ATV spurs to protect deer and elk transition range and Gunnison Sage Grouse. The area is easily impacted by ATV use. Mud Springs Campground - keep 16 Road but close all other routes and spurs to protect big game. Maintain closures. Q 528 Timber Ridge - Carry forward Alt B closures of Q 528 and all the small spurs showing on the Alt D map branching into this WEA BLM lands adjacent to Miracle Rock - Foot and horse travel only

– Route: Q300

– Segment: 12498

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation:

Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: **Spring Closure 1 (Sage Grouse)**

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: Q300

Commenter Name: No Record

Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

[Grand Mesa Jeep Club, Absolute Off Road, LLC] 3. From the Utah border up onto Pinion Mesa. Q114; Q121; Q117; Q338; Q451; Q457; Q458; Q456; Q461; Q302; Q300; Q443; Q440; These Jeep roads offer access to some very good hunting and fun ATV and 4-w

– Route: Q302

– Segment: 12517

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat

- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

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- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: Q302

Commenter Name: McClellan, Roz

Submission Code: emc0846

Organization: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative

Reccomended: Closed

Zone Q We support the Alt B and C closures included in the route table in RMRIs 2009 Route Inventory Comments Q 114,338, 451, 440 Thin soils, poor closures deer and elk transition range, Gunnison SG Q 461 where it goes around Hogback close motorized routes and prohibit shed antlering Q 302 does not exist on the ground Q 117 unauthorized spur route Q 121 grown over cow trail, no purpose Q447 spur, Q 443, not a good OHV trail, do not put on recreation maps but keep open for hunting Effective closures needed., Q 427 no recreational value, no purpose Q 511 - Q 287 close to motorized, horse, hiking only Lands in the SW corner of Zone Q between Renegade Point and Granite Creek - Designate this area for horse and hiking only to reduce OHV impacts on wildlife Hogback and Spring Creek Drainages and lands north of Renegade Point to DS Road - o Ban shed antlering o Keep main arteries but cose all ATV spurs to protect deer and elk transition range and Gunnison Sage Grouse. The area is easily impacted by ATV use. Mud Springs Campground - keep 16 Road but close all other routes and spurs to protect big game. Maintain closures. Q 528 Timber Ridge - Carry forward Alt B closures of Q 528 and all the small spurs showing on the Alt D map branching into this WEA BLM lands adjacent to Miracle Rock - Foot and horse travel only

Commenter Name: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Organization: No Record

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

[Grand Mesa Jeep Club, Absolute Off Road, LLC] 3. From the Utah border up onto Pinion Mesa. Q114; Q121; Q117; Q338; Q451; Q457; Q458; Q456; Q461; Q302; Q300; Q443; Q440; These Jeep roads offer access to some very good hunting and fun ATV and 4-w

– Route: Q324

– Segment: 12985

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Active Lek (4 miles)
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to close duplicate or redundant routes within 4 miles of Gunnison or greater Sage-Grouse lek.
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: Q324

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

A non motorized zone is proposed in Alt B that encompasses routes Q 526, 528, 529, 513, 517, 623, 324, and 287. The closure of these routes interrupts a good dual sport motorcycle opportunity and denies access to hunters in a good hunting location. A spring closure due to soil conditions would be more appropriate. Otherwise, this is added to 5,000 acre (in aggregate) withdrawal requiring Congressional approval.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommened: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

A non motorized zone is proposed in Alt B that encompasses routes Q- 524, 526, 528, 529, 513, 514, 517, 539, 623, 324, 118, 287. The closure of these routes interrupts a good dual sport motorcycle opportunity and denies access to hunters in a good hunting location. A spring closure due to soil conditions would be more appropriate. As the entire Field Office will be managed as a designated routes limited zone the designation of non motorized zones is not necessary.

– Route: Q437

– Segment: 13366

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: Spring Closure 1 (Sage Grouse)

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

– Segment: 13367

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: Spring Closure 1 (Sage Grouse)

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Elk Production Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: Q437

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: emc0668

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): Q114, Q457, Q461, Q208, Q451, Q461, Q437, Q445, Q121, Q450, Q479, Q338, Q480, Q448, Q121, Q117 Trail Name: Pinon Mesa Loop Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): This trail offers a mix of challenges and scenic views. Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This is a great area for exploration and getting away from the crowds. Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): I like that this trail is a little more remote. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): This trail offers me a feeling of remoteness and is an enjoyable area to explore with my friends and family. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): I would like to see this trail remain open to all vehicles, including full-size. Q121 is needed to make the loop with Q114. I would like to see Q479, Q480, & Q448 remain open, as they offer further opportunities to explore and to take in the scenic viewpoints. These routes aren't just meaningless dead ends - they offer a place to get off the beaten path, take in the view, and find a spot to camp.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

Loop on Pinon Mesa - NW end Q114, Q457, Q461, Q208, Q451, Q461, Q437, Q445, Q121, Q450, Q479, Q338, Q480, Q448, Q121, Q117,

– Route: Q440

– Segment: 13243

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: Q440

Commenter Name: McClellan, Roz

Submission Code: emc0846

Organization: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative

Recommened: Closed

Zone Q We support the Alt B and C closures included in the route table in RMRIs 2009 Route Inventory Comments Q 114,338, 451, 440 Thin soils, poor closures deer and elk transition range, Gunnison SG Q 461 where it goes around Hogback close motorized routes and prohibit shed antlering Q 302 does not exist on the ground Q 117 unauthorized spur route Q 121 grown over cow trail, no purpose Q447 spur, Q 443, not a good OHV trail, do not put on recreation maps but keep open for hunting Effective closures needed., Q 427 no recreational value, no purpose Q 511 - Q 287 close to motorized, horse, hiking only Lands in the SW corner of Zone Q between Renegade Point and Granite Creek - Designate this area for horse and hiking only to reduce OHV impacts on wildlife Hogback and Spring Creek Drainages and lands north of Renegade Point to DS Road - o Ban shed antlering o Keep main arteries but cose all ATV spurs to protect deer and elk transition range and Gunnison Sage Grouse. The area is easily impacted by ATV use. Mud Springs Campground - keep 16 Road but close all other routes and spurs to protect big game. Maintain closures. Q 528 Timber Ridge - Carry forward Alt B closures of Q 528 and all the small spurs showing on the Alt D map branching into this WEA BLM lands adjacent to Miracle Rock - Foot and horse travel only

Commenter Name: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Organization: No Record

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

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– Route: Q443

— Segment: 12976

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Spring Closure 1 (Sage Grouse)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

— Segment: 13127

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Spring Closure 1 (Sage Grouse)

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Study Site

Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Spring Closure 1 (Sage Grouse)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

— Segment: 13128

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Spring Closure 1 (Sage Grouse)

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Spring Closure 1 (Sage Grouse)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

— Segment: 13132

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Spring Closure 1 (Sage Grouse)

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide, Spring Closure 1 (Sage Grouse)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Public Comments On Route: Q443

Commenter Name: McClellan, Roz

Organization: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative

Submission Code: emc0846

Recommended: Closed

Zone Q We support the Alt B and C closures included in the route table in RMRIs 2009 Route Inventory Comments Q 114,338, 451, 440 Thin soils, poor closures deer and elk transition range, Gunnison SG Q 461 where it goes around Hogback close motorized routes and prohibit shed antlering Q 302 does not exist on the ground Q 117 unauthorized spur route Q 121 grown over cow trail, no purpose Q447 spur, Q 443, not a good OHV trail, do not put on recreation maps but keep open for hunting Effective closures needed., Q 427 no recreational value, no purpose Q 511 - Q 287 close to motorized, horse, hiking only Lands in the SW corner of Zone Q between Renegade Point and Granite Creek - Designate this area for horse and hiking only to reduce OHV impacts on wildlife Hogback and Spring Creek Drainages and lands north of Renegade Point to DS Road - o Ban shed antlering o Keep main arteries but cose all ATV spurs to protect deer and elk transition range and Gunnison Sage Grouse. The area is easily impacted by ATV use. Mud Springs Campground - keep 16 Road but close all other routes and spurs to protect big game. Maintain closures. Q 528 Timber Ridge - Carry forward Alt B closures of Q 528 and all the small spurs showing on the Alt D map branching into this WEA BLM lands adjacent to Miracle Rock - Foot and horse travel only

Commenter Name: No Record

Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

[Grand Mesa Jeep Club, Absolute Off Road, LLC] 3. From the Utah border up onto Pinion Mesa. Q114; Q121; Q117; Q338; Q451; Q457; Q458; Q456; Q461; Q302; Q300; Q443; Q440; These Jeep roads offer access to some very good hunting and fun ATV and 4-w

— Route: Q448

— Segment: 11369

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 12955

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 11374

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: Q448

Commenter Name: Weber, Patricia

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0459

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Q121, Q479, Q448: object to "Administrative" classification of these roads. This eliminates possibility for public to make a nice "loop" drive with Q114 and Q481.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Loop on Pinon Mesa - NW end Q114, Q457, Q461, Q208, Q451, Q461, Q437, Q445, Q121, Q450, Q479, Q338, Q480, Q448, Q121, Q117,

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: emc0668

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): Q114, Q457, Q461, Q208, Q451, Q461, Q437, Q445, Q121, Q450, Q479, Q338, Q480, Q448, Q121, Q117 Trail Name: Pinon Mesa Loop Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): This trail offers a mix of challenges and scenic views. Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This is a great area for exploration and getting away from the crowds. Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): I like that this trail is a little more remote. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): This trail offers me a feeling of remoteness and is an enjoyable area to explore with my friends and family. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): I would like to see this trail remain open to all vehicles, including full-size. Q121 is needed to make the loop with Q114. I would like to see Q479, Q480, & Q448 remain open, as they offer further opportunities to explore and to take in the scenic viewpoints. These routes aren't just meaningless dead ends - they offer a place to get off the beaten path, take in the view, and find a spot to camp.

Commenter Name: Moores, Craig

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0169

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

The following is a partial list of roads, that should remain open and usable, that are listed for closure or restriction in the proposed RMP Alternative B, C and or D. U13, U14, U11, U699, U345, U701, U317, U701, U317, U680, U681, U682 U15, U17, U23, U20, U18, U666, U723, U725, U712, W221, W2, W225, W222, W218, W60, W27, W57, W51, W33, W53, W176. W174, W118, W125, W126, W120, W192, W194, W195, W198, Q121, Q338, Q448, Q450, Q479, Q256, Q673, Q529, Q517, Q528, Q535, Q537, Q539, Q115, Q623, Q771, Q737, Q763, Q835

– Route: Q450

– Segment: 13148

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Study Site
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: Q450

Commenter Name: Weber, Patricia

Submission Code: emc0459

Q338, Q481, Q450, Q461, Q457: object to spring closure of these roads. Only get limited use as is now. Prefer these remain "Open."

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Submission Code: emc0668

Trail Number(s): Q114, Q457, Q461, Q208, Q451, Q461, Q437, Q445, Q121, Q450, Q479, Q338, Q480, Q448, Q121, Q117 Trail Name: Pinon Mesa Loop Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): This trail offers a mix of challenges and scenic views. Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This is a great area for exploration and getting away from the crowds. Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): I like that this trail is a little more remote. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): This trail offers me a feeling of remoteness and is an enjoyable area to explore with my friends and family. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): I would like to see this trail remain open to all vehicles, including full-size. Q121 is needed to make the loop with Q114. I would like to see Q479, Q480, & Q448 remain open, as they offer further opportunities to explore and to take in the scenic viewpoints. These routes aren't just meaningless dead ends - they offer a place to get off the beaten path, take in the view, and find a spot to camp.

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Loop on Pinon Mesa - NW end Q114, Q457, Q461, Q208, Q451, Q461, Q437, Q445, Q121, Q450, Q479, Q338, Q480, Q448, Q121, Q117,

Commenter Name: Moores, Craig

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0169

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

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– Route: Q456

– Segment: 12539

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 1 (Sage Grouse)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 1 (Sage Grouse)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: Q456

Commenter Name: No Record

Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

[Grand Mesa Jeep Club, Absolute Off Road, LLC] 3. From the Utah border up onto Pinion Mesa. Q114; Q121; Q117; Q338; Q451; Q457; Q458; Q456; Q461; Q302; Q300; Q443; Q440; These Jeep roads offer access to some very good hunting and fun ATV and 4-w

– Route: Q458

– Segment: 12538

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: Q458

Commenter Name: No Record

Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

[Grand Mesa Jeep Club, Absolute Off Road, LLC] 3. From the Utah border up onto Pinion Mesa. Q114; Q121; Q117; Q338; Q451; Q457; Q458; Q456; Q461; Q302; Q300; Q443; Q440; These Jeep roads offer access to some very good

hunting and fun ATV and 4-w

– Route: Q461

– Segment: 12904

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)
Seasonal Limitations: Spring Closure 1 (Sage Grouse)

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Study Site
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 1 (Sage Grouse)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 1 (Sage Grouse)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

– Segment: 12918

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)
Seasonal Limitations: Spring Closure 1 (Sage Grouse)

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II

- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 1 (Sage Grouse)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 1 (Sage Grouse)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13001

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 1 (Sage Grouse)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 1 (Sage Grouse)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13097

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 1 (Sage Grouse)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 1 (Sage Grouse)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13111

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 1 (Sage Grouse)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 1 (Sage Grouse)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13296

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 1 (Sage Grouse)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 1 (Sage Grouse)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— **Segment: 13114**

Designation 

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 1 (Sage Grouse)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 1 (Sage Grouse)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 10183**Designation** 

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only
Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation:

Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: **Spring Closure 1 (Sage Grouse)**

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 10184**Designation** 

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only
Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation:

Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations:**Spring Closure 1 (Sage Grouse)****Mitigation**

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 12030**Designation** 

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation:

Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations:

Spring Closure 1 (Sage Grouse)

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 12196

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation:

Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Spring Closure 1 (Sage Grouse)

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 12248

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation:

Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Spring Closure 1 (Sage Grouse)

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 12264

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation:

Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Spring Closure 1 (Sage Grouse)

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 12290

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation:

Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: **Spring Closure 1 (Sage Grouse)**

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II

- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 12340

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only
Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation:

Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Spring Closure 1 (Sage Grouse)

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 12515

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation:

Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Spring Closure 1 (Sage Grouse)

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 12637

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None**Designation Following Mitigation:****Open (All modes of travel)****Seasonal Limitations:****Spring Closure 1 (Sage Grouse)****Mitigation**

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed**Alternative A (Current):** Undesignated**Alternative B (Preferred):** Open (All modes of travel)**Alternative C (Conservation):** Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 1 (Sage Grouse)**Alternative D (Development):** Open (All modes of travel)**— Segment: 13295****Designation ?****Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only**

Seasonal Limitations: Spring Closure 1 (Sage Grouse)

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: Q461

Commenter Name: Price, Tom

Submission Code: rmc0005

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

The roundtrip experience provides us with the best recreational opportunity. Zone Q alternative D is our choice with a roundtrip using #338, 461, 114 connecting in Utah. Alternative B closes us out all together.

Commenter Name: Weber, Patricia

Submission Code: emc0459

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Q338, Q481, Q450, Q461, Q457: object to spring closure of these roads. Only get limited use as is now. Prefer these remain "Open."

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Submission Code: emc0668

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): Q114, Q457, Q461, Q208, Q451, Q461, Q437, Q445, Q121, Q450, Q479, Q338, Q480, Q448, Q121, Q117 Trail Name: Pinon Mesa Loop Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): This trail offers a mix of challenges and scenic views. Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This is a great area for exploration and getting away from the crowds. Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): I like that this trail is a little more remote. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): This trail offers me a feeling of remoteness and is an enjoyable area to explore with my friends and family. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): I would like to see this trail remain open to all vehicles, including full-size. Q121 is needed to make the loop with Q114. I would like to see Q479, Q480, & Q448 remain open, as they offer further opportunities to explore and to take in the scenic viewpoints. These routes arent just meaningless dead ends - they offer a place to get off the beaten path, take in the view, and find a spot to camp.

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale
Submission Code: emc0668

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): Q114, Q457, Q461, Q208, Q451, Q461, Q437, Q445, Q121, Q450, Q479, Q338, Q480, Q448, Q121, Q117
 Trail Name: Pinon Mesa Loop Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): This trail offers a mix of challenges and scenic views. Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This is a great area for exploration and getting away from the crowds. Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): I like that this trail is a little more remote. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): This trail offers me a feeling of remoteness and is an enjoyable area to explore with my friends and family. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): I would like to see this trail remain open to all vehicles, including full-size. Q121 is needed to make the loop with Q114. I would like to see Q479, Q480, & Q448 remain open, as they offer further opportunities to explore and to take in the scenic viewpoints. These routes aren't just meaningless dead ends - they offer a place to get off the beaten path, take in the view, and find a spot to camp.

Commenter Name: McClellan, Roz
Submission Code: emc0846

Organization: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative
Recommended: Closed

Zone Q We support the Alt B and C closures included in the route table in RMRIs 2009 Route Inventory Comments Q 114,338, 451, 440 Thin soils, poor closures deer and elk transition range, Gunnison SG Q 461 where it goes around Hogback close motorized routes and prohibit shed antlering Q 302 does not exist on the ground Q 117 unauthorized spur route Q 121 grown over cow trail, no purpose Q447 spur, Q 443, not a good OHV trail, do not put on recreation maps but keep open for hunting Effective closures needed., Q 427 no recreational value, no purpose Q 511 - Q 287 close to motorized, horse, hiking only Lands in the SW corner of Zone Q between Renegade Point and Granite Creek - Designate this area for horse and hiking only to reduce OHV impacts on wildlife Hogback and Spring Creek Drainages and lands north of Renegade Point to DS Road - o Ban shed antlering o Keep main arteries but close all ATV spurs to protect deer and elk transition range and Gunnison Sage Grouse. The area is easily impacted by ATV use. Mud Springs Campground - keep 16 Road but close all other routes and spurs to protect big game. Maintain closures. Q 528 Timber Ridge - Carry forward Alt B closures of Q 528 and all the small spurs showing on the Alt D map branching into this WEA BLM lands adjacent to Miracle Rock - Foot and horse travel only

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas
Submission Code: emc0693

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Loop on Pinon Mesa - NW end Q114, Q457, Q461, Q208, Q451, Q461, Q437, Q445, Q121, Q450, Q479, Q338, Q480, Q448, Q121, Q117,

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas
Submission Code: emc0693

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Loop on Pinon Mesa - NW end Q114, Q457, Q461, Q208, Q451, Q461, Q437, Q445, Q121, Q450, Q479, Q338, Q480, Q448, Q121, Q117,

Commenter Name: No Record
Submission Code: No Record

Organization: No Record
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Maintain hunting access, deemphasize recreational access Close proliferating user-created ATV routes with effective closures, to improve habitat security and reduce fragmentation Prevent further road and trail development and habitat fragmentation Bett

Commenter Name: No Record
Submission Code: No Record

Organization: No Record
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

[Grand Mesa Jeep Club, Absolute Off Road, LLC] 3. From the Utah border up onto Pinion Mesa. Q114; Q121; Q117; Q338; Q451; Q457; Q458; Q456; Q461; Q302; Q300; Q443; Q440; These Jeep roads offer access to some very good

hunting and fun ATV and 4-w

– Route: Q465

– Segment: 12345

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

– Segment: 12365

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Study Site
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 12413

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: Q465

Commenter Name: No Record

Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

This area is both picturesque and fine hunting. There is also some challenge to some of the trails.

– Route: Q479

– Segment: 12999

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat

- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: Q479

Commenter Name: Weber, Patricia

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0459

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Q121, Q479, Q448: object to "Administrative" classification of these roads. This eliminates possibility for public to make a nice "loop" drive with Q114 and Q481.

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: emc0668

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): Q338, Q479, Q478, U111, U715, U197, U662, U202, U671, U315 Trail Name: Glade Park to Gateway Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): This is an incredibly scenic route and unique in that you can travel from Glade Park to Gateway without getting on the highway Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This trail has been permitted for the Grand Mesa Jeep Clubs Rock Junction event in 2012 and 2013. It has been a popular route. Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): I like that this trail offers scenic views and the thrill of several switchbacks as it snakes its way down to the Dolores River Valley. I like that it offers a backroads adventurous way to get from Glade Park to Gateway. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): This trail offers a remote "off the beaten path" way to get to Gateway. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): I would like to see this trail remain open to all vehicles, including the U197 spur road.

Commenter Name: Smith, Jerry

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0773

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Area Q: Q338, Q479, Q478 1. History: this road or trail begins at the end of DS Road at the border of Colorado/Utah. The vast majority of the actual trail is in Utah but crosses the border several times on its way down toward Gateway. 2. The Grand Mesa Jeep Club had a special use permit for the 2012 Rock Junction event. 3. This road/trail has been used for many years by the Jeep club and public. There are many Vista points along the way looking down toward the La Sal mountain range, Steamboat Mesa, and other mesas in the distance. 4. This road/trail is neither difficult nor rough and an SUV with high ground clearance can negotiate the trail with little problem. 5. We ask that the BLM give serious consideration to leaving this Road/trail "Open to all motorized vehicles" in the 2013 RMP/Travel Management Plan.

Commenter Name: McClellan, Roz
Submission Code: emc0846

Organization: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative
Recommended: Closed

Travel Management Zone Q Map, support Alt C We support the route closures in Zone Q Alt C map, as they will best protect wildlife habitat in the 27,000 acre Glade Park/Pinyon Mesa ACEC. The route closures are needed to protect Gunnison Sage Grouse, a mule deer winter concentration area, and elk habitat. Close Q338, 479, 478

Commenter Name: Brown, Alan
Submission Code: rmc0025

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Description: Long, intensive trail with much history. Historical use: lots of back country primitive camping. I simply like long trails in remote areas. Benefits: remoteness Remain open please.

Commenter Name: , Mitch
Submission Code: rmc0025

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): These trails make an awesome connector route from glade park and Pinion Mesa to Gateway. This is a remote trail that can be very challenging while having some great scenic views of many types of terrain. Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): I usually travel part of this trail at least once a year and have done the whole trail probable 5-6 times in the last 8 years. I just like this trail fro the remoteness and lack of people. Why you like this trait(challenges you vehicle, close to home, wildlife, history characteristics views): I really enjoy the lack of people in this area and the fact that takes you to gateway or you can split off and head into Utah and to Moab. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): This trail offers a great getaway, hunting access, hiking, and remoteness. This is one of a very few trails that allows travel to another town without using a highway. This is truly a gem. It would be horrible it this trail or side spurs were closed to make admin routes.

Commenter Name: Harris, Jonathan
Submission Code: rmc0025

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): The above areas are special to me, my family and many others. They represent unique view opportunities and driving challenges and the spurrs above offer great camping and view points Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): Exploring, 4x4 driving, a big appeal to driving these less traveled roads and spurrs is the feeling of exploration that is often lost when channelized onto major routes. Why you like this trait(challenges you vehicle, close to home, wildlife, history characteristics views): The big appeal of these trails is to get away from others and experience the solitude of the outdoors the views and camping are amazing. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): The solitude and sencse of adventure are the big draws for me for these areas. They are unmatched in Colorado. These areas currently receive very light traffic. The vast majority of users are respectful to the ecology, the history and other users.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas
Submission Code: emc0693

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Glade Park to Gateway Q338, Q479, Q478, Much of this trail is in Utah and enters Colorado off and on.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas
Submission Code: emc0693

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Loop on Pinon Mesa - NW end Q114, Q457, Q461, Q208, Q451, Q461, Q437, Q445, Q121, Q450, Q479, Q338, Q480, Q448, Q121, Q117,

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale
Submission Code: emc0668

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): Q114, Q457, Q461, Q208, Q451, Q461, Q437, Q445, Q121, Q450, Q479, Q338, Q480, Q448, Q121, Q117 Trail Name: Pinon Mesa Loop Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): This trail offers a

mix of challenges and scenic views. Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This is a great area for exploration and getting away from the crowds. Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): I like that this trail is a little more remote. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): This trail offers me a feeling of remoteness and is an enjoyable area to explore with my friends and family. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): I would like to see this trail remain open to all vehicles, including full-size. Q121 is needed to make the loop with Q114. I would like to see Q479, Q480, & Q448 remain open, as they offer further opportunities to explore and to take in the scenic viewpoints. These routes aren't just meaningless dead ends - they offer a place to get off the beaten path, take in the view, and find a spot to camp.

Commenter Name: Moores, Craig

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0169

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

The following is a partial list of roads, that should remain open and usable, that are listed for closure or restriction in the proposed RMP Alternative B, C and or D. U13, U14, U11, U699, U345, U701, U317, U701, U317, U680, U681, U682 U15, U17, U23, U20, U18, U666, U723, U725, U712, W221, W2, W225, W222, W218, W60, W27, W57, W51, W33, W53, W176. W174, W118, W125, W126, W120, W192, W194, W195, W198, Q121, Q338, Q448, Q450, Q479, Q256, Q673, Q529, Q517, Q528, Q535, Q537, Q539, Q115, Q623, Q771, Q737, Q763, Q835

– Route: Q48

– Segment: 11518

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 11643

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: Q48

Commenter Name: Weber, Patricia

Submission Code: emc0459

Organization:

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

Q48 - I object to changing from currently Open, to Administrative Use. This will make access to the area in the

North, much more restricted and difficult for any OHV use.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Little Dolores to Border Q247, Q230, Q228, Q225, Q214, Q657, A656, Q655, Q654, Q652, Q651, Q650, Q658, Q661, Q256, Q673, Q229, Q184, Q183, Q634, Q174, Q48, Once this trail dries up enough to run, it makes a good early spring trip.

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: emc0668

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): Q247, Q230, Q228, Q225, Q214, Q657, A656, Q655, Q654, Q652, Q651, Q650, Q658, Q661, Q256, Q673, Q229, Q184, Q183, Q634, Q174, Q48 Trail Name: Little Dolores to the Utah Border Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): A scenic drive offering a fun non-pavement way to get from Colorado to Utah Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This is an area that is wonderful for exploring Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): I like that this trail offers a scenic backroads experience Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): This trail offers me a way to get away from the crowds and explore. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): I would like to see this route remain open to all vehicles

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: emc0668

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): Q114, Q457, Q461, Q208, Q451, Q461, Q437, Q445, Q121, Q450, Q479, Q338, Q480, Q448, Q121, Q117 Trail Name: Pinon Mesa Loop Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): This trail offers a mix of challenges and scenic views. Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This is a great area for exploration and getting away from the crowds. Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): I like that this trail is a little more remote. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): This trail offers me a feeling of remoteness and is an enjoyable area to explore with my friends and family. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): I would like to see this trail remain open to all vehicles, including full-size. Q121 is needed to make the loop with Q114. I would like to see Q479, Q480, & Q448 remain open, as they offer further opportunities to explore and to take in the scenic viewpoints. These routes aren't just meaningless dead ends - they offer a place to get off the beaten path, take in the view, and find a spot to camp.

Commenter Name: No Record

Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

[Grand Mesa Jeep Club, Absolute Off Road, LLC] 2. Roads from Little Dolores Rd. south and west, above the Little Dolores Canyon. Q247; Q231; Q205; Q206; Q230; Q228; Q214; Q225; Q229; Q184; Q48; Q174; Q183; Q163; These Jeep roads offer lower elevation running that give people a place to go in late fall and early spring. This can help folks relieve tension from being home bound through the winter months. There is much beautiful scenery and often wildlife to observe in the area as well. We have done several hours of maintenance on these Jeep Roads making them safer and cleaner for the public. The majority of these roads are not difficult to traverse, so many average vehicles may negotiate them. We (the above) use them nearly year-round and recommend them to others as well. This area is also used extensively for hunting by ATVs and 4-wheelers.

Commenter Name: No Record

Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

[Grand Mesa Jeep Club, Absolute Off Road, LLC] 2. Roads from Little Dolores Rd. south and west, above the Little Dolores Canyon. Q247; Q231; Q205; Q206; Q230; Q228; Q214; Q225; Q229; Q184; Q48; Q174; Q183; Q163; These Jeep roads offer lower e

– Route: Q480

– Segment: 13178

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: Q480

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Submission Code: emc0693

Loop on Pinon Mesa - NW end Q114, Q457, Q461, Q208, Q451, Q461, Q437, Q445, Q121, Q450, Q479, Q338, Q480, Q448, Q121, Q117,

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Submission Code: emc0668

Trail Number(s): Q114, Q457, Q461, Q208, Q451, Q461, Q437, Q445, Q121, Q450, Q479, Q338, Q480, Q448, Q121,

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Q117 Trail Name: Pinon Mesa Loop Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): This trail offers a mix of challenges and scenic views. Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This is a great area for exploration and getting away from the crowds. Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): I like that this trail is a little more remote. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): This trail offers me a feeling of remoteness and is an enjoyable area to explore with my friends and family. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): I would like to see this trail remain open to all vehicles, including full-size. Q121 is needed to make the loop with Q114. I would like to see Q479, Q480, & Q448 remain open, as they offer further opportunities to explore and to take in the scenic viewpoints. These routes aren't just meaningless dead ends - they offer a place to get off the beaten path, take in the view, and find a spot to camp.

– Route: Q481

– Segment: 13234

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to provide access to undeveloped campsites that exist along dead-end spur roads.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

– Segment: 21944

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: Q481

Commenter Name: Weber, Patricia

Submission Code: emc0459

Q338, Q481, Q450, Q461, Q457: object to spring closure of these roads. Only get limited use as is now. Prefer these remain "Open."

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Commenter Name: Weber, Patricia

Submission Code: emc0459

Q121, Q479, Q448: object to "Administrative" classification of these roads. This eliminates possibility for public to make a nice "loop" drive with Q114 and Q481.

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

– Route: Q513

– Segment: 11978

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 11980

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 11981

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 11983

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 11984

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 11985

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 12002

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
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- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 12115

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 12141

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native

plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: Q513

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: emc0728

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): Q529, Q528, Q524, Q526, Q517, Q513, Q539, Q623 Trail Name: Miracle Rock Area Trail
 Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): This is currently a land locked area, but the BLM has shown the intent to acquire 2 pieces of private land within the area. If the BLM completes the land trade, it would open up the area to be able to explore it. Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): The land locked status has prevented me from exploring this area. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): The BLM should keep these routes open to all motorized uses. The BLM does not present any analysis in the DRMP that supports its preferred alternative of making this area nonmotorized. It makes no sense that the BLM acquire additional public land for the sole purpose of keeping the public out of it.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

A non motorized zone is proposed in Alt B that encompasses routes Q 526, 528, 529, 513, 517, 623, 324, and 287. The closure of these routes interrupts a good dual sport motorcycle opportunity and denies access to hunters in a good hunting location. A spring closure due to soil conditions would be more appropriate. Otherwise, this is added to 5,000 acre (in aggregate) withdrawal requiring Congressional approval.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

A non motorized zone is proposed in Alt B that encompasses routes Q- 524, 526, 528, 529, 513, 514, 517, 539, 623, 324, 118, 287. The closure of these routes interrupts a good dual sport motorcycle opportunity and denies access to hunters in a good hunting location. A spring closure due to soil conditions would be more appropriate. As the entire Field Office will be managed as a designated routes limited zone the designation of non motorized zones is not necessary.

– Route: Q514

– Segment: 11996

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 11998

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Stream Crossing

- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Active Lek (4 miles)
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to close duplicate or redundant routes within 4 miles of Gunnison or greater Sage-Grouse lek.
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 12114

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
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- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: Q514

Commenter Name: Hundtroft,
Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Reccomended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

A non motorized zone is proposed in Alt B that encompasses routes Q- 524, 526, 528, 529, 513, 514, 517, 539, 623, 324, 118, 287. The closure of these routes interrupts a good dual sport motorcycle opportunity and denies access to hunters in a good hunting location. A spring closure due to soil conditions would be more appropriate. As the entire Field Office will be managed as a designated routes limited zone the designation of non motorized zones is not necessary.

– Route: Q517

– Segment: 11340

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Active Lek (4 miles)
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to close duplicate or redundant routes within 4 miles of Gunnison or greater Sage-Grouse lek.
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.

- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 12067

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Active Lek (4 miles)
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to close duplicate or redundant routes within 4 miles of Gunnison or greater Sage-Grouse lek.
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 12466

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None**Mitigation**

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Active Lek (4 miles)
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to close duplicate or redundant routes within 4 miles of Gunnison or greater Sage-Grouse lek.
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 12545**Designation** 

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Active Lek (4 miles)
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 12630

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Active Lek (4 miles)
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

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- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 21949

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Active Lek (4 miles)
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to close duplicate or redundant routes within 4 miles of Gunnison or greater Sage-Grouse lek.
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: Q517

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: emc0728

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): Q529, Q528, Q524, Q526, Q517, Q513, Q539, Q623 Trail Name: Miracle Rock Area Trail
Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): This is currently a land locked area, but the BLM has shown the intent to acquire 2 pieces of private land within the area. If the BLM completes the land trade, it would open up the area to be able to explore it. Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): The land locked status has prevented me from exploring this area. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): The BLM should keep these routes open to all motorized uses. The BLM does not present any analysis in the DRMP that supports its preferred alternative of making this area nonmotorized. It makes no sense that the BLM acquire additional public land for the sole purpose of keeping the public out of it.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

A non motorized zone is proposed in Alt B that encompasses routes Q 526, 528, 529, 513, 517, 623, 324, and 287. The closure of these routes interrupts a good dual sport motorcycle opportunity and denies access to hunters in a good hunting location. A spring closure due to soil conditions would be more appropriate. Otherwise, this is added to 5,000 acre (in aggregate) withdrawal requiring Congressional approval.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

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Commenter Name: Moores, Craig

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0169

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

The following is a partial list of roads, that should remain open and usable, that are listed for closure or restriction in the proposed RMP Alternative B, C and or D. U13, U14, U11, U699, U345, U701, U317, U701, U317, U680, U681, U682 U15, U17, U23, U20, U18, U666, U723, U725, U712, W221, W2, W225, W222, W218, W60, W27, W57, W51, W33, W53, W176. W174, W118, W125, W126, W120, W192, W194, W195, W198, Q121, Q338, Q448, Q450, Q479, Q256, Q673, Q529, Q517, Q528, Q535, Q537, Q539, Q115, Q623, Q771, Q737, Q763, Q835

– Route: Q524

– Segment: 9493

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed**Seasonal Limitations: None****Mitigation**

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

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- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 11093**Designation** **Proposed Designation: Closed****Seasonal Limitations: None****Mitigation**

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route

- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 11253

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 11266

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 11567

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: Q524

Commenter Name: Potterveld, Jan

Submission Code: emc0634

Organization: Back Country Horsemen of Colorado

Recommended: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Much of the area is closed off to public access by private land. So unfortunate. Perhaps some arrangements could be made for access into the Payne Wash area. Here I would like to see the routes, Q526, Q524, Q528, and Q529 left open for admin use for those who can gain access to the Payne Wash.

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Submission Code: emc0728

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): Q529, Q528, Q524, Q526, Q517, Q513, Q539, Q623 Trail Name: Miracle Rock Area Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): This is currently a land locked area, but the BLM has shown the intent to acquire 2 pieces of private land within the area. If the BLM completes the land trade, it would open up the area to be able to explore it. Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): The land locked status has prevented me from exploring this area. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): The BLM should keep these routes open to all motorized uses. The BLM does not present any analysis in the DRMP that supports its preferred alternative of making this area nonmotorized. It makes no sense that the BLM acquire additional public land for the sole purpose of keeping the public out of it.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Submission Code: emc0693

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

A non motorized zone is proposed in Alt B that encompasses routes Q- 524, 526, 528, 529, 513, 514, 517, 539, 623, 324, 118, 287. The closure of these routes interrupts a good dual sport motorcycle opportunity and denies access to hunters in a good hunting location. A spring closure due to soil conditions would be more appropriate. As the entire Field Office will be managed as a designated routes limited zone the designation of non motorized zones is not

necessary.

– Route: Q525

– Segment: 11094

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
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- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: Q525

No public comments for this Route

– Route: Q526

– Segment: 11000

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 11255

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III

- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: Q526

Commenter Name: Potterveld, Jan

Submission Code: emc0634

Organization: Back Country Horsemen of Colorado

Recommended: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Much of the area is closed off to public access by private land. So unfortunate. Perhaps some arrangements could be made for access into the Payne Wash area. Here I would like to see the routes, Q526, Q524, Q528, and Q529 left open for admin use for those who can gain access to the Payne Wash.

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Submission Code: emc0728

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): Q529, Q528, Q524, Q526, Q517, Q513, Q539, Q623 Trail Name: Miracle Rock Area Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): This is currently a land locked area, but the BLM has shown the intent to acquire 2 pieces of private land within the area. If the BLM completes the land trade, it would open up the area to be able to explore it. Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): The land locked status has prevented me from exploring this area. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): The BLM should keep these routes open to all motorized uses. The BLM does not present any analysis in the DRMP that supports its preferred alternative of making this area nonmotorized. It makes no sense that the BLM acquire additional public land for the sole purpose of keeping the public out of it.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Submission Code: emc0693

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

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Submission Code: emc0693

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

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necessary.

– Route: Q528

– Segment: 12210

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Active Lek (4 miles)
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to close duplicate or redundant routes within 4 miles of Gunnison or greater Sage-Grouse lek.
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: Q528

Commenter Name: Potterveld, Jan

Submission Code: emc0634

Organization: Back Country Horsemen of Colorado

Recommened: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Much of the area is closed off to public access by private land. So unfortunate. Perhaps some arrangements could be

made for access into the Payne Wash area. Here I would like to see the routes, Q526, Q524, Q528, and Q529 left open for admin use for those who can gain access to the Payne Wash.

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: emc0728

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): Q529, Q528, Q524, Q526, Q517, Q513, Q539, Q623 Trail Name: Miracle Rock Area Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): This is currently a land locked area, but the BLM has shown the intent to acquire 2 pieces of private land within the area. If the BLM completes the land trade, it would open up the area to be able to explore it. Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): The land locked status has prevented me from exploring this area. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): The BLM should keep these routes open to all motorized uses. The BLM does not present any analysis in the DRMP that supports its preferred alternative of making this area nonmotorized. It makes no sense that the BLM acquire additional public land for the sole purpose of keeping the public out of it.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

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Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

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Commenter Name: McClellan, Roz

Organization: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative

Submission Code: emc0846

Recommended: Closed

Zone Q We support the Alt B and C closures included in the route table in RMRIs 2009 Route Inventory Comments Q 114,338, 451, 440 Thin soils, poor closures deer and elk transition range, Gunnison SG Q 461 where it goes around Hogback close motorized routes and prohibit shed antlering Q 302 does not exist on the ground Q 117 unauthorized spur route Q 121 grown over cow trail, no purpose Q447 spur, Q 443, not a good OHV trail, do not put on recreation maps but keep open for hunting Effective closures needed., Q 427 no recreational value, no purpose Q 511 - Q 287 close to motorized, horse, hiking only Lands in the SW corner of Zone Q between Renegade Point and Granite Creek - Designate this area for horse and hiking only to reduce OHV impacts on wildlife Hogback and Spring Creek Drainages and lands north of Renegade Point to DS Road - o Ban shed antlering o Keep main arteries but cose all ATV spurs to protect deer and elk transition range and Gunnison Sage Grouse. The area is easily impacted by ATV use. Mud Springs Campground - keep 16 Road but close all other routes and spurs to protect big game. Maintain closures. Q 528 Timber Ridge - Carry forward Alt B closures of Q 528 and all the small spurs showing on the Alt D map branching into this WEA BLM lands adjacent to Miracle Rock - Foot and horse travel only

Commenter Name: Moores, Craig

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0169

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

The following is a partial list of roads, that should remain open and usable, that are listed for closure or restriction in the proposed RMP Alternative B, C and or D. U13, U14, U11, U699, U345, U701, U317, U701, U317, U680, U681,

U682 U15, U17, U23, U20, U18, U666, U723, U725, U712, W221, W2, W225, W222, W218, W60, W27, W57, W51, W33, W53, W176, W174, W118, W125, W126, W120, W192, W194, W195, W198, Q121, Q338, Q448, Q450, Q479, Q256, Q673, Q529, Q517, Q528, Q535, Q537, Q539, Q115, Q623, Q771, Q737, Q763, Q835

– Route: Q529

– Segment: 11336

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Active Lek (4 miles)
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 21948

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
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Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to close duplicate or redundant routes within 4 miles of Gunnison or greater Sage-Grouse lek.
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: Q529

Commenter Name: Potterveld, Jan

Submission Code: emc0634

Organization: Back Country Horsemen of Colorado

Recommended: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Much of the area is closed off to public access by private land. So unfortunate. Perhaps some arrangements could be made for access into the Payne Wash area. Here I would like to see the routes, Q526, Q524, Q528, and Q529 left open for admin use for those who can gain access to the Payne Wash.

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Submission Code: emc0728

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): Q529, Q528, Q524, Q526, Q517, Q513, Q539, Q623 Trail Name: Miracle Rock Area Trail
Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): This is currently a land locked area, but the BLM has shown

the intent to acquire 2 pieces of private land within the area. If the BLM completes the land trade, it would open up the area to be able to explore it. Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): The land locked status has prevented me from exploring this area. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): The BLM should keep these routes open to all motorized uses. The BLM does not present any analysis in the DRMP that supports its preferred alternative of making this area nonmotorized. It makes no sense that the BLM acquire additional public land for the sole purpose of keeping the public out of it.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

A non motorized zone is proposed in Alt B that encompasses routes Q 526, 528, 529, 513, 517, 623, 324, and 287. The closure of these routes interrupts a good dual sport motorcycle opportunity and denies access to hunters in a good hunting location. A spring closure due to soil conditions would be more appropriate. Otherwise, this is added to 5,000 acre (in aggregate) withdrawal requiring Congressional approval.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

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Commenter Name: Moores, Craig

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0169

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

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– Route: Q534

– Segment: 10248

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route

- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Active Lek (4 miles)
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to close duplicate or redundant routes within 4 miles of Gunnison or greater Sage-Grouse lek.
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: Q534

No public comments for this Route

– Route: Q535

– Segment: 12544

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Active Lek (4 miles)
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to close duplicate or redundant routes within 4 miles of Gunnison or greater Sage-Grouse lek.
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.

- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: Q535

Commenter Name: Moores, Craig

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0169

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

The following is a partial list of roads, that should remain open and usable, that are listed for closure or restriction in the proposed RMP Alternative B, C and or D. U13, U14, U11, U699, U345, U701, U317, U701, U317, U680, U681, U682 U15, U17, U23, U20, U18, U666, U723, U725, U712, W221, W2, W225, W222, W218, W60, W27, W57, W51, W33, W53, W176. W174, W118, W125, W126, W120, W192, W194, W195, W198, Q121, Q338, Q448, Q450, Q479, Q256, Q673, Q529, Q517, Q528, Q535, Q537, Q539, Q115, Q623, Q771, Q737, Q763, Q835

– Route: Q539

– Segment: 12706

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Active Lek (4 miles)
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to close duplicate or redundant routes within 4 miles of Gunnison or greater Sage-Grouse lek.
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: Q539

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: emc0728

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): Q529, Q528, Q524, Q526, Q517, Q513, Q539, Q623 **Trail Name:** Miracle Rock Area Trail
Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): This is currently a land locked area, but the BLM has shown the intent to acquire 2 pieces of private land within the area. If the BLM completes the land trade, it would open up the area to be able to explore it. Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): The land locked status has prevented me from exploring this area. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): The BLM should keep these routes open to all motorized uses. The BLM does not present any analysis in the DRMP that supports its preferred alternative of making this area nonmotorized. It makes no sense that the BLM acquire additional public land for the sole purpose of keeping the public out of it.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

A non motorized zone is proposed in Alt B that encompasses routes Q- 524, 526, 528, 529, 513, 514, 517, 539, 623, 324, 118, 287. The closure of these routes interrupts a good dual sport motorcycle opportunity and denies access to hunters in a good hunting location. A spring closure due to soil conditions would be more appropriate. As the entire Field Office will be managed as a designated routes limited zone the designation of non motorized zones is not necessary.

Commenter Name: Moores, Craig

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0169

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

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– Route: Q623

– Segment: 12983

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or

other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Active Lek (4 miles)
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to close duplicate or redundant routes within 4 miles of Gunnison or greater Sage-Grouse lek.
- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: Q623

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: emc0728

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): Q529, Q528, Q524, Q526, Q517, Q513, Q539, Q623 Trail Name: Miracle Rock Area Trail
 Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): This is currently a land locked area, but the BLM has shown the intent to acquire 2 pieces of private land within the area. If the BLM completes the land trade, it would open up the area to be able to explore it. Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): The land locked status has prevented me from exploring this area. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): The BLM should keep these routes open to all motorized uses. The BLM does not present any analysis in the DRMP that supports its preferred alternative of making this area nonmotorized. It makes no sense that the BLM acquire additional public land for the sole purpose of keeping the public out of it.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft,
Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693**Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle**

A non motorized zone is proposed in Alt B that encompasses routes Q 526, 528, 529, 513, 517, 623, 324, and 287. The closure of these routes interrupts a good dual sport motorcycle opportunity and denies access to hunters in a good hunting location. A spring closure due to soil conditions would be more appropriate. Otherwise, this is added to 5,000 acre (in aggregate) withdrawal requiring Congressional approval.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693**Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle**

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Commenter Name: Moores, Craig

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0169**Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)**

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– Route: Q634**– Segment: 10845****Designation ?****Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only****Seasonal Limitations: None****Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)****Seasonal Limitations: None****Mitigation**

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations Inventoried Lands with Wilderness Characteristics
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Gunnison Sage Grouse Proposed Critical Habitat
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.

- Designation was considered to protect greater sage grouse habitats by reducing routes through sage brush parks.
- Designation was considered to minimize fragmentation of sagebrush vegetation.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: Q634

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Little Dolores to Border Q247, Q230, Q228, Q225, Q214, Q657, A656, Q655, Q654, Q652, Q651, Q650, Q658, Q661, Q256, Q673, Q229, Q184, Q183, Q634, Q174, Q48, Once this trail dries up enough to run, it makes a good early spring trip.

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: emc0668

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): Q247, Q230, Q228, Q225, Q214, Q657, A656, Q655, Q654, Q652, Q651, Q650, Q658, Q661, Q256, Q673, Q229, Q184, Q183, Q634, Q174, Q48 Trail Name: Little Dolores to the Utah Border Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): A scenic drive offering a fun non-pavement way to get from Colorado to Utah Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This is an area that is wonderful for exploring Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): I like that this trail offers a scenic backroads experience Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): This trail offers me a way to get away from the crowds and explore. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): I would like to see this route remain open to all vehicles

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: emc0668

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): Q114, Q457, Q461, Q208, Q451, Q461, Q437, Q445, Q121, Q450, Q479, Q338, Q480, Q448, Q121, Q117 Trail Name: Pinon Mesa Loop Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): This trail offers a mix of challenges and scenic views. Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This is a great area for exploration and getting away from the crowds. Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): I like that this trail is a little more remote. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): This trail offers me a feeling of remoteness and is an enjoyable area to explore with my friends and family. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): I would like to see this trail remain open to all vehicles, including full-size. Q121 is needed to make the loop with Q114. I would like to see Q479, Q480, & Q448 remain open, as they offer further opportunities to explore and to take in the scenic viewpoints. These routes aren't just meaningless dead ends - they offer a place to get off the beaten path, take in the view, and find a spot to camp.

– Route: Q835

– Segment: 10653

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None**Mitigation**

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: Q835

Commenter Name: Shepherd, Janice

Organization:

Submission Code: rmc0089

Reccomended: Closed

Q835 is listed in alt B as Administrative/Permitted. This should be changed to closed past 12 S 698872 4320885. There are significant erosion problems on this route in the area to the west of 12 S 698828 4320902 (for example see images IMG_9205 and IMG_9206). Significant work would need to be done to keep this route viable for motorized use. Better to save limited resources and close the north portion of this route. If access is needed for purposes such as retrieving cattle, it should be done on foot or horseback.

Commenter Name: Moores, Craig

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0169

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

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— Route: Q842

– Segment: 9556

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: Q842

No public comments for this Route

– Route: U10

– Segment: 13913

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13915

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: U10

No public comments for this Route

– Route: U110

– Segment: 13945

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14995

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 15000

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 15017

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 15272

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 15280

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 15293

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 15327

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: U110

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: emc0728**Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)**

Trail Number(s): U110, U181, U32, U37, U35, U44, U423, U72, U730, U731, U425, U655, U61, U63, U170, U177
 Trail Name: John Brown Canyon to Dolores Point, South Beaver Mesa Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): These roads make up interesting and scenic side routes to explore from John Brown Canyon Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): My family enjoys exploring this area in our 4WD vehicle. I enjoy photographing the scenic vistas. Theres nothing like being parked out on some of these points, sitting on the tailgate, enjoying a picnic lunch, and admiring the views. Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): I enjoy the views from these trails. The scenery in the area surrounding Gateway is fantastic, especially when you can drive to the edge of the mesas and look down into the canyons that feed the Dolores River and see the Dolores River Valley itself. In areas like this one, the little spur routes that go out to the edge and to the high points are essential to the experience. I think its part of human nature to want to get close to the edge and look down at whats there and to climb to the highest points for the best view. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): These routes give me the chance to get out and explore with my family. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): The BLM should leave these routes open to fullwidth motorized vehicles.

Commenter Name: McClellan, Roz**Organization: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative****Submission Code: emc0846****Recommened: Closed**

Zone U: Granite Creek Close Sheep Creek and road 4.02 to motorized recreational access to protect Granite Creek quiet natural values RMRI supports closures of U199-U664-U675-U662-U665-U671- U520-U544-U605-U599-U135-U110-U107-U382-U380-U379-U71-U37-U35-U36-U38-U47- U77-U80-U84-U731-U425-U69-U422-U56-U730.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon**Organization:****Submission Code: cfc0075****Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)**

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone U should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes!!: 710, 720, 717, 715, 712,722,725, 75,197,199,664,662,665, 759, 666, 202, 671, 234, 235, 232, 315, 25, 17, 20, 27, 28, 30, 19, 15, 14, 11, 345, 703, 317, 701, 315, 676, 682, 681, 677, 680, 35, 170, 355, 294, 594, 645, 543, 472, 309, 110, 497, 387, 110, 423, 63, 95, 520, 637. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWS) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone!! routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

– Route: U113**– Segment: 14380****Designation ?****Proposed Designation: Closed****Seasonal Limitations: None****Mitigation**

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 14598

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and

setting characteristics of cultural sites).

- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 14822

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

– Segment: 15260

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: U113

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Submission Code: emc0693

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE U MAP U U111,U710, U720, CAMPING U717 U712 U723 U759 U197 U199 U664 U665 U662 U666 U671
 U315 U234 U235 U676 U677 U681 U680 U685 U699 U691 U701 U13 U14 U11 U25 U18 U17 U23 U203 U27 U30
 U28 U731 U423 U68 U50 U655 U54 U346 U77 U80 U95 U37 U96 U43 U38 U63 U380 U37 COUNTY U407 U583
 U497 U520 U599 U605 U113 U135 U637 Routes are for hunting access

– Route: U133

– Segment: 15253

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: U133

Commenter Name: Hundtroft,
Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommened: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

The routes in the south western portion of Zone U are shown as Admin. In Alt B,D and closed in Alt C. These routes provide extraordinary scenery and a variety of OHV experiences, from graded county roads to challenging single track trails. The routes are remnants of mining roads constructed in the 1950s. They are well established and stable. The surfaces are mostly rock and primitive. The season of use is short due to the elevation and snow pack. Contacts with other people are rare. The area is sparsely vegetated and views of the cliffs and river valleys are amazing. Good food and drink is located at the bottom of John Brown Rd. My friends and I visit this area about twice a year. It is an important part of our social life.

– Route: U135

– Segment: 15396

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 15351

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and

setting characteristics of cultural sites).

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 15352

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: U135

Commenter Name: McClellan, Roz

Submission Code: emc0846

Organization: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative

Recommended: Closed

Zone U: Granite Creek Close Sheep Creek and road 4.02 to motorized recreational access to protect Granite Creek quiet natural values RMRI supports closures of U199-U664-U675-U662-U665-U671- U520-U544-U605-U599-U135-U110-U107-U382-U380-U379-U71-U37-U35-U36-U38-U47- U77-U80-U84-U731-U425-U69-U422-U56-U730.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

The routes in the south western portion of Zone U are shown as Admin. In Alt B,D and closed in Alt C. These routes provide extraordinary scenery and a variety of OHV experiences, from graded county roads to challenging single track trails. The routes are remnants of mining roads constructed in the 1950s. They are well established and stable. The surfaces are mostly rock and primitive. The season of use is short due to the elevation and snow pack. Contacts with other people are rare. The area is sparsely vegetated and views of the cliffs and river valleys are amazing. Good food and drink is located at the bottom of John Brown Rd. My friends and I visit this area about twice a year. It is an important part of our social life.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE U MAP U U111,U710, U720, CAMPING U717 U712 U723 U759 U197 U199 U664 U665 U662 U666 U671 U315 U234 U235 U676 U677 U681 U680 U685 U699 U691 U701 U13 U14 U11 U25 U18 U17 U23 U203 U27 U30 U28 U731 U423 U68 U50 U655 U54 U346 U77 U80 U95 U37 U96 U43 U38 U63 U380 U37 COUNTY U407 U583 U497 U520 U599 U605 U113 U135 U637 Routes are for hunting access

– Route: U14

– Segment: 14041

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Wilderness Natural Area:** 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-highway vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class I
- Special Designation WSA
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to preserve the visual character of the existing landscape, limit or reduce the number of routes in areas managed as VRM Class I
- Designation was considered when protecting Wilderness Study Areas values.
- Designation was considered to reduce impairment of wilderness characteristics in areas managed for wilderness

characteristics.

- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 14211

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Wilderness Natural Area:** 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-highway vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class I
- Special Designation WSA
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to preserve the visual character of the existing landscape, limit or reduce the number of routes in areas managed as VRM Class I
- Designation was considered when protecting Wilderness Study Areas values.
- Designation was considered to reduce impairment of wilderness characteristics in areas managed for wilderness characteristics.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 14212

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Wilderness Natural Area:** 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-highway vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class I
- Special Designation WSA
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
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- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: U14

Commenter Name: Weber, Patricia

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0459

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

U701, 317, 703, 345, 11, 13, 14, 417, 15, 19, 20, 17, 18, 23, 25, 27, 343, 28, 30: I object to the closure of all these limited side roads into the Palisade WSA. Closure of these roads would effectively eliminate all access to the WSA. I also object to greatly expanding the area of the Palisade WSA. This area already has limited access by the public. Closing these roads will shut out public access to a large swath of area.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE U MAP U U111,U710, U720, CAMPING U717 U712 U723 U759 U197 U199 U664 U665 U662 U666 U671 U315 U234 U235 U676 U677 U681 U680 U685 U699 U691 U701 U13 U14 U11 U25 U18 U17 U23 U203 U27 U30 U28 U731 U423 U68 U50 U655 U54 U346 U77 U80 U95 U37 U96 U43 U38 U63 U380 U37 COUNTY U407 U583 U497 U520 U599 U605 U113 U135 U637 Routes are for hunting access

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0075

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone U should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes!!: 710, 720, 717, 715, 712,722,725, 75,197,199,664,662,665, 759, 666, 202, 671, 234, 235, 232, 315, 25, 17, 20, 27, 28, 30, 19, 15, 14, 11, 345, 703, 317, 701, 315, 676, 682, 681, 677, 680, 35, 170, 355, 294, 594, 645, 543, 472, 309, 110, 497, 387, 110, 423, 63, 95, 520, 637. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone!! routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

Commenter Name: Moores, Craig

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0169

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

The following is a partial list of roads, that should remain open and usable, that are listed for closure or restriction in the proposed RMP Alternative B, C and or D. U13, U14, U11, U699, U345, U701, U317, U701, U317, U680, U681, U682 U15, U17, U23, U20, U18, U666, U723, U725, U712, W221, W2, W225, W222, W218, W60, W27, W57, W51, W33, W53, W176. W174, W118, W125, W126, W120, W192, W194, W195, W198, Q121, Q338, Q448, Q450, Q479, Q256, Q673, Q529, Q517, Q528, Q535, Q537, Q539, Q115, Q623, Q771, Q737, Q763, Q835

– Route: U152

– Segment: 17100

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 17101

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: U152

Commenter Name: Hundtroft,
Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Reccomended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

The routes in the south western portion of Zone U are shown as Admin. In Alt B,D and closed in Alt C. These routes provide extraordinary scenery and a variety of OHV experiences, from graded county roads to challenging single track trails. The routes are remnants of mining roads constructed in the 1950s. They are well established and stable. The surfaces are mostly rock and primitive. The season of use is short due to the elevation and snow pack. Contacts with other people are rare. The area is sparsely vegetated and views of the cliffs and river valleys are amazing. Good food and drink is located at the bottom of John Brown Rd. My friends and I visit this area about twice a year. It is an important part of our social life.

– Route: U17

– Segment: 13914

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Wilderness Natural Area:** 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-highway vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class I
- Special Designation WSA
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to preserve the visual character of the existing landscape, limit or reduce the number of routes in areas managed as VRM Class I
- Designation was considered when protecting Wilderness Study Areas values.
- Designation was considered to reduce impairment of wilderness characteristics in areas managed for wilderness characteristics.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 14155

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Wilderness Natural Area:** 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-highway vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class I
- Special Designation WSA
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to preserve the visual character of the existing landscape, limit or reduce the number of routes in areas managed as VRM Class I
- Designation was considered when protecting Wilderness Study Areas values.
- Designation was considered to reduce impairment of wilderness characteristics in areas managed for wilderness characteristics.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 14249

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Wilderness Natural Area:** 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-highway vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class I
- Special Designation WSA
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to preserve the visual character of the existing landscape, limit or reduce the number of routes in areas managed as VRM Class I
- Designation was considered when protecting Wilderness Study Areas values.
- Designation was considered to reduce impairment of wilderness characteristics in areas managed for wilderness characteristics.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 14253

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Wilderness Natural Area:** 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-highway vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class I
- Special Designation WSA
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to preserve the visual character of the existing landscape, limit or reduce the number of routes in areas managed as VRM Class I
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- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: U17

Commenter Name: Weber, Patricia

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0459

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

U701, 317, 703, 345, 11, 13, 14, 417, 15, 19, 20, 17, 18, 23, 25, 27, 343, 28, 30: I object to the closure of all these limited side roads into the Palisade WSA. Closure of these roads would effectively eliminate all access to the WSA. I also object to greatly expanding the area of the Palisade WSA. This area already has limited access by the public. Closing these roads will shut out public access to a large swath of area.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE U MAP U U111,U710, U720, CAMPING U717 U712 U723 U759 U197 U199 U664 U665 U662 U666 U671 U315 U234 U235 U676 U677 U681 U680 U685 U699 U691 U701 U13 U14 U11 U25 U18 U17 U23 U203 U27 U30 U28 U731 U423 U68 U50 U655 U54 U346 U77 U80 U95 U37 U96 U43 U38 U63 U380 U37 COUNTY U407 U583 U497 U520 U599 U605 U113 U135 U637 Routes are for hunting access

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon**Organization:****Submission Code: cfc0075****Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)**

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone U should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes!!: 710, 720, 717, 715, 712,722,725, 75,197,199,664,662,665, 759, 666, 202, 671, 234, 235, 232, 315, 25, 17, 20, 27, 28, 30, 19, 15, 14, 11, 345, 703, 317, 701, 315, 676, 682, 681, 677, 680, 35, 170, 355, 294, 594, 645, 543, 472, 309, 110, 497, 387, 110, 423, 63, 95, 520, 637. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone!! routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

Commenter Name: Moores, Craig**Organization:****Submission Code: cfc0169****Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)**

The following is a partial list of roads, that should remain open and usable, that are listed for closure or restriction in the proposed RMP Alternative B, C and or D. U13, U14, U11, U699, U345, U701, U317, U701, U317, U680, U681, U682 U15, U17, U23, U20, U18, U666, U723, U725, U712, W221, W2, W225, W222, W218, W60, W27, W57, W51, W33, W53, W176. W174, W118, W125, W126, W120, W192, W194, W195, W198, Q121, Q338, Q448, Q450, Q479, Q256, Q673, Q529, Q517, Q528, Q535,Q537, Q539, Q115, Q623, Q771, Q737, Q763, Q835

– Route: U170**– Segment: 14673****Designation** **Proposed Designation: Closed****Seasonal Limitations: None****Mitigation**

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed**Alternative A (Current): Undesignated****Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only****Alternative C (Conservation): Closed****Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only****– Segment: 14674**

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 14675

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 14676

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 14679

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 14682

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 14624

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 14645

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 14665

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 14669

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: U170

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

The routes in the south western portion of Zone U are shown as Admin. In Alt B,D and closed in Alt C. These routes provide extraordinary scenery and a variety of OHV experiences, from graded county roads to challenging single track trails. The routes are remnants of mining roads constructed in the 1950s. They are well established and stable. The surfaces are mostly rock and primitive. The season of use is short due to the elevation and snow pack. Contacts with other people are rare. The area is sparsely vegetated and views of the cliffs and river valleys are amazing. Good food and drink is located at the bottom of John Brown Rd. My friends and I visit this area about twice a year. It is an important part of our social life.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0075

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone U should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes!!: 710, 720, 717, 715, 712,722,725, 75,197,199,664,662,665, 759, 666, 202, 671, 234, 235, 232, 315, 25, 17, 20, 27, 28, 30, 19, 15, 14, 11, 345, 703, 317, 701, 315, 676, 682, 681, 677, 680, 35, 170, 355, 294, 594, 645, 543, 472, 309, 110, 497, 387, 110, 423, 63, 95, 520, 637. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone!! routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: emc0728

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): U110, U181, U32, U37, U35, U44, U423, U72, U730, U731, U425, U655, U61, U63, U170, U177
Trail Name: John Brown Canyon to Dolores Point, South Beaver Mesa Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): These roads make up interesting and scenic side routes to explore from John Brown Canyon Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): My family enjoys exploring this area in our 4WD vehicle. I enjoy photographing the scenic vistas. Theres nothing like being parked out on some of these points, sitting on the tailgate, enjoying a picnic lunch, and admiring the views. Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): I enjoy the views from these trails. The scenery in the area surrounding Gateway is fantastic, especially when you can drive to the edge of the mesas and look down into the canyons that feed the Dolores River and see the Dolores River Valley itself. In areas

like this one, the little spur routes that go out to the edge and to the high points are essential to the experience. I think its part of human nature to want to get close to the edge and look down at whats there and to climb to the highest points for the best view. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): These routes give me the chance to get out and explore with my family. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): The BLM should leave these routes open to fullwidth motorized vehicles.

– Route: U18

– Segment: 14263

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Wilderness Natural Area:** 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-highway vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class I
- Special Designation WSA
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to preserve the visual character of the existing landscape, limit or reduce the number of routes in areas managed as VRM Class I
- Designation was considered when protecting Wilderness Study Areas values.
- Designation was considered to reduce impairment of wilderness characteristics in areas managed for wilderness characteristics.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

– Segment: 14266

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class I
- Special Designation WSA
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 14291

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Wilderness Natural Area:** 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-

highway vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class I
- Special Designation WSA
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 14434

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Wilderness Natural Area:** 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-highway vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route

- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class I
- Special Designation WSA
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

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- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 14495

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Wilderness Natural Area:** 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-highway vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils

- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class I
- Special Designation WSA
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Study Site

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: U18

Commenter Name: Weber, Patricia

Submission Code: emc0459

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

U701, 317, 703, 345, 11, 13, 14, 417, 15, 19, 20, 17, 18, 23, 25, 27, 343, 28, 30: I object to the closure of all these limited side roads into the Palisade WSA. Closure of these roads would effectively eliminate all access to the WSA. I also object to greatly expanding the area of the Palisade WSA. This area already has limited access by the public. Closing these roads will shut out public access to a large swath of area.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Submission Code: emc0693

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE U MAP U U111,U710, U720, CAMPING U717 U712 U723 U759 U197 U199 U664 U665 U662 U666 U671 U315 U234 U235 U676 U677 U681 U680 U685 U699 U691 U701 U13 U14 U11 U25 U18 U17 U23 U203 U27 U30 U28 U731 U423 U68 U50 U655 U54 U346 U77 U80 U95 U37 U96 U43 U38 U63 U380 U37 COUNTY U407 U583 U497 U520 U599 U605 U113 U135 U637 Routes are for hunting access

Commenter Name: Moores, Craig

Submission Code: cfc0169

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

The following is a partial list of roads, that should remain open and usable, that are listed for closure or restriction in the proposed RMP Alternative B, C and or D. U13, U14, U11, U699, U345, U701, U317, U701, U317, U680, U681, U682 U15, U17, U23, U20, U18, U666, U723, U725, U712, W221, W2, W225, W222, W218, W60, W27, W57, W51, W33, W53, W176. W174, W118, W125, W126, W120, W192, W194, W195, W198, Q121, Q338, Q448, Q450, Q479, Q256, Q673, Q529, Q517, Q528, Q535, Q537, Q539, Q115, Q623, Q771, Q737, Q763, Q835

– Route: U181

– Segment: 14718

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Potential wildlife mitigation (bat gate)

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

– Segment: 14735

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Potential wildlife mitigation (bat gate)

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 14737

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Potential wildlife mitigation (bat gate)

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 14677

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 14686

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 14687

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 14711

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 14742

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: U181

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Submission Code: emc0728

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): U110, U181, U32, U37, U35, U44, U423, U72, U730, U731, U425, U655, U61, U63, U170, U177
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– Route: U2

– Segment: 14106

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: U2

Commenter Name: No Record

Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

[Chock Rim] Vital to locating cattle. Hunting. Wildlife viewing. Wildflower gathering.

– Route: U20

– Segment: 1441

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Wilderness Natural Area:** 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-highway vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class I
- Special Designation WSA
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: U20

Commenter Name: Weber, Patricia

Submission Code: emc0459

Organization:

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

U701, 317, 703, 345, 11, 13, 14, 417, 15, 19, 20, 17, 18, 23, 25, 27, 343, 28, 30: I object to the closure of all these limited side roads into the Palisade WSA. Closure of these roads would effectively eliminate all access to the WSA. I also object to greatly expanding the area of the Palisade WSA. This area already has limited access by the public. Closing these roads will shut out public access to a large swath of area.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon
Submission Code: cfc0075

Organization:
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone U should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes!!: 710, 720, 717, 715, 712,722,725, 75,197,199,664,662,665, 759, 666, 202, 671, 234, 235, 232, 315, 25, 17, 20, 27, 28, 30, 19, 15, 14, 11, 345, 703, 317, 701, 315, 676, 682, 681, 677, 680, 35, 170, 355, 294, 594, 645, 543, 472, 309, 110, 497, 387, 110, 423, 63, 95, 520, 637. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone!! routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas
Submission Code: emc0693

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE U MAP U U111,U710, U720, CAMPING U717 U712 U723 U759 U197 U199 U664 U665 U662 U666 U671 U315 U234 U235 U676 U677 U681 U680 U685 U699 U691 U701 U13 U14 U11 U25 U18 U17 U23 U203 U27 U30 U28 U731 U423 U68 U50 U655 U54 U346 U77 U80 U95 U37 U96 U43 U38 U63 U380 U37 COUNTY U407 U583 U497 U520 U599 U605 U113 U135 U637 Routes are for hunting access

Commenter Name: No Record
Submission Code: No Record

Organization: No Record
Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Although U20 lies mostly outside of the State Natural Area located within the Palisade ACEC, assuring only non-motorized use of this trail will provide protection of an Astragalus equisolensis (G5T1, S1) population, a potential addition to the BLM Sensiti

Commenter Name: Moores, Craig
Submission Code: cfc0169

Organization:
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

The following is a partial list of roads, that should remain open and usable, that are listed for closure or restriction in the proposed RMP Alternative B, C and or D. U13, U14, U11, U699, U345, U701, U317, U701, U317, U680, U681, U682 U15, U17, U23, U20, U18, U666, U723, U725, U712, W221, W2, W225, W222, W218, W60, W27, W57, W51, W33, W53, W176. W174, W118, W125, W126, W120, W192, W194, W195, W198, Q121, Q338, Q448, Q450, Q479, Q256, Q673, Q529, Q517, Q528, Q535,Q537, Q539, Q115, Q623, Q771, Q737, Q763, Q835

– Route: U23

– Segment: 14038

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Wilderness Natural Area:** 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-highway vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

Resources and / or Uses Present

Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route

- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class I
- Special Designation WSA
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to preserve the visual character of the existing landscape, limit or reduce the number of routes in areas managed as VRM Class I
- Designation was considered when protecting Wilderness Study Areas values.
- Designation was considered to reduce impairment of wilderness characteristics in areas managed for wilderness characteristics.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 14181

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Wilderness Natural Area:** 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-highway vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class I
- Special Designation WSA
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to preserve the visual character of the existing landscape, limit or reduce the number of routes in areas managed as VRM Class I

- Designation was considered when protecting Wilderness Study Areas values.
- Designation was considered to reduce impairment of wilderness characteristics in areas managed for wilderness characteristics.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 14208

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Wilderness Natural Area:** 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-highway vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class I
- Special Designation WSA
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to preserve the visual character of the existing landscape, limit or reduce the number of routes in areas managed as VRM Class I
- Designation was considered when protecting Wilderness Study Areas values.
- Designation was considered to reduce impairment of wilderness characteristics in areas managed for wilderness characteristics.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 13499

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Wilderness Natural Area:** 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-highway vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class I
- Special Designation WSA
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to preserve the visual character of the existing landscape, limit or reduce the number of routes in areas managed as VRM Class I
- Designation was considered when protecting Wilderness Study Areas values.
- Designation was considered to reduce impairment of wilderness characteristics in areas managed for wilderness characteristics.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 13500

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Wilderness Natural Area:** 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-highway vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class I
- Special Designation WSA
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to preserve the visual character of the existing landscape, limit or reduce the number of routes in areas managed as VRM Class I
- Designation was considered when protecting Wilderness Study Areas values.
- Designation was considered to reduce impairment of wilderness characteristics in areas managed for wilderness characteristics.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 14245

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Wilderness Natural Area:** 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-highway vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class I
- Special Designation WSA
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to preserve the visual character of the existing landscape, limit or reduce the number of routes in areas managed as VRM Class I
- Designation was considered when protecting Wilderness Study Areas values.
- Designation was considered to reduce impairment of wilderness characteristics in areas managed for wilderness characteristics.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 14268

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Wilderness Natural Area:** 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-highway vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class I
- Special Designation WSA
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to preserve the visual character of the existing landscape, limit or reduce the number of routes in areas managed as VRM Class I
- Designation was considered when protecting Wilderness Study Areas values.
- Designation was considered to reduce impairment of wilderness characteristics in areas managed for wilderness characteristics.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 14369

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Wilderness Natural Area:** 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-highway vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation ACEC

- Special Designation VRM Class I
- Special Designation WSA
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered to preserve the visual character of the existing landscape, limit or reduce the number of routes in areas managed as VRM Class I
- Designation was considered when protecting Wilderness Study Areas values.
- Designation was considered to reduce impairment of wilderness characteristics in areas managed for wilderness characteristics.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: U23

Commenter Name: Weber, Patricia

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0459

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

U701, 317, 703, 345, 11, 13, 14, 417, 15, 19, 20, 17, 18, 23, 25, 27, 343, 28, 30: I object to the closure of all these limited side roads into the Palisade WSA. Closure of these roads would effectively eliminate all access to the WSA. I also object to greatly expanding the area of the Palisade WSA. This area already has limited access by the public. Closing these roads will shut out public access to a large swath of area.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

The routes in the south western portion of Zone U are shown as Admin. In Alt B,D and closed in Alt C. These routes provide extraordinary scenery and a variety of OHV experiences, from graded county roads to challenging single track trails. The routes are remnants of mining roads constructed in the 1950s. They are well established and stable. The surfaces are mostly rock and primitive. The season of use is short due to the elevation and snow pack. Contacts with other people are rare. The area is sparsely vegetated and views of the cliffs and river valleys are amazing. Good food and drink is located at the bottom of John Brown Rd. My friends and I visit this area about twice a year. It is an important part of our social life.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE U MAP U U111,U710, U720, CAMPING U717 U712 U723 U759 U197 U199 U664 U665 U662 U666 U671 U315 U234 U235 U676 U677 U681 U680 U685 U699 U691 U701 U13 U14 U11 U25 U18 U17 U23 U203 U27 U30 U28 U731 U423 U68 U50 U655 U54 U346 U77 U80 U95 U37 U96 U43 U38 U63 U380 U37 COUNTY U407 U583 U497 U520 U599 U605 U113 U135 U637 Routes are for hunting access

Commenter Name: No Record**Organization: No Record****Submission Code: No Record****Recommended: Closed**

Two-track route has no evidence of maintenance. Scenic country beyond. Route may have provided 1950s uranium prospecting access. Fresh wash has ATV tracks (see photos). I don't trust ATV drivers to comply with signs and regulations (for staying on designa

Commenter Name: Moores, Craig**Organization:****Submission Code: cfc0169****Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)**

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– Route: U234**– Segment: 13861****Designation** **Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only****Seasonal Limitations: None****Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)****Seasonal Limitations: None****Mitigation**

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Special Designation ACEC

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed**Alternative A (Current): Undesignated****Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only****Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only****Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)****– Segment: 13878****Designation** **Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only****Seasonal Limitations: None****Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)**

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Water Stream Crossing
- Range Study Site
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— **Segment: 13893**

Designation 

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental

concern.

- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13902

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Special Designation WSA
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered when protecting Wilderness Study Areas values.
- Designation was considered to reduce impairment of wilderness characteristics in areas managed for wilderness characteristics.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13903

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Wilderness Natural Area:** 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-highway vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Special Designation WSA

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered when protecting Wilderness Study Areas values.
- Designation was considered to reduce impairment of wilderness characteristics in areas managed for wilderness characteristics.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: U234

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0075

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone U should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes!!: 710, 720, 717, 715, 712,722,725, 75,197,199,664,662,665, 759, 666, 202, 671, 234, 235, 232, 315, 25, 17, 20, 27, 28, 30, 19, 15, 14, 11, 345, 703, 317, 701, 315, 676, 682, 681, 677, 680, 35, 170, 355, 294, 594, 645, 543, 472, 309, 110, 497, 387, 110, 423, 63, 95, 520, 637. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone!! routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Submission Code: emc0693

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE U MAP U U111,U710, U720, CAMPING U717 U712 U723 U759 U197 U199 U664 U665 U662 U666 U671 U315 U234 U235 U676 U677 U681 U680 U685 U699 U691 U701 U13 U14 U11 U25 U18 U17 U23 U203 U27 U30 U28 U731 U423 U68 U50 U655 U54 U346 U77 U80 U95 U37 U96 U43 U38 U63 U380 U37 COUNTY U407 U583 U497 U520 U599 U605 U113 U135 U637 Routes are for hunting access

Commenter Name: No Record

Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Recommened: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Use during hunting season. Access to U234 and U235 is important to access a lot area for hunting (elk). U315, U234 and U235 should remain open to at least ATV due to the remoteness of the area.

Commenter Name: No Record

Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Recommened: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Use during hunting season. U315, U234 and U235 should remain open to at least ATV due to the remoteness of the area.

– Route: U235

– Segment: 13879

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

– Segment: 13864

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13868

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: U235

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon**Organization:****Submission Code:** cfc0075**Recommended:** Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone U should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes!!: 710, 720, 717, 715, 712,722,725, 75,197,199,664,662,665, 759, 666, 202, 671, 234, 235, 232, 315, 25, 17, 20, 27, 28, 30, 19, 15, 14, 11, 345, 703, 317, 701, 315, 676, 682, 681, 677, 680, 35, 170, 355, 294, 594, 645, 543, 472, 309, 110, 497, 387, 110, 423, 63, 95, 520, 637. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone!! routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas**Organization:** Bookcliff Rattlers**Submission Code:** emc0693**Recommended:** Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE U MAP U U111,U710, U720, CAMPING U717 U712 U723 U759 U197 U199 U664 U665 U662 U666 U671 U315 U234 U235 U676 U677 U681 U680 U685 U699 U691 U701 U13 U14 U11 U25 U18 U17 U23 U203 U27 U30 U28 U731 U423 U68 U50 U655 U54 U346 U77 U80 U95 U37 U96 U43 U38 U63 U380 U37 COUNTY U407 U583 U497 U520 U599 U605 U113 U135 U637 Routes are for hunting access

Commenter Name: No Record**Organization:** No Record**Submission Code:** No Record**Recommended:** Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Use during hunting season. Access to U234 and U235 is important to access a lot area for hunting (elk). U315, U234 and U235 should remain open to at least ATV due to the remoteness of the area.

Commenter Name: No Record**Organization:** No Record**Submission Code:** No Record**Recommended:** Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Use during hunting season. U315, U234 and U235 should remain open to at least ATV due to the remoteness of the area.

– Route: U25**– Segment: 14182****Designation** ?**Proposed Designation:** Closed**Seasonal Limitations:** None**Designation Following Mitigation:** Open (All modes of travel)**Seasonal Limitations:** None**Mitigation**

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Wilderness Natural Area:** 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-highway vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class I
- Special Designation WSA

- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to preserve the visual character of the existing landscape, limit or reduce the number of routes in areas managed as VRM Class I
- Designation was considered when protecting Wilderness Study Areas values.
- Designation was considered to reduce impairment of wilderness characteristics in areas managed for wilderness characteristics.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: U25

Commenter Name: Weber, Patricia

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0459

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

U701, 317, 703, 345, 11, 13, 14, 417, 15, 19, 20, 17, 18, 23, 25, 27, 343, 28, 30: I object to the closure of all these limited side roads into the Palisade WSA. Closure of these roads would effectively eliminate all access to the WSA. I also object to greatly expanding the area of the Palisade WSA. This area already has limited access by the public. Closing these roads will shut out public access to a large swath of area.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0075

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone U should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes!!: 710, 720, 717, 715, 712,722,725, 75,197,199,664,662,665, 759, 666, 202, 671, 234, 235, 232, 315, 25, 17, 20, 27, 28, 30, 19, 15, 14, 11, 345, 703, 317, 701, 315, 676, 682, 681, 677, 680, 35, 170, 355, 294, 594, 645, 543, 472, 309, 110, 497, 387, 110, 423, 63, 95, 520, 637. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone!! routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE U MAP U U111,U710, U720, CAMPING U717 U712 U723 U759 U197 U199 U664 U665 U662 U666 U671 U315 U234 U235 U676 U677 U681 U680 U685 U699 U691 U701 U13 U14 U11 U25 U18 U17 U23 U203 U27 U30 U28 U731 U423 U68 U50 U655 U54 U346 U77 U80 U95 U37 U96 U43 U38 U63 U380 U37 COUNTY U407 U583 U497 U520 U599 U605 U113 U135 U637 Routes are for hunting access

– Route: U264

– Segment: 16119

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 15584

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 15606

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 15607

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 15641

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 15881

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 15892

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in

areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 15904

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 15906

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 16043

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— **Segment: 16115**

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— **Segment: 16244**

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: U264

Commenter Name: Hundtroft,
Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommened: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

The routes in the south western portion of Zone U are shown as Admin. In Alt B,D and closed in Alt C. These routes provide extraordinary scenery and a variety of OHV experiences, from graded county roads to challenging single track trails. The routes are remnants of mining roads constructed in the 1950s. They are well established and stable. The surfaces are mostly rock and primitive. The season of use is short due to the elevation and snow pack. Contacts with other people are rare. The area is sparsely vegetated and views of the cliffs and river valleys are amazing. Good food and drink is located at the bottom of John Brown Rd. My friends and I visit this area about twice a year. It is an important part of our social life.

– Route: U27

– Segment: 13919

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Wilderness Natural Area:** 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-highway vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class I

- Special Designation WSA
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to preserve the visual character of the existing landscape, limit or reduce the number of routes in areas managed as VRM Class I
- Designation was considered when protecting Wilderness Study Areas values.
- Designation was considered to reduce impairment of wilderness characteristics in areas managed for wilderness characteristics.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14108

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Wilderness Natural Area:** 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-highway vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class I
- Special Designation WSA
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to preserve the visual character of the existing landscape, limit or reduce the number of routes in areas managed as VRM Class I
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- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: U27

Commenter Name: Weber, Patricia

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0459

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

U701, 317, 703, 345, 11, 13, 14, 417, 15, 19, 20, 17, 18, 23, 25, 27, 343, 28, 30: I object to the closure of all these limited side roads into the Palisade WSA. Closure of these roads would effectively eliminate all access to the WSA. I also object to greatly expanding the area of the Palisade WSA. This area already has limited access by the public. Closing these roads will shut out public access to a large swath of area.

Commenter Name: Potterveld, Jan

Organization: Back Country Horsemen of Colorado

Submission Code: emc0634

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

There are two routes generally opposite County 6.3 road that should stay open for a short distance to a parking area and trail head for departures up 6.3 road via ATV or Horse. This would also provide nice staging area and perhaps interpretive signage to the connection to the Pickett Trail and the Ute Creek Trail. Specifically U27 and U28 should remain open to all users for mile [a quarter mile at most - with active barriers to further motorized/mechanized travel].

Commenter Name: Winans, Scott

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0868

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Zone U 1) Recommend U75 and U666 (near Granite Creek) be open to at least non-motorized (including mountain bike) use. 2) Recommend U27 and U28 (off Hwy 141 near The Narrows) be left open for dispersed camping opportunities due to lack of these opportunities in the area.

Commenter Name: Cox, Kris

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

Submission Code: emc0788

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Zone U Recommend U75 and U666 (near Granite Creek) be open to at least non-motorized (including mountain bike) use. Recommend U27 and U28 (off Hwy 141 near The Narrows) be left open for dispersed camping opportunities due to lack of these opportunities in the area.

Commenter Name: Bertolacci, Jason

Organization: International Mountain Bicycling Association

Submission Code: emc0912

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Mountain bicyclist would greatly benefit by the allowance of future development west of the Gateway Canyons

resort to include trails downstream on the Dolores River paralleling the road, upstream on West Creek to join the Picket Trail and upstream across the Dolores river and up on the near bench. The trail system currently has fewer miles than most areas that are attractive to mountain bike users. The comments below reflect a need for non-motorized trails that are still open to all quiet uses. There are several large areas designated as off limits to mountain bikes (The Palisade WSA, Sewemup Mesa Wilderness and others) that provide other quiet users (hikers, horseback) with opportunities for experiences without mountain bikes present. Preserving mountain bike access to the remaining backcountry singletrack trails is very important for future generations. Zone U Recommend U75 and U666 (near Granite Creek) be open to non-motorized use. Recommend U27 and U28 (off Hwy 141 near The Narrows) be left open for dispersed camping opportunities due to lack of these opportunities in the area. Zone V Recommend non-motorized use be allowed on V2691 and 1939 Pickett trail. Mountain bicyclists have been maintaining and using this trail for at least two decades. Due to the terrain, motorized use is NOT RECOMMENDED as it will require excessive costs and labor to maintain trail to safe standards. FOREST SERVICE: Recommend non-motorized use be allowed on Lower Ute/Birch Creek trail (no number on map) due to the encouragement of local Forest Service District for mountain bike use to occur on upper portion of trail that crosses Forest Lands. Maintenance and use by mountain bikes has been occurring on this trail for the last 2 decades. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged. Recommend non-motorized travel be allowed on V592. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged. This trail provides for a "quiet experience" in the midst of a predominantly motorized area. Recommend non-motorized use be allowed on V1007 and V1067 the portion of trail following Blue Creek above the ranch to make a loop. V1007 is an amazing mountain bike ride with incredible trees growing out of the canyon and the tops ending right near the trail. This is part of a non-motorized trail that extends from Mesa Creek to Indian Creek allowing a rare quiet experience Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged. Recommend non-motorized use on V803 allowing access to non-motorized trails on Forest Lands. This trail would allow non-motorized access to the Divide Road which is connection to their highly desirable mountain bike opportunities. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged. Recommend non-motorized use on the complete length of V930 allowing access to non-motorized trails on Forest Lands. There is also a need to add existing trail (has been submitted previously) into inventory extending from the end of V930 at Forest Boundary north to allow access to non-motorized trails on Forest Lands. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged. This is part of a non-motorized trail that extends from Mesa Creek to Indian Creek allowing a rare quiet experience. Formal trail designation for any use is not recommended for trail following Blue Creek from the Blue Creek ranch downstream to the Dolores river due to trail access at private property, damage to cultural resources and high cost of trail maintenance. Recommend V2810 and V2811 remain open to non-motorized use. The remote nature, solitude provided and interesting band of smooth rock offers a unique and important mountain bike experience. Also allowing use of V2820 and uninventoried route (previously submitted) following the midlevel of cliff band would make a VERY desirable loop with V2810 and V2811. This loop would require a 60 foot section of difficult trail which is not horse or motorized use friendly. There is mining and homestead remains along the trail that would be of great historic interest. Recommend non-motorized use on trail connecting Maverick Canyon and V2626. Recommend non-motorized use on V822 (from Blue Creek ranch), V1421, V1107, V1109 and trail connecting to county road above Mesa Creek. This would allow a good loop opportunity using V1007 and V1067 to return to Blue Creek ranch. The entire length of V822 could be added to this area for a shorter loop option. Recommend non-motorized use on V1151. Although a dead end, it would provide a great easier beginner/kid ride option especially attractive here due to several popular camping spots in the near vicinity. The water availability for pets and the "all downhill" return would be very attractive for a family ride or a shorter evening ride from camp. Recommend non-motorized use on V3062 extending down Maverick Canyon. Although a dead end, it provides a spectacular view and would be a good mellow family ride due to the lack of elevation change, solitude and quiet use of the trail. With a short hike, a glimpse of Juanita Arch adds to the experience. We would really like to see V567 administrative road and then remaining V567 trail into Calamity Canyon open to non-motorized use as depicted in Alternative D. It is an old road down the hill and then follows the drainage to the private property boundary. There is then an uninventoried trail leading up the slope to the east then connecting with road V923 then V922 on a higher bench. This area is perfect to find solitude and ride a single track trail. Zone W Recommend W103 and W217 be left open to at least non-motorized use as it will be the only public access to the small parcel of Forest land. The climb on a mountain bike is very rewarding, the view from the top is magnificent and usually solitude can be found here. Even though it is an out and back, this ride is very rewarding for a seasoned mountain bike user. Allowing only non-motorized use on W213, W214 and W218 would definitely add to the experience of these desired trail options for the mountain bike user. The addition of a new trail from the end of W218 connecting with W213 or W214 would really increase the value of the area for mountain bike use. This would

create a different return or approach route for the BIG climb up W103. Recommend leaving routes W49, W78, W112, W89, W127, W190, W194, W195 (even if deemed administrative) open to non-motorized use for the exploration and solitude this area is known for.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0075

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone U should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes!!: 710, 720, 717, 715, 712,722,725, 75,197,199,664,662,665, 759, 666, 202, 671, 234, 235, 232, 315, 25, 17, 20, 27, 28, 30, 19, 15, 14, 11, 345, 703, 317, 701, 315, 676, 682, 681, 677, 680, 35, 170, 355, 294, 594, 645, 543, 472, 309, 110, 497, 387, 110, 423, 63, 95, 520, 637. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWS) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone!! routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE U MAP U U111,U710, U720, CAMPING U717 U712 U723 U759 U197 U199 U664 U665 U662 U666 U671 U315 U234 U235 U676 U677 U681 U680 U685 U699 U691 U701 U13 U14 U11 U25 U18 U17 U23 U203 U27 U30 U28 U731 U423 U68 U50 U655 U54 U346 U77 U80 U95 U37 U96 U43 U38 U63 U380 U37 COUNTY U407 U583 U497 U520 U599 U605 U113 U135 U637 Routes are for hunting access

– Route: U28

– Segment: 14096

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Wilderness Natural Area:** 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-highway vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class I
- Special Designation WSA
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to preserve the visual character of the existing landscape, limit or reduce the number of routes in areas managed as VRM Class I
- Designation was considered when protecting Wilderness Study Areas values.

Designation was considered to reduce impairment of wilderness characteristics in areas managed for wilderness characteristics.

- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14098

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Wilderness Natural Area:** 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-highway vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class I
- Special Designation WSA
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to preserve the visual character of the existing landscape, limit or reduce the number of routes in areas managed as VRM Class I
- Designation was considered when protecting Wilderness Study Areas values.
- Designation was considered to reduce impairment of wilderness characteristics in areas managed for wilderness characteristics.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14161

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Wilderness Natural Area:** 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-highway vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class I
- Special Designation WSA
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Range Study Site
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
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- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: U28

Commenter Name: Weber, Patricia

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0459

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

U701, 317, 703, 345, 11, 13, 14, 417, 15, 19, 20, 17, 18, 23, 25, 27, 343, 28, 30: I object to the closure of all these limited side roads into the Palisade WSA. Closure of these roads would effectively eliminate all access to the WSA. I also object to greatly expanding the area of the Palisade WSA. This area already has limited access by the public. Closing these roads will shut out public access to a large swath of area.

Commenter Name: Potterveld, Jan

Organization: Back Country Horsemen of Colorado

Submission Code: emc0634

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

There are two routes generally opposite County 6.3 road that should stay open for a short distance to a parking area and trail head for departures up 6.3 road via ATV or Horse. This would also provide nice staging area and perhaps interpretive signage to the connection to the Pickett Trail and the Ute Creek Trail. Specifically U27 and U28 should remain open to all users for mile [a quarter mile at most - with active barriers to further motorized/mechanized travel].

Commenter Name: Winans, Scott

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0868

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Zone U 1) Recommend U75 and U666 (near Granite Creek) be open to at least non-motorized (including mountain bike) use. 2) Recommend U27 and U28 (off Hwy 141 near The Narrows) be left open for dispersed camping opportunities due to lack of these opportunities in the area.

Commenter Name: Cox, Kris

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

Submission Code: emc0788

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Zone U Recommend U75 and U666 (near Granite Creek) be open to at least non-motorized (including mountain bike) use. Recommend U27 and U28 (off Hwy 141 near The Narrows) be left open for dispersed camping opportunities due to lack of these opportunities in the area.

Commenter Name: Shepherd, Janice

Organization: The Quiet Trails Group

Submission Code: emc0835

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

However, we would support the creation of a staging area/trail head/interpretive sign directly across from 6.3 Rd at the mouth of U28 to allow for parking of motorized and horse trailers and to provide the public with information about the Palisade WSA and the public lands accessible from 6.3 Rd (such as where they can go, who came before them, and how best to leave no trace in this wild landscape). There could also be some dispersed motorized camping, where appropriate. However, this would only work if motorized offtrail travel is forbidden and there is a physical barrier maybe mile from Highway 141, to actively stop motorized and mechanized traffic from entering into the WSA. Thus motorized would be permitted back to a few dispersed camping spots along U28 but still close to the

highway.

Commenter Name: Bertolacci, Jason

Organization: International Mountain Bicycling Association

Submission Code: emc0912

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

Mountain bicyclist would greatly benefit by the allowance of future development west of the Gateway Canyons resort to include trails downstream on the Dolores River paralleling the road, upstream on West Creek to join the Picket Trail and upstream across the Dolores river and up on the near bench. The trail system currently has fewer miles than most areas that are attractive to mountain bike users. The comments below reflect a need for non-motorized trails that are still open to all quiet uses. There are several large areas designated as off limits to mountain bikes (The Palisade WSA, Sewemup Mesa Wilderness and others) that provide other quiet users (hikers, horseback) with opportunities for experiences without mountain bikes present. Preserving mountain bike access to the remaining backcountry singletrack trails is very important for future generations. Zone U Recommend U75 and U666 (near Granite Creek) be open to non-motorized use. Recommend U27 and U28 (off Hwy 141 near The Narrows) be left open for dispersed camping opportunities due to lack of these opportunities in the area. Zone V Recommend non-motorized use be allowed on V2691 and 1939 Pickett trail. Mountain bicyclists have been maintaining and using this trail for at least two decades. Due to the terrain, motorized use is NOT RECOMMENDED as it will require excessive costs and labor to maintain trail to safe standards. FOREST SERVICE: Recommend non-motorized use be allowed on Lower Ute/Birch Creek trail (no number on map) due to the encouragement of local Forest Service District for mountain bike use to occur on upper portion of trail that crosses Forest Lands. Maintenance and use by mountain bikes has been occurring on this trail for the last 2 decades. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged. Recommend non-motorized travel be allowed on V592. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged. This trail provides for a "quiet experience" in the midst of a predominantly motorized area. Recommend non-motorized use be allowed on V1007 and V1067 the portion of trail following Blue Creek above the ranch to make a loop. V1007 is an amazing mountain bike ride with incredible trees growing out of the canyon and the tops ending right near the trail. This is part of a non-motorized trail that extends from Mesa Creek to Indian Creek allowing a rare quiet experience Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged. Recommend non-motorized use on V803 allowing access to non-motorized trails on Forest Lands. This trail would allow non-motorized access to the Divide Road which is connection to ther highly desirable mountain bike opportunities. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged. Recommend non-motorized use on the complete length of V930 allowing access to non-motorized trails on Forest Lands. There is also a need to add existing trail (has been submitted previously) into inventory extending from the end of V930 at Forest Boundary north to allow access to non-motorized trails on Forest Lands. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged. This is part of a non-motorized trail that extends from Mesa Creek to Indian Creek allowing a rare quiet experience. Formal trail designation for any use is not recommended for trail following Blue Creek from the Blue Creek ranch downstream to the Dolores river due to trail access at private property, damage to cultural resources and high cost of trail maintenance. Recommend V2810 and V2811 remain open to non-motorized us. The remote nature, solitude provided and interesting band of smooth rock offers a unique and important mountain bike experience. Also allowing use of V2820 and uninventoried route (previously submitted) following the midlevel of cliff band would make a VERY desirable loop with V2810 and V2811. This loop would require a 60 foot section of difficult trail which is not horse or motorized use friendly. There is mining and homestead remains along the trail that would be of great historic interest. Recommend non-motorized use on trail connecting Maverick Canyon and V2626. Recommend non-motorized use on V822 (from Blue Creek ranch), V1421, V1107, V1109 and trail connecting to county road above Mesa Creek. This would allow a good loop opportunity using V1007 and V1067 to return to Blue Creek ranch. The entire length of V822 could be added to this area for a shorter loop option. Recommend non-motorized use on V1151. 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Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0075

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone U should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes!!: 710, 720, 717, 715, 712,722,725, 75,197,199,664,662,665, 759, 666, 202, 671, 234, 235, 232, 315, 25, 17, 20, 27, 28, 30, 19, 15, 14, 11, 345, 703, 317, 701, 315, 676, 682, 681, 677, 680, 35, 170, 355, 294, 594, 645, 543, 472, 309, 110, 497, 387, 110, 423, 63, 95, 520, 637. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWS) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone!! routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE U MAP U U111,U710, U720, CAMPING U717 U712 U723 U759 U197 U199 U664 U665 U662 U666 U671 U315 U234 U235 U676 U677 U681 U680 U685 U699 U691 U701 U13 U14 U11 U25 U18 U17 U23 U203 U27 U30 U28 U731 U423 U68 U50 U655 U54 U346 U77 U80 U95 U37 U96 U43 U38 U63 U380 U37 COUNTY U407 U583 U497 U520 U599 U605 U113 U135 U637 Routes are for hunting access

Commenter Name: No Record

Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Recommended: Closed

Two-track route goes up wash. No sign of maintenance. Substrate is loose disintegrated granite. BLM route marker prohibiting motorized travel in WSA has fresh tire tracks going past it. ATV operators not complying with signs.

– Route: U30

– Segment: 14095

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class I
- Special Designation WSA
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to preserve the visual character of the existing landscape, limit or reduce the number of routes in areas managed as VRM Class I
- Designation was considered when protecting Wilderness Study Areas values.
- Designation was considered to reduce impairment of wilderness characteristics in areas managed for wilderness characteristics.
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- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: U30

Commenter Name: Weber, Patricia

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0459

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

U701, 317, 703, 345, 11, 13, 14, 417, 15, 19, 20, 17, 18, 23, 25, 27, 343, 28, 30: I object to the closure of all these limited side roads into the Palisade WSA. Closure of these roads would effectively eliminate all access to the WSA. I also object to greatly expanding the area of the Palisade WSA. This area already has limited access by the public. Closing these roads will shut out public access to a large swath of area.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0075

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone U should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes!!: 710, 720, 717, 715, 712,722,725, 75,197,199,664,662,665, 759, 666, 202, 671, 234, 235, 232, 315, 25, 17, 20, 27, 28, 30, 19, 15, 14, 11, 345, 703, 317, 701, 315, 676, 682, 681, 677, 680, 35, 170, 355, 294, 594, 645, 543, 472, 309, 110, 497, 387, 110, 423, 63, 95, 520, 637. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWS) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone!! routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE U MAP U U111,U710, U720, CAMPING U717 U712 U723 U759 U197 U199 U664 U665 U662 U666 U671 U315 U234 U235 U676 U677 U681 U680 U685 U699 U691 U701 U13 U14 U11 U25 U18 U17 U23 U203 U27 U30 U28 U731 U423 U68 U50 U655 U54 U346 U77 U80 U95 U37 U96 U43 U38 U63 U380 U37 COUNTY U407 U583 U497 U520 U599 U605 U113 U135 U637 Routes are for hunting access

– Route: U315

– Segment: 13911

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Other Considerations County Vested Interest
- Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.
- Designation was considered to provide access to undeveloped campsites that exist along dead-end spur roads.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

– Segment: 14012

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Other Considerations County Vested Interest

- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14058

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Other Considerations County Vested Interest
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14080

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Other Considerations County Vested Interest
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to rights-of-way, other land use authorizations, and utility corridors.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13869

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access
- Sign private

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Stream Crossing
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13863

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Special Designation WSA
- Water Stream Crossing
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered when protecting Wilderness Study Areas values.
- Designation was considered to reduce impairment of wilderness characteristics in areas managed for wilderness characteristics.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13866

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to improve or maintain public access.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13867

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II

Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for the this designation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: U315

Commenter Name: Potterveld, Jan

Submission Code: emc0634

Organization: Back Country Horsemen of Colorado

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

There seems to be significant differences between the BLM data set on County Roads in this area and the inventory furnished by the County, particularly with regard to the extension of MS road past 5 7/10 road into the Granite Creek area. This road segment is marked as #U197. This should be clarified as access to Granite Creek is severely limited from the Colorado side unless this is open to the public. # U315, should be open to the public from 4.2 road

along the northern edge of the Dolores. The BLM data shows this as blocked by private access. If so, access to the Sheep Creek trail needs to be negotiated. Permitted access to U315 should be obtained from 4.2 road to provide legal access to the Sheep Creek Trail.

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale
Submission Code: emc0668

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): Q338, Q479, Q478, U111, U715, U197, U662, U202, U671, U315 **Trail Name:** Glade Park to Gateway **Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.):** This is an incredibly scenic route and unique in that you can travel from Glade Park to Gateway without getting on the highway **Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping):** This trail has been permitted for the Grand Mesa Jeep Clubs Rock Junction event in 2012 and 2013. It has been a popular route. **Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views):** I like that this trail offers scenic views and the thrill of several switchbacks as it snakes its way down to the Dolores River Valley. I like that it offers a backroads adventurous way to get from Glade Park to Gateway. **Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness):** This trail offers a remote "off the beaten path" way to get to Gateway. **Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered):** I would like to see this trail remain open to all vehicles, including the U197 spur road.

Commenter Name: Shepherd, Janice
Submission Code: emc0835

Organization: The Quiet Trails Group
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

We would also like to ensure that public access is maintained to Sheep Creek via U315 off 4.2 Road. We understand the historic multiuse nature of this trail and support motorized use on this trail. For similar reasons, we support leaving U197 open to full motorized, if public access can be assured through Two V Basin on Pinon Mesa. If this access can be secured then it would be helpful to leave U197 open to all as a means of providing public access from above without having to travel all the way into Utah. We would also like to see U666 open to mechanized, horse and foot travel.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon
Submission Code: cfc0075

Organization:
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone U should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes!/: 710, 720, 717, 715, 712,722,725, 75,197,199,664,662,665, 759, 666, 202, 671, 234, 235, 232, 315, 25, 17, 20, 27, 28, 30, 19, 15, 14, 11, 345, 703, 317, 701, 315, 676, 682, 681, 677, 680, 35, 170, 355, 294, 594, 645, 543, 472, 309, 110, 497, 387, 110, 423, 63, 95, 520, 637. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWS) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone!! routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas
Submission Code: emc0693

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE U MAP U U111,U710, U720, CAMPING U717 U712 U723 U759 U197 U199 U664 U665 U662 U666 U671 U315 U234 U235 U676 U677 U681 U680 U685 U699 U691 U701 U13 U14 U11 U25 U18 U17 U23 U203 U27 U30 U28 U731 U423 U68 U50 U655 U54 U346 U77 U80 U95 U37 U96 U43 U38 U63 U380 U37 COUNTY U407 U583 U497 U520 U599 U605 U113 U135 U637 Routes are for hunting access

Commenter Name: No Record
Submission Code: No Record

Organization: No Record
Recommended: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Use during hunting season. U315, U234 and U235 should remain open to at least ATV due to the remoteness of the area.

Commenter Name: No Record
Submission Code: No Record

Organization: No Record
Recommended: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Use during hunting season. Access to U234 and U235 is important to access a lot area for hunting (elk). U315, U234 and U235 should remain open to at least ATV due to the remoteness of the area.

– Route: U319

– Segment: 16622

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Potential cultural interpretation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

– Segment: 16627

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Potential cultural interpretation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 16628

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Potential cultural interpretation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 16633

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Potential cultural interpretation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 16763

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Potential cultural interpretation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 16764

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Potential cultural interpretation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 16897

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Potential cultural interpretation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 17035

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Potential cultural interpretation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Stream Crossing
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: U319

No public comments for this Route

– Route: U322

– Segment: 16749

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

– Segment: 16751

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 16762

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— **Segment: 16789**

Designation 

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— **Segment: 16790**

Designation 

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 16800

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: U322

No public comments for this Route

— Route: U334

— Segment: 12866

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 16128

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.

Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 15645

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 16243

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 16517

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 16529

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: U334

No public comments for this Route

— Route: U337

— Segment: 15638

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route

- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 16477

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 16518

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: U337

No public comments for this Route

– Route: U343

– Segment: 14107

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Wilderness Natural Area:** 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-highway vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class I
- Special Designation WSA
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to preserve the visual character of the existing landscape, limit or reduce the number of routes in areas managed as VRM Class I
- Designation was considered when protecting Wilderness Study Areas values.
- Designation was considered to reduce impairment of wilderness characteristics in areas managed for wilderness characteristics.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: U343

Commenter Name: Weber, Patricia

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0459

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

U701, 317, 703, 345, 11, 13, 14, 417, 15, 19, 20, 17, 18, 23, 25, 27, 343, 28, 30: I object to the closure of all these limited side roads into the Palisade WSA. Closure of these roads would effectively eliminate all access to the WSA. I also object to greatly expanding the area of the Palisade WSA. This area already has limited access by the public. Closing these roads will shut out public access to a large swath of area.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE U MAP U U111,U710, U720, CAMPING U717 U712 U723 U759 U197 U199 U664 U665 U662 U666 U671 U315 U234 U235 U676 U677 U681 U680 U685 U699 U691 U701 U13 U14 U11 U25 U18 U17 U23 U203 U27 U30 U28 U731 U423 U68 U50 U655 U54 U346 U77 U80 U95 U37 U96 U43 U38 U63 U380 U37 COUNTY U407 U583 U497 U520 U599 U605 U113 U135 U637 Routes are for hunting access

– Route: U355

– Segment: 15158

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Potential cultural interpretation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 16310

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Potential cultural interpretation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 16485

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Potential cultural interpretation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 16442

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 16708

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 16709

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 16712**Designation** 

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 16715

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 16430

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 16434

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 16436

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 16437

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 16440

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 16469

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 16490

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 16499

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 16512

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 16513

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
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Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 16524

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
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Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 16528

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 16564

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
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Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 16565



Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 16614

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
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- Special Designation VRM Class III

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 16704

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 15621

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Potential cultural interpretation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 16091

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Potential cultural interpretation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 15613

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Potential cultural interpretation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 16056

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Potential cultural interpretation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 16112

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Potential cultural interpretation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 16113

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Potential cultural interpretation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 12853

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: U355

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

The routes in the south western portion of Zone U are shown as Admin. In Alt B,D and closed in Alt C. These routes provide extraordinary scenery and a variety of OHV experiences, from graded county roads to challenging single track trails. The routes are remnants of mining roads constructed in the 1950s. They are well established and stable. The surfaces are mostly rock and primitive. The season of use is short due to the elevation and snow pack. Contacts with other people are rare. The area is sparsely vegetated and views of the cliffs and river valleys are amazing. Good food and drink is located at the bottom of John Brown Rd. My friends and I visit this area about twice a year. It is an important part of our social life.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0075

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone U should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes!!: 710, 720, 717, 715, 712,722,725, 75,197,199,664,662,665, 759, 666, 202, 671, 234, 235, 232, 315, 25, 17, 20, 27, 28, 30, 19, 15, 14, 11, 345, 703, 317, 701, 315, 676, 682, 681, 677, 680, 35, 170, 355, 294, 594, 645, 543, 472, 309, 110, 497, 387, 110, 423, 63, 95, 520, 637. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone!! routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

– Route: U37

– Segment: 13051

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling

- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13074

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13923

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
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- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13925

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 14141

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14142

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14152

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood,

post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14168

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14171

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14173

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14174

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14207

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Stream Crossing
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14213

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14219

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14228

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14233

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14247

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14292

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14295

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
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- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14314

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14330

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14338

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14343

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14356

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14359

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14375

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14423

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14429

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14435

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14442

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14449

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14450

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 14464

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 14479

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 14483

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood,

post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 14508

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 14511

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14531

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
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- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14535

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14536

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: U37

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Submission Code: emc0728

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): U110, U181, U32, U37, U35, U44, U423, U72, U730, U731, U425, U655, U61, U63, U170, U177
 Trail Name: John Brown Canyon to Dolores Point, South Beaver Mesa Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): These roads make up interesting and scenic side routes to explore from John Brown Canyon Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): My family enjoys exploring this area in our 4WD vehicle. I enjoy photographing the scenic vistas. Theres nothing like being parked out on some of these points, sitting on the tailgate, enjoying a picnic lunch, and admiring the views. Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): I enjoy the views from these trails. The scenery in the area surrounding Gateway is fantastic, especially when you can drive to the edge of the mesas and look down into the canyons that feed the Dolores River and see the Dolores River Valley itself. In areas like this one, the little spur routes that go out to the edge and to the high points are essential to the experience. I think its part of human nature to want to get close to the edge and look down at whats there and to climb to the highest points for the best view. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): These routes give me the chance to get out and explore with my family. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): The BLM should leave these routes open to fullwidth motorized vehicles.

Commenter Name: McClellan, Roz

Submission Code: emc0846

Organization: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative

Recommened: Closed

Zone U: Granite Creek Close Sheep Creek and road 4.02 to motorized recreational access to protect Granite Creek quiet natural values RMRI supports closures of U199-U664-U675-U662-U665-U671- U520-U544-U605-U599-U135-U110-U107-U382-U380-U379-U71-U37-U35-U36-U38-U47- U77-U80-U84-U731-U425-U69-U422-U56-U730.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas**Organization:** Bookcliff Rattlers**Submission Code:** emc0693**Reccomended:** Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE U MAP U U111,U710, U72O, CAMPING U717 U712 U723 U759 U197 U199 U664 U665 U662 U666 U671
 U315 U234 U235 U676 U677 U681 U680 U685 U699 U691 U701 U13 U14 U11 U25 U18 U17 U23 U203 U27 U30
 U28 U731 U423 U68 U50 U655 U54 U346 U77 U80 U95 U37 U96 U43 U38 U63 U380 U37 COUNTY U407 U583
 U497 U520 U599 U605 U113 U135 U637 Routes are for hunting access

Commenter Name: No Record**Organization:** No Record**Submission Code:** No Record**Reccomended:** Closed

Reduce fragmentation, better enforcement

– Route: U380**– Segment: 14286****Designation** ?**Proposed Designation:** Closed**Seasonal Limitations:** None**Mitigation**

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed**Alternative A (Current):** Undesignated**Alternative B (Preferred):** Admin/Permitted Use Only**Alternative C (Conservation):** Closed**Alternative D (Development):** Admin/Permitted Use Only**– Segment: 14287**

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 14293

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route

- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 14294

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 14297

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 14431

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route

- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 14433

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 14436

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: U380

Commenter Name: McClellan, Roz

Organization: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative

Submission Code: emc0846

Recommended: Closed

Zone U: Granite Creek Close Sheep Creek and road 4.02 to motorized recreational access to protect Granite Creek quiet natural values RMRI supports closures of U199-U664-U675-U662-U665-U671- U520-U544-U605-U599-U135-U110-U107-U382-U380-U379-U71-U37-U35-U36-U38-U47- U77-U80-U84-U731-U425-U69-U422-U56-U730.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

The routes in the south western portion of Zone U are shown as Admin. In Alt B,D and closed in Alt C. These routes provide extraordinary scenery and a variety of OHV experiences, from graded county roads to challenging single track trails. The routes are remnants of mining roads constructed in the 1950s. They are well established and stable. The surfaces are mostly rock and primitive. The season of use is short due to the elevation and snow pack. Contacts with other people are rare. The area is sparsely vegetated and views of the cliffs and river valleys are amazing. Good food and drink is located at the bottom of John Brown Rd. My friends and I visit this area about twice a year. It is

an important part of our social life.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE U MAP U U111,U710, U720, CAMPING U717 U712 U723 U759 U197 U199 U664 U665 U662 U666 U671
U315 U234 U235 U676 U677 U681 U680 U685 U699 U691 U701 U13 U14 U11 U25 U18 U17 U23 U203 U27 U30
U28 U731 U423 U68 U50 U655 U54 U346 U77 U80 U95 U37 U96 U43 U38 U63 U380 U37 COUNTY U407 U583
U497 U520 U599 U605 U113 U135 U637 Routes are for hunting access

– Route: U390

– Segment: 17688

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

– Segment: 17737

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: U390

Commenter Name: Hundtroft,
Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommened: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

The routes in the south western portion of Zone U are shown as Admin. In Alt B,D and closed in Alt C. These routes provide extraordinary scenery and a variety of OHV experiences, from graded county roads to challenging single track trails. The routes are remnants of mining roads constructed in the 1950s. They are well established and stable. The surfaces are mostly rock and primitive. The season of use is short due to the elevation and snow pack. Contacts with other people are rare. The area is sparsely vegetated and views of the cliffs and river valleys are amazing. Good food and drink is located at the bottom of John Brown Rd. My friends and I visit this area about twice a year. It is an important part of our social life.

– Route: U4

– Segment: 14113

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Riparian proximate (100 ft)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to reduce livestock and recreation impacts to riparian areas.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: U4

Commenter Name: No Record

Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

[Lost Horse Basin Reservoir] Ranching, locating cows, hunting + wildlife viewing.

– Route: U407

– Segment: 18023

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 18061

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

– Segment: 18076

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: U407

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE U MAP U U111,U710, U720, CAMPING U717 U712 U723 U759 U197 U199 U664 U665 U662 U666 U671
U315 U234 U235 U676 U677 U681 U680 U685 U699 U691 U701 U13 U14 U11 U25 U18 U17 U23 U203 U27 U30
U28 U731 U423 U68 U50 U655 U54 U346 U77 U80 U95 U37 U96 U43 U38 U63 U380 U37 COUNTY U407 U583
U497 U520 U599 U605 U113 U135 U637 Routes are for hunting access

– Route: U425

– Segment: 14439

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: U425

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Submission Code: emc0728

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): U110, U181, U32, U37, U35, U44, U423, U72, U730, U731, U425, U655, U61, U63, U170, U177
 Trail Name: John Brown Canyon to Dolores Point, South Beaver Mesa Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): These roads make up interesting and scenic side routes to explore from John Brown Canyon Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): My family enjoys exploring this area in our 4WD vehicle. I enjoy photographing the scenic vistas. There's nothing like being parked out on some of these points, sitting on the tailgate, enjoying a picnic lunch, and admiring the views. Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): I enjoy the views from these trails. The scenery in the area surrounding Gateway is fantastic, especially when you can drive to the edge of the mesas and look down into the canyons that feed the Dolores River and see the Dolores River Valley itself. In areas like this one, the little spur routes that go out to the edge and to the high points are essential to the experience. I think it's part of human nature to want to get close to the edge and look down at what's there and to climb to the highest points for the best view. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): These routes give me the chance to get out and explore with my family. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): The BLM should leave these routes open to fullwidth motorized vehicles.

Commenter Name: McClellan, Roz

Submission Code: emc0846

Organization: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative

Recommended: Closed

Zone U: Granite Creek Close Sheep Creek and road 4.02 to motorized recreational access to protect Granite Creek

quiet natural values RMRI supports closures of U199-U664-U675-U662-U665-U671- U520-U544-U605-U599-U135-U110-U107-U382-U380-U379-U71-U37-U35-U36-U38-U47- U77-U80-U84-U731-U425-U69-U422-U56-U730.

– Route: U432

– Segment: 14277

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Range Study Site
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

– Segment: 14279

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: U432

No public comments for this Route

– Route: U437

– Segment: 16801

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 16845

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 17104

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 17278

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails

- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: U437

No public comments for this Route

– Route: U439

– Segment: 18344

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Potential cultural interpretation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 15204

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 16635

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 16636

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 16752

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 16753

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 16755

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 16802

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 16804

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 16806

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 17026

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling

- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Stream Crossing
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 17040

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: U439

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Reccomended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

The routes in the south western portion of Zone U are shown as Admin. In Alt B,D and closed in Alt C. These routes provide extraordinary scenery and a variety of OHV experiences, from graded county roads to challenging single track trails. The routes are remnants of mining roads constructed in the 1950s. They are well established and stable. The surfaces are mostly rock and primitive. The season of use is short due to the elevation and snow pack. Contacts with other people are rare. The area is sparsely vegetated and views of the cliffs and river valleys are amazing. Good food and drink is located at the bottom of John Brown Rd. My friends and I visit this area about twice a year. It is an important part of our social life.

– Route: U44

– Segment: 14175

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 14178

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Potential cultural mitigation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: U44

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Submission Code: emc0728

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): U110, U181, U32, U37, U35, U44, U423, U72, U730, U731, U425, U655, U61, U63, U170, U177
 Trail Name: John Brown Canyon to Dolores Point, South Beaver Mesa Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): These roads make up interesting and scenic side routes to explore from John Brown Canyon Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): My family enjoys exploring this area in our 4WD vehicle. I enjoy photographing the scenic vistas. Theres nothing like being parked out on some of these points, sitting on the tailgate, enjoying a picnic lunch, and admiring the views. Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): I enjoy the views from these trails. The scenery in the area surrounding Gateway is fantastic, especially when you can drive to the edge of the mesas and look down into the canyons that feed the Dolores River and see the Dolores River Valley itself. In areas like this one, the little spur routes that go out to the edge and to the high points are essential to the experience. I think its part of human nature to want to get close to the edge and look down at whats there and to climb to the

highest points for the best view. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): These routes give me the chance to get out and explore with my family. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): The BLM should leave these routes open to fullwidth motorized vehicles.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE U MAP U U111,U710, U720, CAMPING U717 U712 U723 U759 U197 U199 U664 U665 U662 U666 U671 U315 U234 U235 U676 U677 U681 U680 U685 U699 U691 U701 U13 U14 U11 U25 U18 U17 U23 U203 U27 U30 U28 U731 U423 U68 U50 U655 U54 U346 U77 U80 U95 U37 U96 U43 U38 U63 U380 U37 COUNTY U407 U583 U497 U520 U599 U605 U113 U135 U637 Routes are for hunting access

– Route: U465

– Segment: 18120

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

– Segment: 18121

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 18124

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 18199

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: U465

Commenter Name: Hundtroft,
Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Reccomended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

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— Route: U50

— Segment: 12788

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: U50

Commenter Name: Hundtroft,
Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommened: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

The routes in the south western portion of Zone U are shown as Admin. In Alt B,D and closed in Alt C. These routes provide extraordinary scenery and a variety of OHV experiences, from graded county roads to challenging single track trails. The routes are remnants of mining roads constructed in the 1950s. They are well established and stable. The surfaces are mostly rock and primitive. The season of use is short due to the elevation and snow pack. Contacts with other people are rare. The area is sparsely vegetated and views of the cliffs and river valleys are amazing. Good food and drink is located at the bottom of John Brown Rd. My friends and I visit this area about twice a year. It is

an important part of our social life.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Reccomeded: Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE U MAP U U111,U710, U720, CAMPING U717 U712 U723 U759 U197 U199 U664 U665 U662 U666 U671
U315 U234 U235 U676 U677 U681 U680 U685 U699 U691 U701 U13 U14 U11 U25 U18 U17 U23 U203 U27 U30
U28 U731 U423 U68 U50 U655 U54 U346 U77 U80 U95 U37 U96 U43 U38 U63 U380 U37 COUNTY U407 U583
U497 U520 U599 U605 U113 U135 U637 Routes are for hunting access

– Route: U508

– Segment: 16981

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

– Segment: 17530

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 17655

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 17709

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 17727

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
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- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 16992

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 18029

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 18074

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 18159

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 18192

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: U508

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Reccomended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

The routes in the south western portion of Zone U are shown as Admin. In Alt B,D and closed in Alt C. These routes provide extraordinary scenery and a variety of OHV experiences, from graded county roads to challenging single track trails. The routes are remnants of mining roads constructed in the 1950s. They are well established and stable. The surfaces are mostly rock and primitive. The season of use is short due to the elevation and snow pack. Contacts with other people are rare. The area is sparsely vegetated and views of the cliffs and river valleys are amazing. Good food and drink is located at the bottom of John Brown Rd. My friends and I visit this area about twice a year. It is an important part of our social life.

– Route: U520

– Segment: 17071

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Potential cultural interpretation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Stream Crossing
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— **Segment: 17622**

Designation 

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Potential cultural interpretation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity

and/or by creating loop trails.

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 17751

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Potential cultural interpretation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 17916

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Potential cultural interpretation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Stream Crossing
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 17175

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 17618

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 17623

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 17246

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 17254

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: U520

Commenter Name: McClellan, Roz

Submission Code: emc0846

Organization: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative

Recommended: Closed

Zone U: Granite Creek Close Sheep Creek and road 4.02 to motorized recreational access to protect Granite Creek quiet natural values RMRI supports closures of U199-U664-U675-U662-U665-U671- U520-U544-U605-U599-U135-U110-U107-U382-U380-U379-U71-U37-U35-U36-U38-U47- U77-U80-U84-U731-U425-U69-U422-U56-

U730.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon**Organization:****Submission Code:** cfc0075**Recommended:** Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone U should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes!!: 710, 720, 717, 715, 712,722,725, 75,197,199,664,662,665, 759, 666, 202, 671, 234, 235, 232, 315, 25, 17, 20, 27, 28, 30, 19, 15, 14, 11, 345, 703, 317, 701, 315, 676, 682, 681, 677, 680, 35, 170, 355, 294, 594, 645, 543, 472, 309, 110, 497, 387, 110, 423, 63, 95, 520, 637. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone!! routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas**Organization:** Bookcliff Rattlers**Submission Code:** emc0693**Recommended:** Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE U MAP U U111,U710, U720, CAMPING U717 U712 U723 U759 U197 U199 U664 U665 U662 U666 U671 U315 U234 U235 U676 U677 U681 U680 U685 U699 U691 U701 U13 U14 U11 U25 U18 U17 U23 U203 U27 U30 U28 U731 U423 U68 U50 U655 U54 U346 U77 U80 U95 U37 U96 U43 U38 U63 U380 U37 COUNTY U407 U583 U497 U520 U599 U605 U113 U135 U637 Routes are for hunting access

– Route: U539**– Segment: 18209****Designation** **Proposed Designation:** Closed**Seasonal Limitations:** None**Mitigation**

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed**Alternative A (Current):** Undesignated**Alternative B (Preferred):** Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 18213

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 18220

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 18232

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only**— Segment: 18327****Designation ?****Proposed Designation: Closed****Seasonal Limitations: None****Mitigation**

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

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- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed**Alternative A (Current): Undesignated****Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only****Alternative C (Conservation): Closed****Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only****Public Comments On Route: U539**Commenter Name: Hundtroft,
Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommened: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

The routes in the south western portion of Zone U are shown as Admin. In Alt B,D and closed in Alt C. These routes provide extraordinary scenery and a variety of OHV experiences, from graded county roads to challenging single track trails. The routes are remnants of mining roads constructed in the 1950s. They are well established and stable. The surfaces are mostly rock and primitive. The season of use is short due to the elevation and snow pack. Contacts with other people are rare. The area is sparsely vegetated and views of the cliffs and river valleys are amazing. Good food and drink is located at the bottom of John Brown Rd. My friends and I visit this area about twice a year. It is an important part of our social life.

— Route: U54

Segment: 12790**Designation** ?**Proposed Designation: Closed****Seasonal Limitations: None****Mitigation**

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed**Alternative A (Current):** Undesignated**Alternative B (Preferred):** Admin/Permitted Use Only**Alternative C (Conservation):** Closed**Alternative D (Development):** Admin/Permitted Use Only**— Segment: 12792****Designation** ?**Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)****Seasonal Limitations: None****Mitigation**

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14223

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only**— Segment: 14276****Designation** ?**Proposed Designation: Closed****Seasonal Limitations: None****Mitigation**

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed**Alternative A (Current): Undesignated****Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only****Alternative C (Conservation): Closed****Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only****Public Comments On Route: U54**

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE U MAP U U111,U710, U720, CAMPING U717 U712 U723 U759 U197 U199 U664 U665 U662 U666 U671
 U315 U234 U235 U676 U677 U681 U680 U685 U699 U691 U701 U13 U14 U11 U25 U18 U17 U23 U203 U27 U30
 U28 U731 U423 U68 U50 U655 U54 U346 U77 U80 U95 U37 U96 U43 U38 U63 U380 U37 COUNTY U407 U583
 U497 U520 U599 U605 U113 U135 U637 Routes are for hunting access

— Route: U581**— Segment: 17813**

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 18253

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 18255

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 18273

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 18279

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— **Segment: 18301**

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— **Segment: 18351**

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: U581

No public comments for this Route

– Route: U594

– Segment: 18289

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 18548

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 18612

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 18632

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 18697

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 18791

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 18827

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: U594

Commenter Name: Hundtroft,
Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommened: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

The routes in the south western portion of Zone U are shown as Admin. In Alt B,D and closed in Alt C. These routes provide extraordinary scenery and a variety of OHV experiences, from graded county roads to challenging single track trails. The routes are remnants of mining roads constructed in the 1950s. They are well established and stable. The surfaces are mostly rock and primitive. The season of use is short due to the elevation and snow pack. Contacts with other people are rare. The area is sparsely vegetated and views of the cliffs and river valleys are amazing. Good food and drink is located at the bottom of John Brown Rd. My friends and I visit this area about twice a year. It is

an important part of our social life.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0075

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone U should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes!!: 710, 720, 717, 715, 712,722,725, 75,197,199,664,662,665, 759, 666, 202, 671, 234, 235, 232, 315, 25, 17, 20, 27, 28, 30, 19, 15, 14, 11, 345, 703, 317, 701, 315, 676, 682, 681, 677, 680, 35, 170, 355, 294, 594, 645, 543, 472, 309, 110, 497, 387, 110, 423, 63, 95, 520, 637. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWS) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone!! routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

– Route: U599

– Segment: 15957

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

– Segment: 16060

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: U599

Commenter Name: McClellan, Roz

Submission Code: emc0846

Organization: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative

Recommended: Closed

Zone U: Granite Creek Close Sheep Creek and road 4.02 to motorized recreational access to protect Granite Creek quiet natural values RMRI supports closures of U199-U664-U675-U662-U665-U671- U520-U544-U605-U599-U135-U110-U107-U382-U380-U379-U71-U37-U35-U36-U38-U47- U77-U80-U84-U731-U425-U69-U422-U56-U730.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Submission Code: emc0693

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE U MAP U U111,U710, U720, CAMPING U717 U712 U723 U759 U197 U199 U664 U665 U662 U666 U671 U315 U234 U235 U676 U677 U681 U680 U685 U699 U691 U701 U13 U14 U11 U25 U18 U17 U23 U203 U27 U30 U28 U731 U423 U68 U50 U655 U54 U346 U77 U80 U95 U37 U96 U43 U38 U63 U380 U37 COUNTY U407 U583 U497 U520 U599 U605 U113 U135 U637 Routes are for hunting access

– Route: U625**– Segment: 17062****Designation** 

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: U625

No public comments for this Route

– Route: U63

– Segment: 14190

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 14201

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: U63

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon
Submission Code: cfc0075

Organization:
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone U should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes!!: 710, 720, 717, 715, 712,722,725, 75,197,199,664,662,665, 759, 666, 202, 671, 234, 235, 232, 315, 25, 17, 20, 27, 28, 30, 19, 15, 14, 11, 345, 703, 317, 701, 315, 676, 682, 681, 677, 680, 35, 170, 355, 294, 594, 645, 543, 472, 309, 110, 497, 387, 110, 423, 63, 95, 520, 637. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWS) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone!! routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale
Submission Code: emc0728

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): U110, U181, U32, U37, U35, U44, U423, U72, U730, U731, U425, U655, U61, U63, U170, U177
 Trail Name: John Brown Canyon to Dolores Point, South Beaver Mesa Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): These roads make up interesting and scenic side routes to explore from John Brown Canyon Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): My family enjoys exploring this area in our 4WD vehicle. I enjoy photographing the scenic vistas. Theres nothing like being parked out on some of these points, sitting on the tailgate, enjoying a picnic lunch, and admiring the views. Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): I enjoy the views from these trails. The scenery in the area surrounding Gateway is fantastic, especially when you can drive to the edge of the mesas and look down into the canyons that feed the Dolores River and see the Dolores River Valley itself. In areas like this one, the little spur routes that go out to the edge and to the high points are essential to the experience. I think its part of human nature to want to get close to the edge and look down at whats there and to climb to the highest points for the best view. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): These routes give me the chance to get out and explore with my family. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): The BLM should leave these routes open to fullwidth motorized vehicles.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas
Submission Code: emc0693

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE U MAP U U111,U710, U720, CAMPING U717 U712 U723 U759 U197 U199 U664 U665 U662 U666 U671 U315 U234 U235 U676 U677 U681 U680 U685 U699 U691 U701 U13 U14 U11 U25 U18 U17 U23 U203 U27 U30 U28 U731 U423 U68 U50 U655 U54 U346 U77 U80 U95 U37 U96 U43 U38 U63 U380 U37 COUNTY U407 U583 U497 U520 U599 U605 U113 U135 U637 Routes are for hunting access

– Route: U633

– Segment: 16756

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Potential cultural interpretation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling

- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 16766

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: U633

No public comments for this Route

– Route: U638

– Segment: 17893

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

– Segment: 18021

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 18176

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 18244

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 18181

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 18155

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 18302

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III

- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 17847

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 18257

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 18314**Designation** 

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 18333

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 18336

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 18455

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 18472

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 18624

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 18658

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 18672

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 18696

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: U638

Commenter Name: Hundtroft,
Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Reccomended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

The routes in the south western portion of Zone U are shown as Admin. In Alt B,D and closed in Alt C. These routes provide extraordinary scenery and a variety of OHV experiences, from graded county roads to challenging single track trails. The routes are remnants of mining roads constructed in the 1950s. They are well established and stable. The surfaces are mostly rock and primitive. The season of use is short due to the elevation and snow pack. Contacts with other people are rare. The area is sparsely vegetated and views of the cliffs and river valleys are amazing. Good food and drink is located at the bottom of John Brown Rd. My friends and I visit this area about twice a year. It is an important part of our social life.

– Route: U645

– Segment: 18659

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only**— Segment: 18735****Designation ?****Proposed Designation: Closed****Seasonal Limitations: None****Mitigation**

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed**Alternative A (Current): Undesignated****Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only****Alternative C (Conservation): Closed****Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only****Public Comments On Route: U645**Commenter Name: Hundtroft,
Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

The routes in the south western portion of Zone U are shown as Admin. In Alt B,D and closed in Alt C. These routes provide extraordinary scenery and a variety of OHV experiences, from graded county roads to challenging single track trails. The routes are remnants of mining roads constructed in the 1950s. They are well established and stable. The surfaces are mostly rock and primitive. The season of use is short due to the elevation and snow pack. Contacts with other people are rare. The area is sparsely vegetated and views of the cliffs and river valleys are amazing. Good food and drink is located at the bottom of John Brown Rd. My friends and I visit this area about twice a year. It is an important part of our social life.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0075

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone U should remain open to the

general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes!!: 710, 720, 717, 715, 712,722,725, 75,197,199,664,662,665, 759, 666, 202, 671, 234, 235, 232, 315, 25, 17, 20, 27, 28, 30, 19, 15, 14, 11, 345, 703, 317, 701, 315, 676, 682, 681, 677, 680, 35, 170, 355, 294, 594, 645, 543, 472, 309, 110, 497, 387, 110, 423, 63, 95, 520, 637. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone!! routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

– Route: U654

– Segment: 13501

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

– Segment: 13504

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: U654

No public comments for this Route

– Route: U66

– Segment: 14281

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14298

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to

erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14282

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: U66

No public comments for this Route

– Route: U662

– Segment: 13799

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing
- Potential cultural mitigation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

– Segment: 13810

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing
- Potential cultural mitigation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails

- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Stream Crossing
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13813

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Potential cultural mitigation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13831

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing
- Potential cultural mitigation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Stream Crossing
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13844

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Potential cultural mitigation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for the this designation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: U662

Commenter Name: Weber, Patricia

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0459

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

U662 - strongly object to changing from Open to Closed/Administrative use. This eliminates ability to travel into Zone Q in this quadrant through what is currently a series of private roads.

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: emc0668

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): Q338, Q479, Q478, U111, U715, U197, U662, U202, U671, U315 Trail Name: Glade Park to Gateway Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): This is an incredibly scenic route and unique in that you can travel from Glade Park to Gateway without getting on the highway Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This trail has been permitted for the Grand Mesa Jeep Clubs Rock Junction event in 2012 and 2013. It has been a popular route. Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): I like that this trail offers scenic views and the thrill of several switchbacks as it snakes its way down to the Dolores River Valley. I like that it offers a backroads adventurous way to get from Glade Park to Gateway. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): This trail offers a remote "off the beaten path" way to get to Gateway. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): I would like to see this trail remain open to all vehicles, including the U197 spur road.

Commenter Name: , Mitch

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: rmc0025

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): These trails make an awesome connector route from glade park and Pinion Mesa to Gateway. This is a remote trail that can be very challenging while having some great scenic views of many types of terrain. Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): I usually travel part of this trail at least once a year and have done the whole trail probable 5-6 times in the last 8 years. I just like this trail fro the remoteness and lack of people. Why you like this trait(challenges you vehicle, close to home, wildlife, history characteristics views): I really enjoy the lack of people in this area and the fact that takes you to gateway or you can split off and head into Utah and to Moab. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): This trail offers a great getaway, hunting access, hiking, and remoteness. This is one of a very few trails that allows travel to another town without using a highway. This is truly a gem. It would be horrible it this trail or side spurs were closed to make admin routes.

Commenter Name: McClellan, Roz

Organization: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative

Submission Code: emc0846

Recommended: Closed

Zone U: Granite Creek Close Sheep Creek and road 4.02 to motorized recreational access to protect Granite Creek quiet natural values RMRI supports closures of U199-U664-U675-U662-U665-U671- U520-U544-U605-U599-U135-U110-U107-U382-U380-U379-U71-U37-U35-U36-U38-U47- U77-U80-U84-U731-U425-U69-U422-U56-U730.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0075

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone U should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes!!: 710, 720, 717, 715, 712,722,725, 75,197,199,664,662,665, 759, 666, 202, 671, 234, 235, 232, 315, 25, 17, 20, 27, 28, 30, 19, 15, 14, 11, 345, 703, 317, 701, 315, 676, 682, 681, 677, 680, 35, 170, 355, 294, 594, 645, 543, 472, 309, 110, 497, 387, 110, 423, 63, 95, 520, 637. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone!! routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE U MAP U U111,U710, U720, CAMPING U717 U712 U723 U759 U197 U199 U664 U665 U662 U666 U671 U315 U234 U235 U676 U677 U681 U680 U685 U699 U691 U701 U13 U14 U11 U25 U18 U17 U23 U203 U27 U30 U28 U731 U423 U68 U50 U655 U54 U346 U77 U80 U95 U37 U96 U43 U38 U63 U380 U37 COUNTY U407 U583 U497 U520 U599 U605 U113 U135 U637 Routes are for hunting access

Commenter Name: No Record

Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

[Trails Preservation Alliance - www.coloradotpa.org][Subject: Combined input to the BLM RMP, from the TPA and COHVCO.] It is vitally important that Sheep Creek Rd. (U676) and the connecting routes at the top of the mesa remain open to motorized access. These routes along with U199-U664-U675-U662-U665-U671 - provide high quality OHV adventure and long distance opportunity. The remote nature of Ryan Park and Granite Creek are highly prized by the OHV community. These are the only unpaved connectors linking Gateway to Glade Park and Grand Junction. In addition these routes connect to even more scenic adventure opportunities to the west on Grand County roads in Utah.

– Route: U666

– Segment: 13029

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13833

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
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- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: U666

Commenter Name: Winans, Scott

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0868

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Zone U 1) Recommend U75 and U666 (near Granite Creek) be open to at least non-motorized (including mountain bike) use. 2) Recommend U27 and U28 (off Hwy 141 near The Narrows) be left open for dispersed camping opportunities due to lack of these opportunities in the area.

Commenter Name: Chapel, Steve

Organization: Western Slope ATV Association

Submission Code: rmc0013

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

GRANITE CREEK AREA U666, U712, U710, U717, U685, U691, U699, U681,U723, U722, U712 All of these routes are currently providing hunting access. Most of have easy access which makes them available to the average person. Many of these also provide great view points for the recreational user as well as the hunter. This is a remote area and it serves no useful purpose to close routes that will never see enforcement due to the remoteness. In other words they will be used whether they are listed as closed or open.

Commenter Name: Cox, Kris

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

Submission Code: emc0788

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Zone U Recommend U75 and U666 (near Granite Creek) be open to at least non-motorized (including mountain bike) use. Recommend U27 and U28 (off Hwy 141 near The Narrows) be left open for dispersed camping opportunities due to lack of these opportunities in the area.

Commenter Name: Price, Tom

Organization:

Submission Code: rmc0005

Recommended: Closed

Regarding Zone U we like alternative B because #666 should be closed for the elk, and #665 should be closed to full size rigs and #75, 199, 759, 715, 111 all connect in Utah to provide a wonderful roundtrip.

Commenter Name: Shepherd, Janice

Organization: The Quiet Trails Group

Submission Code: emc0835

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

We would also like to ensure that public access is maintained to Sheep Creek via U315 off 4.2 Road. We understand the historic multiuse nature of this trail and support motorized use on this trail. For similar reasons, we support leaving U197 open to full motorized, if public access can be assured through Two V Basin on Pinon Mesa. If this access can be secured then it would be helpful to leave U197 open to all as a means of providing public access from above without having to travel all the way into Utah. We would also like to see U666 open to mechanized, horse and foot travel.

Commenter Name: Bertolacci, Jason

Organization: International Mountain Bicycling Association

Submission Code: emc0912

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Mountain bicyclist would greatly benefit by the allowance of future development west of the Gateway Canyons resort to include trails downstream on the Dolores River paralleling the road, upstream on West Creek to join the Picket Trail and upstream across the Dolores river and up on the near bench. The trail system currently has fewer miles than most areas that are attractive to mountain bike users. The comments below reflect a need for non-motorized trails that are still open to all quiet uses. There are several large areas designated as off limits to mountain bikes (The Palisade WSA, Sewemup Mesa Wilderness and others) that provide other quiet users (hikers, horseback) with opportunities for experiences without mountain bikes present. Preserving mountain bike access to the remaining backcountry singletrack trails is very important for future generations. Zone U Recommend U75 and U666 (near Granite Creek) be open to non-motorized use. Recommend U27 and U28 (off Hwy 141 near The Narrows) be left open for dispersed camping opportunities due to lack of these opportunities in the area. Zone V Recommend non-motorized use be allowed on V2691 and 1939 Pickett trail. Mountain bicyclists have been maintaining and using this trail for at least two decades. Due to the terrain, motorized use is NOT RECOMMENDED as it will require excessive costs and labor to maintain trail to safe standards. FOREST SERVICE: Recommend non-motorized use be allowed on Lower Ute/Birch Creek trail (no number on map) due to the encouragement of local Forest Service District for mountain bike use to occur on upper portion of trail that crosses Forest Lands. Maintenance and use by mountain bikes has been occurring on this trail for the last 2 decades. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged. Recommend non-motorized travel be allowed on V592. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged. This trail provides for a "quiet experience" in the midst of a predominantly motorized area. Recommend non-motorized use be allowed on V1007 and V1067 the portion of trail following Blue Creek above the ranch to make a loop. V1007 is an amazing mountain bike ride with incredible trees growing out of the canyon and the tops ending right near the trail. This is part of a non-motorized trail that extends from Mesa Creek to Indian Creek allowing a rare quiet experience Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged. Recommend non-motorized use on V803 allowing access to non-motorized trails on Forest Lands. This trail would allow non-motorized access to the Divide Road which is connection to their highly desirable mountain bike opportunities. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged. Recommend non-motorized use on the complete length of V930 allowing access to non-motorized trails on Forest Lands. There is also a need to add existing trail (has been submitted previously) into inventory extending from the end of V930 at Forest Boundary north to allow access to non-motorized trails on Forest Lands. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing

motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged. This is part of a non-motorized trail that extends from Mesa Creek to Indian Creek allowing a rare quiet experience. Formal trail designation for any use is not recommended for trail following Blue Creek from the Blue Creek ranch downstream to the Dolores river due to trail access at private property, damage to cultural resources and high cost of trail maintenance. Recommend V2810 and V2811 remain open to non-motorized use. The remote nature, solitude provided and interesting band of smooth rock offers a unique and important mountain bike experience. Also allowing use of V2820 and uninventoried route (previously submitted) following the midlevel of cliff band would make a VERY desirable loop with V2810 and V2811. This loop would require a 60 foot section of difficult trail which is not horse or motorized use friendly. There is mining and homestead remains along the trail that would be of great historic interest. Recommend non-motorized use on trail connecting Maverick Canyon and V2626. Recommend non-motorized use on V822 (from Blue Creek ranch), V1421, V1107, V1109 and trail connecting to county road above Mesa Creek. This would allow a good loop opportunity using V1007 and V1067 to return to Blue Creek ranch. The entire length of V822 could be added to this area for a shorter loop option. Recommend non-motorized use on V1151. Although a dead end, it would provide a great easier beginner/kid ride option especially attractive here due to several popular camping spots in the near vicinity. The water availability for pets and the "all downhill" return would be very attractive for a family ride or a shorter evening ride from camp. Recommend non-motorized use on V3062 extending down Maverick Canyon. Although a dead end, it provides a spectacular view and would be a good mellow family ride due to the lack of elevation change, solitude and quiet use of the trail. With a short hike, a glimpse of Juanita Arch adds to the experience. We would really like to see V567 administrative road and then remaining V567 trail into Calamity Canyon open to non-motorized use as depicted in Alternative D. It is an old road down the hill and then follows the drainage to the private property boundary. There is then an uninventoried trail leading up the slope to the east then connecting with road V923 then V922 on a higher bench. This area is perfect to find solitude and ride a single track trail. Zone W Recommend W103 and W217 be left open to at least non-motorized use as it will be the only public access to the small parcel of Forest land. The climb on a mountain bike is very rewarding, the view from the top is magnificent and usually solitude can be found here. Even though it is an out and back, this ride is very rewarding for a seasoned mountain bike user. Allowing only non-motorized use on W213, W214 and W218 would definitely add to the experience of these desired trail options for the mountain bike user. The addition of a new trail from the end of W218 connecting with W213 or W214 would really increase the value of the area for mountain bike use. This would create a different return or approach route for the BIG climb up W103. Recommend leaving routes W49, W78, W112, W89, W127, W190, W194, W195 (even if deemed administrative) open to non-motorized use for the exploration and solitude this area is known for.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0075

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone U should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes!!: 710, 720, 717, 715, 712,722,725, 75,197,199,664,662,665, 759, 666, 202, 671, 234, 235, 232, 315, 25, 17, 20, 27, 28, 30, 19, 15, 14, 11, 345, 703, 317, 701, 315, 676, 682, 681, 677, 680, 35, 170, 355, 294, 594, 645, 543, 472, 309, 110, 497, 387, 110, 423, 63, 95, 520, 637. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone!! routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE U MAP U U111,U710, U720, CAMPING U717 U712 U723 U759 U197 U199 U664 U665 U662 U666 U671 U315 U234 U235 U676 U677 U681 U680 U685 U699 U691 U701 U13 U14 U11 U25 U18 U17 U23 U203 U27 U30 U28 U731 U423 U68 U50 U655 U54 U346 U77 U80 U95 U37 U96 U43 U38 U63 U380 U37 COUNTY U407 U583 U497 U520 U599 U605 U113 U135 U637 Routes are for hunting access

Commenter Name: Moores, Craig

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0169

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

The following is a partial list of roads, that should remain open and usable, that are listed for closure or restriction in the proposed RMP Alternative B, C and or D. U13, U14, U11, U699, U345, U701, U317, U701, U317, U680, U681, U682 U15, U17, U23, U20, U18, U666, U723, U725, U712, W221, W2, W225, W222, W218, W60, W27, W57, W51,

W33, W53, W176, W174, W118, W125, W126, W120, W192, W194, W195, W198, Q121, Q338, Q448, Q450, Q479, Q256, Q673, Q529, Q517, Q528, Q535, Q537, Q539, Q115, Q623, Q771, Q737, Q763, Q835

Commenter Name: VanDyke, David

Organization: WSATVA

Submission Code: rmc0087

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): Ranching access for animals. Also hunting access and camping for remote areas not frequented by many. This gives access to scenic riding and an incredible experience. Has been open area for 40+ years. Why you like this trait(challenges you vehicle, close to home, wildlife, history characteristics views): This trail allows an alternative Route to trees that are hard to access from other routes. Opens up a large Mesa Top with overlook Access of Canyon Rim Viewing. WSATVA has used this trail for access a long time. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): The accessibility of U666 Trail to year round public use is great. Allows OHV riding access to spectacular views. Gives seasonal hunting and camping access. Allows spring turkey access and summer viewing opportunities. The availability of areas of these trail open to all allows wildlife viewings and scenic riding. With hunting access it is a must keep open. The private property fence has access BLM side also.

Commenter Name: Balmer, Dwight

Organization: WSATVA

Submission Code: rmc0087

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): Ranching access for animals. Also hunting access and camping for remote areas not frequented by many. This gives access to scenic riding and an enviable experience. Has been open for 40+ years. Why you like this trait(challenges you vehicle, close to home, wildlife, history characteristics views): This trail allows an alternative Route to area that are Hand to access from other routes. Opens up a large mesa top with overlook access of canyon rim viewing. WSATVA has used this trail for access a long time. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): The accessibility of U666 trail to year round public use is great. Allows OHV riding access to spectacular views. Gives seasonal hunting and camping access. Allows spring turkey access and summer viewing opportunities. The availability of access of this trail open to all allows wildlife viewings and scenic riding. With hunting access it is a must keep open. The private property fence has access on BLM side also.

Commenter Name: Coulter, Dan

Organization: WSATVA

Submission Code: rmc0087

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): Ranching access for animals. Also hunting access and camping for remote areas not frequented by many. This gives access to scenic riding and an enviable experience. Has been open area for 40+ years. Why you like this trait(challenges you vehicle, close to home, wildlife, history characteristics views): This trail allows an alterative route to access that are hard to access from other routes. Opens up a large mesa top with overlook access of canyon Rim viewing. WSATVA has used this trail for access a long time. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): The accessibility of U666 trail to year round public use is great. Allows OHV riding access to spectacular views. Gives seasonal hunting and camping access. Allows spring turkey access and summer viewing opportunities. The availability of access of this trail open to all allows wildlife viewing and scenic riding. With hunting access it is a must keep open. The private property fence has access on BLM side also.

– Route: U68

– Segment: 13505

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14037

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14254

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14257

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14270

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14272

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14274

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: U68

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE U MAP U U111,U710, U720, CAMPING U717 U712 U723 U759 U197 U199 U664 U665 U662 U666 U671 U315 U234 U235 U676 U677 U681 U680 U685 U699 U691 U701 U13 U14 U11 U25 U18 U17 U23 U203 U27 U30 U28 U731 U423 U68 U50 U655 U54 U346 U77 U80 U95 U37 U96 U43 U38 U63 U380 U37 COUNTY U407 U583 U497 U520 U599 U605 U113 U135 U637 Routes are for hunting access

– Route: U680

– Segment: 13898

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13908

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to provide access to undeveloped campsites that exist along dead-end spur roads.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14003

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: U680

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0075

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone U should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes!!: 710, 720, 717, 715, 712,722,725, 75,197,199,664,662,665, 759, 666, 202, 671, 234, 235, 232, 315, 25, 17, 20, 27, 28, 30, 19, 15, 14, 11, 345, 703, 317, 701, 315, 676, 682, 681, 677, 680, 35, 170, 355, 294, 594, 645, 543, 472, 309, 110, 497, 387, 110, 423, 63, 95, 520, 637. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone!! routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE U MAP U U111,U710, U720, CAMPING U717 U712 U723 U759 U197 U199 U664 U665 U662 U666 U671 U315 U234 U235 U676 U677 U681 U680 U685 U699 U691 U701 U13 U14 U11 U25 U18 U17 U23 U203 U27 U30 U28 U731 U423 U68 U50 U655 U54 U346 U77 U80 U95 U37 U96 U43 U38 U63 U380 U37 COUNTY U407 U583 U497 U520 U599 U605 U113 U135 U637 Routes are for hunting access

Commenter Name: No Record

Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Recommended: Closed

Two-track road, dead ends in distant hills. No BLM route marker, no sign of past grading or maintenance. Could be closed and deleted from BLM map.

Commenter Name: Moores, Craig

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0169

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

The following is a partial list of roads, that should remain open and usable, that are listed for closure or restriction in the proposed RMP Alternative B, C and or D. U13, U14, U11, U699, U345, U701, U317, U701, U317, U680, U681, U682 U15, U17, U23, U20, U18, U666, U723, U725, U712, W221, W2, W225, W222, W218, W60, W27, W57, W51,

W33, W53, W176, W174, W118, W125, W126, W120, W192, W194, W195, W198, Q121, Q338, Q448, Q450, Q479, Q256, Q673, Q529, Q517, Q528, Q535, Q537, Q539, Q115, Q623, Q771, Q737, Q763, Q835

– Route: U681

– Segment: 13901

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: U681

Commenter Name: Chapel, Steve

Submission Code: rmc0013

Organization: Western Slope ATV Association

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

GRANITE CREEK AREA U666, U712, U710, U717, U685, U691, U699, U681, U723, U722, U712 All of these routes are currently providing hunting access. Most of have easy access which makes them available to the average person. Many of these also provide great view points for the recreational user as well as the hunter. This is a remote area and it serves no useful purpose to close routes that will never see enforcement due to the remoteness. In other words they will be used whether they are listed as closed or open.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0075

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone U should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes!!: 710, 720, 717, 715, 712, 722, 725,

75,197,199,664,662,665, 759, 666, 202, 671, 234, 235, 232, 315, 25, 17, 20, 27, 28, 30, 19, 15, 14, 11, 345, 703, 317, 701, 315, 676, 682, 681, 677, 680, 35, 170, 355, 294, 594, 645, 543, 472, 309, 110, 497, 387, 110, 423, 63, 95, 520, 637. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone!! routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE U MAP U U111,U710, U720, CAMPING U717 U712 U723 U759 U197 U199 U664 U665 U662 U666 U671 U315 U234 U235 U676 U677 U681 U680 U685 U699 U691 U701 U13 U14 U11 U25 U18 U17 U23 U203 U27 U30 U28 U731 U423 U68 U50 U655 U54 U346 U77 U80 U95 U37 U96 U43 U38 U63 U380 U37 COUNTY U407 U583 U497 U520 U599 U605 U113 U135 U637 Routes are for hunting access

Commenter Name: Moores, Craig

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0169

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

The following is a partial list of roads, that should remain open and usable, that are listed for closure or restriction in the proposed RMP Alternative B, C and or D. U13, U14, U11, U699, U345, U701, U317, U701, U317, U680, U681, U682 U15, U17, U23, U20, U18, U666, U723, U725, U712, W221, W2, W225, W222, W218, W60, W27, W57, W51, W33, W53, W176. W174, W118, W125, W126, W120, W192, W194, W195, W198, Q121, Q338, Q448, Q450, Q479, Q256, Q673, Q529, Q517, Q528, Q535, Q537, Q539, Q115, Q623, Q771, Q737, Q763, Q835

– Route: U685

– Segment: 14026

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A (Current):** Undesignated
- Alternative B (Preferred):** Closed
- Alternative C (Conservation):** Closed
- Alternative D (Development):** Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14044

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A (Current):** Undesignated
- Alternative B (Preferred):** Closed
- Alternative C (Conservation):** Closed
- Alternative D (Development):** Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14046

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14048

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in

areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.

- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14049

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)**Public Comments On Route: U685**

Commenter Name: Chapel, Steve
Submission Code: rmc0013

Organization: Western Slope ATV Association
Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

GRANITE CREEK AREA U666, U712, U710, U717, U685, U691, U699, U681,U723, U722, U712 All of these routes are currently providing hunting access. Most of have easy access which makes them available to the average person. Many of these also provide great view points for the recreational user as well as the hunter. This is a remote area and it serves no useful purpose to close routes that will never see enforcement due to the remoteness. In other words they will be used whether they are listed as closed or open.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas
Submission Code: emc0693

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers
Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE U MAP U U111,U710, U720, CAMPING U717 U712 U723 U759 U197 U199 U664 U665 U662 U666 U671 U315 U234 U235 U676 U677 U681 U680 U685 U699 U691 U701 U13 U14 U11 U25 U18 U17 U23 U203 U27 U30 U28 U731 U423 U68 U50 U655 U54 U346 U77 U80 U95 U37 U96 U43 U38 U63 U380 U37 COUNTY U407 U583 U497 U520 U599 U605 U113 U135 U637 Routes are for hunting access

Commenter Name: No Record
Submission Code: No Record

Organization: No Record
Reccomended: Closed

Route should be closed, blocked and deleted from BLM map. Invites destructive ATV hill climbing and has low scenic value. No BLM route marker and no signs of recent maintenance.

– Route: U69**– Segment: 14284****Designation** 

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14285

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14376

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14453

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: U69

Commenter Name: Hundtroft,
Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommened: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

The routes in the south western portion of Zone U are shown as Admin. In Alt B,D and closed in Alt C. These routes provide extraordinary scenery and a variety of OHV experiences, from graded county roads to challenging single track trails. The routes are remnants of mining roads constructed in the 1950s. They are well established and stable. The surfaces are mostly rock and primitive. The season of use is short due to the elevation and snow pack. Contacts with other people are rare. The area is sparsely vegetated and views of the cliffs and river valleys are amazing. Good food and drink is located at the bottom of John Brown Rd. My friends and I visit this area about twice a year. It is an important part of our social life.

Commenter Name: McClellan, Roz
Submission Code: emc0846

Organization: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative
Recommened: Closed

Zone U: Granite Creek Close Sheep Creek and road 4.02 to motorized recreational access to protect Granite Creek quiet natural values RMRI supports closures of U199-U664-U675-U662-U665-U671- U520-U544-U605-U599-U135-U110-U107-U382-U380-U379-U71-U37-U35-U36-U38-U47- U77-U80-U84-U731-U425-U69-U422-U56-U730.

– Route: U699

– Segment: 13487

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13489

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13494

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— **Segment: 14045**

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.

Tribes.

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14050

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
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- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14051

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14053

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route

- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14056

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14059

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: U699

Commenter Name: Chapel, Steve

Submission Code: rmc0013

Organization: Western Slope ATV Association

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

GRANITE CREEK AREA U666, U712, U710, U717, U685, U691, U699, U681,U723, U722, U712 All of these routes are currently providing hunting access. Most of have easy access which makes them available to the average person. Many of these also provide great view points for the recreational user as well as the hunter. This is a remote area and it serves no useful purpose to close routes that will never see enforcement due to the remoteness. In other words they will be used whether they are listed as closed or open.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Submission Code: emc0693

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE U MAP U U111,U710, U720, CAMPING U717 U712 U723 U759 U197 U199 U664 U665 U662 U666 U671 U315 U234 U235 U676 U677 U681 U680 U685 U699 U691 U701 U13 U14 U11 U25 U18 U17 U23 U203 U27 U30 U28 U731 U423 U68 U50 U655 U54 U346 U77 U80 U95 U37 U96 U43 U38 U63 U380 U37 COUNTY U407 U583

U497 U520 U599 U605 U113 U135 U637 Routes are for hunting access

Commenter Name: Moores, Craig

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0169

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

The following is a partial list of roads, that should remain open and usable, that are listed for closure or restriction in the proposed RMP Alternative B, C and or D. U13, U14, U11, U699, U345, U701, U317, U701, U317, U680, U681, U682 U15, U17, U23, U20, U18, U666, U723, U725, U712, W221, W2, W225, W222, W218, W60, W27, W57, W51, W33, W53, W176. W174, W118, W125, W126, W120, W192, W194, W195, W198, Q121, Q338, Q448, Q450, Q479, Q256, Q673, Q529, Q517, Q528, Q535, Q537, Q539, Q115, Q623, Q771, Q737, Q763, Q835

– Route: U701

– Segment: 14087

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Wilderness Natural Area:** 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-highway vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class I
- Special Designation WSA
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to preserve the visual character of the existing landscape, limit or reduce the number of routes in areas managed as VRM Class I
- Designation was considered when protecting Wilderness Study Areas values.
- Designation was considered to reduce impairment of wilderness characteristics in areas managed for wilderness characteristics.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 14075

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Wilderness Natural Area:** 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-highway vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class I
- Special Designation WSA
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to preserve the visual character of the existing landscape, limit or reduce the number of routes in areas managed as VRM Class I
- Designation was considered when protecting Wilderness Study Areas values.
- Designation was considered to reduce impairment of wilderness characteristics in areas managed for wilderness characteristics.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 14076

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Wilderness Natural Area:** 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-highway vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class I
- Special Designation WSA
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to preserve the visual character of the existing landscape, limit or reduce the number of routes in areas managed as VRM Class I
- Designation was considered when protecting Wilderness Study Areas values.
- Designation was considered to reduce impairment of wilderness characteristics in areas managed for wilderness characteristics.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: U701

Commenter Name: Weber, Patricia

Submission Code: emc0459

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

U701, 317, 703, 345, 11, 13, 14, 417, 15, 19, 20, 17, 18, 23, 25, 27, 343, 28, 30: I object to the closure of all these limited side roads into the Palisade WSA. Closure of these roads would effectively eliminate all access to the WSA. I also object to greatly expanding the area of the Palisade WSA. This area already has limited access by the public. Closing these roads will shut out public access to a large swath of area.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0075

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone U should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes!!: 710, 720, 717, 715, 712,722,725, 75,197,199,664,662,665, 759, 666, 202, 671, 234, 235, 232, 315, 25, 17, 20, 27, 28, 30, 19, 15, 14, 11, 345, 703, 317, 701, 315, 676, 682, 681, 677, 680, 35, 170, 355, 294, 594, 645, 543, 472, 309, 110, 497, 387, 110, 423, 63, 95, 520, 637. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone!! routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas**Organization:** Bookcliff Rattlers**Submission Code:** emc0693**Recommended:** Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE U MAP U U111,U710, U720, CAMPING U717 U712 U723 U759 U197 U199 U664 U665 U662 U666 U671
 U315 U234 U235 U676 U677 U681 U680 U685 U699 U691 U701 U13 U14 U11 U25 U18 U17 U23 U203 U27 U30
 U28 U731 U423 U68 U50 U655 U54 U346 U77 U80 U95 U37 U96 U43 U38 U63 U380 U37 COUNTY U407 U583
 U497 U520 U599 U605 U113 U135 U637 Routes are for hunting access

Commenter Name: No Record**Organization:** No Record**Submission Code:** No Record**Recommended:** Closed

Working on sign is confusing re: WSA. It's a dead end road and should be closed- goes nowhere and invites
 destructive ATV use overland.

Commenter Name: Moores, Craig**Organization:****Submission Code:** cfc0169**Recommended:** Open (All modes of travel)

The following is a partial list of roads, that should remain open and usable, that are listed for closure or restriction
 in the proposed RMP Alternative B, C and or D. U13, U14, U11, U699, U345, U701, U317, U701, U317, U680, U681,
 U682 U15, U17, U23, U20, U18, U666, U723, U725, U712, W221, W2, W225, W222, W218, W60, W27, W57, W51,
 W33, W53, W176. W174, W118, W125, W126, W120, W192, W194, W195, W198, Q121, Q338, Q448, Q450, Q479,
 Q256, Q673, Q529, Q517, Q528, Q535, Q537, Q539, Q115, Q623, Q771, Q737, Q763, Q835

– Route: U704

– Segment: 14124

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed**Seasonal Limitations:** None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental

concern.

- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: U704

No public comments for this Route

– Route: U705

– Segment: 14119

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

– Segment: 14128

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to provide access to undeveloped campsites that exist along dead-end spur roads.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14129

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II

- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: U705

No public comments for this Route

– Route: U706

– Segment: 14132

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates

in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: U706

No public comments for this Route

– Route: U710

– Segment: 13615

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13622

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: U710

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0075

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone U should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes!!: 710, 720, 717, 715, 712,722,725, 75,197,199,664,662,665, 759, 666, 202, 671, 234, 235, 232, 315, 25, 17, 20, 27, 28, 30, 19, 15, 14, 11, 345, 703, 317, 701, 315, 676, 682, 681, 677, 680, 35, 170, 355, 294, 594, 645, 543, 472, 309, 110, 497, 387, 110, 423, 63, 95, 520, 637. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone!! routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

Commenter Name: Chapel, Steve

Submission Code: rmc0013

Organization: Western Slope ATV Association

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

GRANITE CREEK AREA U666, U712, U710, U717, U685, U691, U699, U681,U723, U722, U712 All of these routes

are currently providing hunting access. Most of these have easy access which makes them available to the average person. Many of these also provide great view points for the recreational user as well as the hunter. This is a remote area and it serves no useful purpose to close routes that will never see enforcement due to the remoteness. In other words they will be used whether they are listed as closed or open.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE U MAP U U111,U710, U720, CAMPING U717 U712 U723 U759 U197 U199 U664 U665 U662 U666 U671 U315 U234 U235 U676 U677 U681 U680 U685 U699 U691 U701 U13 U14 U11 U25 U18 U17 U23 U203 U27 U30 U28 U731 U423 U68 U50 U655 U54 U346 U77 U80 U95 U37 U96 U43 U38 U63 U380 U37 COUNTY U407 U583 U497 U520 U599 U605 U113 U135 U637 Routes are for hunting access

– Route: U717

– Segment: 13627

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Potential cultural mitigation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: U717

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0075

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone U should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes!!: 710, 720, 717, 715, 712,722,725, 75,197,199,664,662,665, 759, 666, 202, 671, 234, 235, 232, 315, 25, 17, 20, 27, 28, 30, 19, 15, 14, 11, 345, 703, 317, 701, 315, 676, 682, 681, 677, 680, 35, 170, 355, 294, 594, 645, 543, 472, 309, 110, 497, 387, 110, 423, 63, 95, 520, 637. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone!! routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

Commenter Name: Chapel, Steve

Organization: Western Slope ATV Association

Submission Code: rmc0013

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

GRANITE CREEK AREA U666, U712, U710, U717, U685, U691, U699, U681,U723, U722, U712 All of these routes are currently providing hunting access. Most of have easy access which makes them available to the average person. Many of these also provide great view points for the recreational user as well as the hunter. This is a remote area and it serves no useful purpose to close routes that will never see enforcement due to the remoteness. In other words they will be used whether they are listed as closed or open.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE U MAP U U111,U710, U720, CAMPING U717 U712 U723 U759 U197 U199 U664 U665 U662 U666 U671 U315 U234 U235 U676 U677 U681 U680 U685 U699 U691 U701 U13 U14 U11 U25 U18 U17 U23 U203 U27 U30 U28 U731 U423 U68 U50 U655 U54 U346 U77 U80 U95 U37 U96 U43 U38 U63 U380 U37 COUNTY U407 U583 U497 U520 U599 U605 U113 U135 U637 Routes are for hunting access

– Route: U72

– Segment: 14224

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Stream Crossing
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14230

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14235

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: U72

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Submission Code: emc0728

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): U110, U181, U32, U37, U35, U44, U423, U72, U730, U731, U425, U655, U61, U63, U170, U177
 Trail Name: John Brown Canyon to Dolores Point, South Beaver Mesa Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): These roads make up interesting and scenic side routes to explore from John Brown Canyon Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): My family enjoys exploring this area in our 4WD vehicle. I enjoy photographing the scenic vistas. Theres nothing like being parked out on some of these points, sitting on the tailgate, enjoying a picnic lunch, and admiring the views. Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): I enjoy the views from these trails. The scenery in the area surrounding Gateway is fantastic, especially when you can drive to the edge of the mesas and look down into the canyons that feed the Dolores River and see the Dolores River Valley itself. In areas like this one, the little spur routes that go out to the edge and to the high points are essential to the experience. I think its part of human nature to want to get close to the edge and look down at whats there and to climb to the highest points for the best view. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): These routes give me the chance to get out and explore with my family. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): The BLM should leave these routes open to fullwidth motorized vehicles.

– Route: U720

– Segment: 13652

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: U720

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0075

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone U should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes!!: 710, 720, 717, 715, 712,722,725, 75,197,199,664,662,665, 759, 666, 202, 671, 234, 235, 232, 315, 25, 17, 20, 27, 28, 30, 19, 15, 14, 11, 345, 703, 317, 701, 315, 676, 682, 681, 677, 680, 35, 170, 355, 294, 594, 645, 543, 472, 309, 110, 497, 387, 110, 423, 63, 95, 520, 637. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone!! routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Submission Code: emc0693

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE U MAP U U111,U710, U720, CAMPING U717 U712 U723 U759 U197 U199 U664 U665 U662 U666 U671 U315 U234 U235 U676 U677 U681 U680 U685 U699 U691 U701 U13 U14 U11 U25 U18 U17 U23 U203 U27 U30 U28 U731 U423 U68 U50 U655 U54 U346 U77 U80 U95 U37 U96 U43 U38 U63 U380 U37 COUNTY U407 U583 U497 U520 U599 U605 U113 U135 U637 Routes are for hunting access

– Route: U722

– Segment: 13726

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

– Segment: 13728

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III

- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

— Segment: 13750

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Public Comments On Route: U722

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0075

Organization:

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone U should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes!/: 710, 720, 717, 715, 712,722,725, 75,197,199,664,662,665, 759, 666, 202, 671, 234, 235, 232, 315, 25, 17, 20, 27, 28, 30, 19, 15, 14, 11, 345, 703, 317, 701, 315, 676, 682, 681, 677, 680, 35, 170, 355, 294, 594, 645, 543, 472, 309, 110, 497, 387, 110, 423, 63, 95, 520,

637. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWS) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone!! routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

Commenter Name: Chapel, Steve
Submission Code: rmc0013

Organization: Western Slope ATV Association
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

GRANITE CREEK AREA U666, U712, U710, U717, U685, U691, U699, U681,U723, U722, U712 All of these routes are currently providing hunting access. Most of have easy access which makes them available to the average person. Many of these also provide great view points for the recreational user as well as the hunter. This is a remote area and it serves no useful purpose to close routes that will never see enforcement due to the remoteness. In other words they will be used whether they are listed as closed or open.

– Route: U77

– Segment: 14424

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: U77

Commenter Name: McClellan, Roz
Submission Code: emc0846

Organization: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative
Recommended: Closed

Zone U: Granite Creek Close Sheep Creek and road 4.02 to motorized recreational access to protect Granite Creek quiet natural values RMRI supports closures of U199-U664-U675-U662-U665-U671- U520-U544-U605-U599-

U135-U110-U107-U382-U380-U379-U71-U37-U35-U36-U38-U47- U77-U80-U84-U731-U425-U69-U422-U56-U730.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE U MAP U U111,U710, U720, CAMPING U717 U712 U723 U759 U197 U199 U664 U665 U662 U666 U671 U315 U234 U235 U676 U677 U681 U680 U685 U699 U691 U701 U13 U14 U11 U25 U18 U17 U23 U203 U27 U30 U28 U731 U423 U68 U50 U655 U54 U346 U77 U80 U95 U37 U96 U43 U38 U63 U380 U37 COUNTY U407 U583 U497 U520 U599 U605 U113 U135 U637 Routes are for hunting access

– Route: U80

– Segment: 14482

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14507

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: U80

Commenter Name: McClellan, Roz

Submission Code: emc0846

Organization: Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative

Recommened: Closed

Zone U: Granite Creek Close Sheep Creek and road 4.02 to motorized recreational access to protect Granite Creek quiet natural values RMRI supports closures of U199-U664-U675-U662-U665-U671- U520-U544-U605-U599-U135-U110-U107-U382-U380-U379-U71-U37-U35-U36-U38-U47- U77-U80-U84-U731-U425-U69-U422-U56-U730.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Submission Code: emc0693

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE U MAP U U111,U710, U720, CAMPING U717 U712 U723 U759 U197 U199 U664 U665 U662 U666 U671 U315 U234 U235 U676 U677 U681 U680 U685 U699 U691 U701 U13 U14 U11 U25 U18 U17 U23 U203 U27 U30 U28 U731 U423 U68 U50 U655 U54 U346 U77 U80 U95 U37 U96 U43 U38 U63 U380 U37 COUNTY U407 U583 U497 U520 U599 U605 U113 U135 U637 Routes are for hunting access

– Route: U9

– Segment: 14137

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Harden campsite, define access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide and protect recreation related opportunities.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to provide access to undeveloped campsites that exist along dead-end spur roads.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

– Segment: 14150

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Harden campsite, define access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Special Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite
- Soils Fragile soils
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with fragile soils.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: U9

Commenter Name: No Record

Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Develop trails and parking away from the river bank. Close all but a few access points to the river. There are already many. This is beautiful stretch of river I first visited in the mid 90s. Being a bird watcher and naturalist I recommend no trails motor

– Route: U95

– Segment: 14532

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: U95

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0075

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone U should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes!!: 710, 720, 717, 715, 712,722,725, 75,197,199,664,662,665, 759, 666, 202, 671, 234, 235, 232, 315, 25, 17, 20, 27, 28, 30, 19, 15, 14, 11, 345, 703, 317, 701, 315, 676, 682, 681, 677, 680, 35, 170, 355, 294, 594, 645, 543, 472, 309, 110, 497, 387, 110, 423, 63, 95, 520, 637. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWS) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone!! routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Submission Code: emc0693

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE U MAP U U111,U710, U720, CAMPING U717 U712 U723 U759 U197 U199 U664 U665 U662 U666 U671 U315 U234 U235 U676 U677 U681 U680 U685 U699 U691 U701 U13 U14 U11 U25 U18 U17 U23 U203 U27 U30 U28 U731 U423 U68 U50 U655 U54 U346 U77 U80 U95 U37 U96 U43 U38 U63 U380 U37 COUNTY U407 U583 U497 U520 U599 U605 U113 U135 U637 Routes are for hunting access

– Route: U96

– Segment: 14358

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 14539

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in

areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: U96

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE U MAP U U111,U710, U720, CAMPING U717 U712 U723 U759 U197 U199 U664 U665 U662 U666 U671 U315 U234 U235 U676 U677 U681 U680 U685 U699 U691 U701 U13 U14 U11 U25 U18 U17 U23 U203 U27 U30 U28 U731 U423 U68 U50 U655 U54 U346 U77 U80 U95 U37 U96 U43 U38 U63 U380 U37 COUNTY U407 U583 U497 U520 U599 U605 U113 U135 U637 Routes are for hunting access

– Route: V1007

– Segment: 21005

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

— Segment: 21030

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

— Segment: 21035

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

— Segment: 21091

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates

in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

— Segment: 21303

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

— Segment: 21329

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Public Comments On Route: V1007

Commenter Name: Winans, Scott

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0868

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Recommend non-motorized (including mountain bike) use be allowed on V1007 and V1067 the portion of trail following Blue Creek above the ranch to make a loop. V1007 is an amazing mountain bike ride with incredible trees growing out of the canyon and the tops ending right near the trail. This is part of a non--motorized (including mountain bike) trail that extends from Mesa Creek to Indian Creek allowing a rare quiet experience Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged.

Commenter Name: Winans, Scott

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0868

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Recommend non-motorized (including mountain bike) use on V822 (from Blue Creek ranch), V1421, V1107, V1109 and trail connecting to county road above Mesa Creek. This would allow a good loop opportunity using V1007 and V1067 to return to Blue Creek ranch. The entire length of V822 could be added to this area for a shorter loop option.

Commenter Name: Monholland, Landon

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0922

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

I would like mountain bikes to be allowed on V592. This trail provides for a "quiet experience" in the midst of a mostly motorized area. I would like mountain bikes to be allowed to use V1007 and V1067 and the portion of trail following Blue Creek above the ranch to make a loop. V1007 is an amazing mountain bike ride with incredible trees growing out of the canyon and the tops ending right near the trail. This is part of a non--motorized trail that extends from Mesa Creek to Indian Creek allowing a rare quiet experience. I would like mountain bikes to be allowed to use V803 allowing access to non-motorized trails on Forest Lands. This trail would allow non-motorized access to the Divide Road which is a connection to other mountain bike trails in the area. I would like mountain bikes to be allowed to use the complete length of V930 allowing access to non-motorized trails on Forest Lands. I would like mountain bike access on V2810 and V2811 to remain open. The remote nature, solitude provided and interesting band of smooth rock makes this area a favorite. Also allowing use of V2820 an un-inventoried route

following the mid level of cliff band would make a desirable loop with V2810 and V2811. I would like mountain bikes be able to use the trail connecting Maverick Canyon and V2626. I would like mountain bike access on V822 (from Blue Creek ranch), V1421, V1107, V1109 and trail connecting to county road above Mesa Creek. This would allow a good loop opportunity using V1007 and V1067 to return to Blue Creek ranch. The entire length of V822 could be added to this area for a shorter loop option. I would like mountain bike access on V1151. Although a dead end, it would provide a great easier beginner/kid ride option especially attractive here due to several popular camping spots in the near vicinity. The quiet use, creek crossing (always fun), water availability for pets and the all downhill return would be very attractive for a family ride or a shorter evening ride from camp. I would like mountain bike access on V3062 extending down Maverick Canyon. Although a dead end, it provides a spectacular view and would be a good mellow family ride due to the lack of elevation change, solitude and quiet use of the trail. With a short hike, a glimpse of Juanita Arch can be had if one knows where to look.

Commenter Name: Monholland, Landon

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0922

Reccomended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

I would like mountain bikes to be allowed on V592. This trail provides for a "quiet experience" in the midst of a mostly motorized area. I would like mountain bikes to be allowed to use V1007 and V1067 and the portion of trail following Blue Creek above the ranch to make a loop. V1007 is an amazing mountain bike ride with incredible trees growing out of the canyon and the tops ending right near the trail. This is part of a non--motorized trail that extends from Mesa Creek to Indian Creek allowing a rare quiet experience. I would like mountain bikes to be allowed to use V803 allowing access to non-motorized trails on Forest Lands. This trail would allow non-motorized access to the Divide Road which is a connection to other mountain bike trails in the area. I would like mountain bikes to be allowed to use the complete length of V930 allowing access to non-motorized trails on Forest Lands. I would like mountain bike access on V2810 and V2811 to remain open. The remote nature, solitude provided and interesting band of smooth rock makes this area a favorite. Also allowing use of V2820 an un-inventoried route following the mid level of cliff band would make a desirable loop with V2810 and V2811. I would like mountain bikes be able to use the trail connecting Maverick Canyon and V2626. I would like mountain bike access on V822 (from Blue Creek ranch), V1421, V1107, V1109 and trail connecting to county road above Mesa Creek. This would allow a good loop opportunity using V1007 and V1067 to return to Blue Creek ranch. The entire length of V822 could be added to this area for a shorter loop option. I would like mountain bike access on V1151. Although a dead end, it would provide a great easier beginner/kid ride option especially attractive here due to several popular camping spots in the near vicinity. The quiet use, creek crossing (always fun), water availability for pets and the "all downhill" return would be very attractive for a family ride or a shorter evening ride from camp. I would like mountain bike access on V3062 extending down Maverick Canyon. Although a dead end, it provides a spectacular view and would be a good mellow family ride due to the lack of elevation change, solitude and quiet use of the trail. With a short hike, a glimpse of Juanita Arch can be had if one knows where to look.

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: emc0728

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): (V813, V1010, V1007) (V3266, V3263, V3277, V3282) (V3266, V1471, V1470) Trail Name: Blue Mesa Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): The road numbers in () form somewhat of a route. Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This is an area my family likes to explore in a combined group of ATVs and UTVs. Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): I like that this area has a more remote feeling and offers many miles of trails and loop opportunities. I enjoy many of the little spurs that take off from the loops and go out to the scenic overlooks. The two track roads make for a good place to go with an ATV/UTV group. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): This makes for a fun ride with the family in a more primitive setting. Its a place to get away from the more crowded riding areas closer to Grand Junction. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): Keep these roads open to all motorized users.

Commenter Name: Cox, Kris

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

Submission Code: emc0788

Reccomended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Zone V Recommend non-motorized (including mountain bikes) use be allowed on V2691 and 1939 Pickett trail. Mountain bike users have been maintaining and using this trail for at least 2 decades. Due to the terrain, motorized

use is NOT RECOMMENDED as it will require excessive costs and labor to maintain trail to safe standards. Recommend non-motorized travel be allowed on V592. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by the trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged. This trail provides for a "quiet experience" in the midst of a predominately motorized area. Recommend non-motorized (including mountain bike) use be allowed on V1007 and V1067 the portion of trail following Blue Creek above the ranch to make a loop. V1007 is an amazing ountain bike ride with incredible trees growing out of the canyon and the tops ending right near the trail. This is part of a non motorized (including mountain bike) trail that extends from Mesa Creek to Indian Creek allowing a rare quiet experience Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged.

Commenter Name: Shepherd, Janice

Organization: The Quiet Trails Group

Submission Code: emc0835

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Specifically regarding the Blue Creek Trail Complex outside the Maverick LWC (V930, V1067, V1011, V803, V1007), we support the plan as laid out in Alternative D outside the LWC.

Commenter Name: Bertolacci, Jason

Organization: International Mountain Bicycling Association

Submission Code: emc0912

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Mountain bicyclist would greatly benefit by the allowance of future development west of the Gateway Canyons resort to include trails downstream on the Dolores River paralleling the road, upstream on West Creek to join the Picket Trail and upstream across the Dolores river and up on the near bench. The trail system currently has fewer miles than most areas that are attractive to mountain bike users. The comments below reflect a need for non-motorized trails that are still open to all quiet uses. There are several large areas designated as off limits to mountain bikes (The Palisade WSA, Sewemup Mesa Wilderness and others) that provide other quiet users (hikers, horseback) with opportunities for experiences without mountain bikes present. Preserving mountain bike access to the remaining backcountry singletrack trails is very important for future generations. Zone U Recommend U75 and U666 (near Granite Creek) be open to non-motorized use. Recommend U27 and U28 (off Hwy 141 near The Narrows) be left open for dispersed camping opportunities due to lack of these opportunities in the area. Zone V Recommend non-motorized use be allowed on V2691 and 1939 Pickett trail. Mountain bicyclists have been maintaining and using this trail for at least two decades. Due to the terrain, motorized use is NOT RECOMMENDED as it will require excessive costs and labor to maintain trail to safe standards. FOREST SERVICE: Recommend non-motorized use be allowed on Lower Ute/Birch Creek trail (no number on map) due to the encouragement of local Forest Service District for mountain bike use to occur on upper portion of trail that crosses Forest Lands. Maintenance and use by mountain bikes has been occurring on this trail for the last 2 decades. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged. Recommend non-motorized travel be allowed on V592. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged. This trail provides for a "quiet experience" in the midst of a predominantly motorized area. Recommend non-motorized use be allowed on V1007 and V1067 the portion of trail following Blue Creek above the ranch to make a loop. V1007 is an amazing mountain bike ride with incredible trees growing out of the canyon and the tops ending right near the trail. This is part of a non-motorized trail that extends from Mesa Creek to Indian Creek allowing a rare quiet experience Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged. Recommend non-motorized use on V803 allowing access to non-motorized trails on Forest Lands. This trail would allow non-motorized access to the Divide Road which is connection to ther highly desirable mountain bike opportunities. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged. Recommend non-motorized use on the complete length of V930 allowing access to non-motorized trails on Forest Lands. There is also a need to add existing trail (has been submitted previously) into inventory extending from the end of V930 at Forest Boundary north to allow access to non-motorized trails on Forest Lands. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged. This is part of a non-motorized trail that extends from Mesa Creek to Indian Creek allowing a rare quiet experience. Formal trail designation for any use is not recommended for trail following Blue Creek from the Blue Creek ranch downstream to the Dolores river due to trail access at private property, damage to cultural resources and high cost of trail maintenance. Recommend V2810 and V2811 remain open to non-motorized us. The remote nature, solitude provided and interesting band of smooth rock offers a unique and important mountain bike experience. Also allowing use of V2820 and uninventoried route (previously submitted) following the midlevel of cliff band would make a VERY desirable loop with V2810 and V2811. This loop would

require a 60 foot section of difficult trail which is not horse or motorized use friendly. There is mining and homestead remains along the trail that would be of great historic interest. Recommend non-motorized use on trail connecting Maverick Canyon and V2626. Recommend non-motorized use on V822 (from Blue Creek ranch), V1421, V1107, V1109 and trail connecting to county road above Mesa Creek. This would allow a good loop opportunity using V1007 and V1067 to return to Blue Creek ranch. The entire length of V822 could be added to this area for a shorter loop option. Recommend non-motorized use on V1151. Although a dead end, it would provide a great easier beginner/kid ride option especially attractive here due to several popular camping spots in the near vicinity. The water availability for pets and the "all downhill" return would be very attractive for a family ride or a shorter evening ride from camp. Recommend non-motorized use on V3062 extending down Maverick Canyon. Although a dead end, it provides a spectacular view and would be a good mellow family ride due to the lack of elevation change, solitude and quiet use of the trail. With a short hike, a glimpse of Juanita Arch adds to the experience. We would really like to see V567 administrative road and then remaining V567 trail into Calamity Canyon open to non-motorized use as depicted in Alternative D. It is an old road down the hill and then follows the drainage to the private property boundary. There is then an uninventoried trail leading up the slope to the east then connecting with road V923 then V922 on a higher bench. This area is perfect to find solitude and ride a single track trail. Zone W Recommend W103 and W217 be left open to at least non-motorized use as it will be the only public access to the small parcel of Forest land. The climb on a mountain bike is very rewarding, the view from the top is magnificent and usually solitude can be found here. Even though it is an out and back, this ride is very rewarding for a seasoned mountain bike user. Allowing only non-motorized use on W213, W214 and W218 would definitely add to the experience of these desired trail options for the mountain bike user. The addition of a new trail from the end of W218 connecting with W213 or W214 would really increase the value of the area for mountain bike use. This would create a different return or approach route for the BIG climb up W103. Recommend leaving routes W49, W78, W112, W89, W127, W190, W194, W195 (even if deemed administrative) open to non-motorized use for the exploration and solitude this area is known for.

Commenter Name: Jespersion, Soren

Organization: The Wilderness Society

Submission Code: emc0917

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

These recommendations are particularly salient as they relate to the Maverick Canyon LWC unit and the corridor along the Byway and the Dolores River. While we believe the wilderness qualities of Maverick Canyon should be preserved - via an LWC designation and a predominantly Closed Travel Area Designation - we do feel that minimal mountain bike use and low-impact trail use in the lower (northern) end of the unit would may be consistent with LWC management and so should be accommodated via a Limited to Designated Routes for Horse, Foot and Mechanized (Closed to Motorized) Travel Area Designation. Route Specific Travel Designations: We support the route-specific travel designations from Alternative B with the following exceptions: - V 1939, V 2691: Given the historical legacy of The Pickett Trail we would like to see these routes designated for Foot & Horse travel as included in Alternative C. Travel management decisions should thoughtfully consider the following information. O This historic trail, developed by a mule train, is additionally significant as the only defined singletrack hiking/equestrian trail in the region directly connects the regions low country to the mesa tops above. The soil is often loose and the trail steep. It is a challenging and rewarding historic hike through the wilderness. This trail should be clearly marked at the intersection of 1939 and 6.3 rd and again from the top as 2691 begins its descent. Markers should include specific information about travel restrictions. An interpretive kiosk at the mouth of Wright Draw should include information about the trails historic relevance. V 930, V 1067, V 1011, V 803, V 1007: As there are limited opportunities to mountain bike on routes which are closed to motorized use, we support the recommendation, as included in Alternative D, that these routes be designated for Foot, Horse and Bike. This being said, we do ask that travel along the lower section of Blue Creek, west of the private property and within the Maverick LWC, be designated for Horse and Foot as outlined in Alternative B. This is particularly important given the cultural resources located here and the need to keep the number of visitors low.

Commenter Name: Cox, Kris

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

Submission Code: emc0788

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Zone V Recommend non-motorized (including mountain bike) use on V803 allowing access to non-motorized trails on Forest Lands. This trail would allow non-motorized (including mountain bike) access to the Divide Road which is connection to other highly desirable mountain bike opportunities. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged. Recommend non-motorized (including mountain bike) use on the complete length of V930 allowing access to non-motorized trails on Forest Lands. Also

need to add existing trail (has been submitted previously) into inventory extending from the end of V930 at Forest Boundary north to allow access to non-motorized trails on Forest Lands. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged. This is part of a non-motorized (including mountain bike) trail that extends from Mesa Creek to Indian Creek allowing a rare quiet experience. Formal trail designation for any use is not recommended for trail following Blue Creek from the Blue Creek ranch downstream to the Dolores river due to trail access at private property, damage to cultural resources and high cost of trail maintenance. Recommend non-motorized (including mountain bike) use on trail connecting Maverick Canyon and V2626. Recommend non-motorized (including mountain bike) use on V822 (from Blue Creek ranch), V1421, V1107, V1109 and trail connecting to county road above Mesa Creek. This would allow a good loop opportunity using V1007 and V1067 to return to Blue Creek ranch. The entire length of V822 could be added to this area for a shorter loop option. Recommend non-motorized (including mountain bike) use on V1151. Although a dead end, it would provide a great easier beginner/kid ride option especially attractive here due to several popular camping spots in the near vicinity. The quiet use, creek crossing (always fun), water availability for pets and the all downhill return would be very attractive for a family ride or a shorter evening ride from camp. Recommend non-motorized (including mountain bike) use on V3062 extending down Maverick Canyon. Although a dead end, it provides a spectacular view and would be a good mellow family ride due to the lack of elevation change, solitude and quiet use of the trail. With a short hike, a glimpse of Juanita Arch can be had if one knows where to look. Would really like to see V567 administrative road and then remaining V567 trail into Calamity Canyon open to non-motorized (including mountain bikes) use as depicted in Alternative D. It is an old road down the hill and then follows the drainage to the private property boundary. There is then an uninventoried trail leading up the slope to the east then connecting with road V923 then V922 on a higher bench. This area is perfect to explore old mining ruins, find solitude and ride a single track trail.

– Route: V1011

– Segment: 21017

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A (Current):** Undesignated
- Alternative B (Preferred):** Admin/Permitted Use Only
- Alternative C (Conservation):** Closed
- Alternative D (Development):** Foot/Horse/Mechanized

— Segment: 21021

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

- Alternative A (Current):** Undesignated
- Alternative B (Preferred):** Admin/Permitted Use Only
- Alternative C (Conservation):** Closed
- Alternative D (Development):** Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Public Comments On Route: V1011

Commenter Name: Shepherd, Janice
Submission Code: emc0835

Organization: The Quiet Trails Group
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Specifically regarding the Blue Creek Trail Complex outside the Maverick LWC (V930, V1067, V1011, V803, V1007), we support the plan as laid out in Alternative D outside the LWC.

Commenter Name: Jespersion, Soren
Submission Code: emc0917

Organization: The Wilderness Society
Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

These recommendations are particularly salient as they relate to the Maverick Canyon LWC unit and the corridor

along the Byway and the Dolores River. While we believe the wilderness qualities of Maverick Canyon should be preserved - via an LWC designation and a predominantly Closed Travel Area Designation - we do feel that minimal mountain bike use and low-impact trail use in the lower (northern) end of the unit would may be consistent with LWC management and so should be accommodated via a Limited to Designated Routes for Horse, Foot and Mechanized (Closed to Motorized) Travel Area Designation. Route Specific Travel Designations: We support the route-specific travel designations from Alternative B with the following exceptions: - V 1939, V 2691: Given the historical legacy of The Pickett Trail we would like to see these routes designated for Foot & Horse travel as included in Alternative C. Travel management decisions should thoughtfully consider the following information. O This historic trail, developed by a mule train, is additionally significant as the only defined singletrack hiking/equestrian trail in the region directly connects the regions low country to the mesa tops above. The soil is often loose and the trail steep. It is a challenging and rewarding historic hike through the wilderness. This trail should be clearly marked at the intersection of 1939 and 6.3 rd and again from the top as 2691 begins its descent. Markers should include specific information about travel restrictions. An interpretive kiosk at the mouth of Wright Draw should include information about the trails historic relevance. V 930, V 1067, V 1011, V 803, V 1007: As there are limited opportunities to mountain bike on routes which are closed to motorized use, we support the recommendation, as included in Alternative D, that these routes be designated for Foot, Horse and Bike. This being said, we do ask that travel along the lower section of Blue Creek, west of the private property and within the Maverick LWC, be designated for Horse and Foot as outlined in Alternative B. This is particularly important given the cultural resources located here and the need to keep the number of visitors low.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Zone V routes are shown essentially closed to all public access in all of the action alternatives. This is a shame. The opportunities for touring, exploring, adventure at cliff top elevation is unmatched in the western United States. The loss of this remote and hard to access adventure Would be heartbreaking. The routes are rugged remains of mining roads constructed in the 1950s (pre FLPMA). Most routes have a stable solid rock surface, grades are mild once on top of the mesas. The exploring, views and history are unmatched. Gateway (zone V) is a treasure. The area has been used by outfitters and tour guides under permit. Gateway has a short season of use due to the two access roads being steep and snow bound about 6 months a year. We have rarely met other people while visiting Gateway. User numbers are very low except for during big game hunting season. The loss of hunter access would be significant. Gateway is a unique beautiful and exciting location. It would be a disaster to me and my friends to lose legal access. The notion of implementing any of the action alternatives by BLM in Zone V is unrealistic. A cooperative agreement with an OHV nonprofit organization to jointly develop, manage Zone V travel plan and implementation is a more practical approach. This would necessitate a trail plan that is more visitor friendly than the proposed action alternatives in order to get support from a nonprofit. This more visitor friendly plan could be cooperatively developed with the OHV nonprofit.

– Route: V1061

– Segment: 20927

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 20917

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
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- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
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Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 20919

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 20870

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route

Special Designation VRM Class III

- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 20544

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 20914

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 20921

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: V1061

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: emc0667

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): (V507, V509) (V108, V88) (V490, V491, V493, V495, V494, V500, V502, V495, V499, V497) (V772, V602, V775, V600, V596, V113, V112, V116, V622, V622, V128, V127, V126, V121) (V621, V795, V922, V928) V86, V1061, V621, V600, V127, V126, V130, V108, V490, V472, V475 Trail Name: Outlaw Mesa Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): Numbers within () are somewhat of a route. This area offers a primitive backcountry experience with a variety of rocky and off-camber terrain. Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This is a great area to explore both in my jeep and in my UTV. Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): I like that this area contains a variety of routes and spurs to explore the backcountry. I like that the numerous two track roads allow me to follow my husbands ATV in my UTV. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): This trail gives me an enjoyable experience in exploring the backcountry with other motorized users, both ATV width and full-width. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): V604, V619, V620 are spur routes off the more main V621 route that offer scenic viewpoints of Calamity Creek. They are not just meaningless dead-end roads that dont go anywhere. I would like to see these remain open to all vehicles. I would like to see all the roads on Outlaw Mesa remain open to all motorized and non-motorized users. I see no reason to redesignate the existing two-track roads as ATVwidth only. Taking a jeep-width trail and redesignating it as ATV-width does nothing to enhance the ATV experience and the BLM gives no justification for this redesignation. The area, as it is now, supports a wide variety of users without user conflict. It offers users a chance to get farther from civilization and the many routes allow for less contact with other users.

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: emc0667

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): (V507, V509) (V108, V88) (V490, V491, V493, V495, V494, V500, V502, V495, V499, V497) (V772, V602, V775, V600, V596, V113, V112, V116, V622, V622, V128, V127, V126, V121) (V621, V795, V922, V928) V86, V1061, V621, V600, V127, V126, V130, V108, V490, V472, V475 Trail Name: Outlaw Mesa Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): Numbers within () are somewhat of a route. This area offers a primitive backcountry experience with a variety of rocky and off-camber terrain.

– Route: V1067**– Segment: 21317****Designation** 

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Cultural and range to work together on irrigation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Vegetation Riparian proximate (100 ft)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to reduce livestock and recreation impacts to riparian areas.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Public Comments On Route: V1067

Commenter Name: Winans, Scott

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0868

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Recommend non-motorized (including mountain bike) use be allowed on V1007 and V1067 the portion of trail following Blue Creek above the ranch to make a loop. V1007 is an amazing mountain bike ride with incredible trees growing out of the canyon and the tops ending right near the trail. This is part of a non--motorized (including mountain bike) trail that extends from Mesa Creek to Indian Creek allowing a rare quiet experience Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged.

Commenter Name: Winans, Scott

Submission Code: emc0868

Organization:

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

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Submission Code: emc0922

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Commenter Name: Cox, Kris

Submission Code: emc0788

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

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Commenter Name: Shepherd, Janice

Submission Code: emc0835

Organization: The Quiet Trails Group

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Specifically regarding the Blue Creek Trail Complex outside the Maverick LWC (V930, V1067, V1011, V803, V1007), we support the plan as laid out in Alternative D outside the LWC.

Commenter Name: Bertolacci, Jason

Submission Code: emc0912

Organization: International Mountain Bicycling Association

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

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Commenter Name: Jespersion, Soren

Organization: The Wilderness Society

Submission Code: emc0917

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

These recommendations are particularly salient as they relate to the Maverick Canyon LWC unit and the corridor along the Byway and the Dolores River. While we believe the wilderness qualities of Maverick Canyon should be preserved - via an LWC designation and a predominantly Closed Travel Area Designation - we do feel that minimal mountain bike use and low-impact trail use in the lower (northern) end of the unit would may be consistent with LWC management and so should be accommodated via a Limited to Designated Routes for Horse, Foot and Mechanized (Closed to Motorized) Travel Area Designation. Route Specific Travel Designations: We support the route-specific travel designations from Alternative B with the following exceptions: - V 1939, V 2691: Given the historical legacy of The Pickett Trail we would like to see these routes designated for Foot & Horse travel as included in Alternative C. Travel management decisions should thoughtfully consider the following information. O This historic trail, developed by a mule train, is additionally significant as the only defined singletrack hiking/equestrian trail in the region directly connects the regions low country to the mesa tops above. The soil is often loose and the trail steep. It is a challenging and rewarding historic hike through the wilderness. This trail should be clearly marked at the intersection of 1939 and 6.3 rd and again from the top as 2691 begins its descent. Markers should include specific information about travel restrictions. An interpretive kiosk at the mouth of Wright Draw should include information about the trails historic relevance. V 930, V 1067, V 1011, V 803, V 1007: As there are limited opportunities to mountain bike on routes which are closed to motorized use, we support the recommendation, as included in Alternative D, that these routes be designated for Foot, Horse and Bike. This being said, we do ask that travel along the lower section of Blue Creek, west of the private property and within the Maverick LWC, be

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Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

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– Route: V1090

– Segment: 21166

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: V1090

No public comments for this Route

– Route: V1091

– Segment: 21375

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 21259

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Riparian proximate (100 ft)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to reduce livestock and recreation impacts to riparian areas.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: V1091

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

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– Route: V1201

– Segment: 13967

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: V1201

No public comments for this Route

– Route: V1234

– Segment: 13529

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 14784

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 14597

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: V1234

No public comments for this Route

– Route: V1410

– Segment: 21268

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Riparian proximate (100 ft)
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce livestock and recreation impacts to riparian areas.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

— Segment: 21408

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Riparian proximate (100 ft)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

— Segment: 21258

Designation

Proposed Designation: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Riparian proximate (100 ft)
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- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Public Comments On Route: V1410

No public comments for this Route

– Route: V1426

– Segment: 21420

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Riparian proximate (100 ft)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

– Segment: 21427

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Riparian proximate (100 ft)
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: V1426

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommened: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Zone V routes are shown essentially closed to all public access in all of the action alternatives. This is a shame. The opportunities for touring, exploring, adventure at cliff top elevation is unmatched in the western United States. The loss of this remote and hard to access adventure Would be heartbreaking. The routes are rugged remains of mining roads constructed in the 1950s (pre FLPMA). Most routes have a stable solid rock surface, grades are mild once on top of the mesas. The exploring, views and history are unmatched. Gateway (zone V) is a treasure. The area has been used by outfitters and tour guides under permit. Gateway has a short season of use due to the two access roads being steep and snow bound about 6 months a year. We have rarely met other people while visiting Gateway. User numbers are very low except for during big game hunting season. The loss of hunter access would be significant. Gateway is a unique beautiful and exciting location. It would be a disaster to me and my friends to lose legal access. The notion of implementing any of the action alternatives by BLM in Zone V is unrealistic. A cooperative agreement with an OHV nonprofit organization to jointly develop, manage Zone V travel plan and implementation is a more practical approach. This would necessitate a trail plan that is more visitor friendly than the proposed action alternatives in order to get support from a nonprofit. This more visitor friendly plan could be cooperatively developed with the OHV nonprofit.

– Route: V1470

– Segment: 21532

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 21534

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood,

post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 21552

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 21553

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 21638

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

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in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 21679

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
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Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 21710

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Winter Closure

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: V1470

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0074

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone V should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Based on Colorado Law and County Regulations, RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWS) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone V routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: emc0728

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): (V813, V1010, V1007) (V3266, V3263, V3277, V3282) (V3266, V1471, V1470) Trail Name: Blue Mesa Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): The road numbers in () form somewhat of a route. Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This is an area my family likes to explore in a combined group of ATVs and UTVs. Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): I like that this area has a more remote feeling and offers many miles of trails and loop opportunities. I enjoy many of the little spurs that take off from the loops and go out to the scenic overlooks. The two track roads make for a good place to go with an ATV/UTV group. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): This makes for a fun ride with the family in a more primitive setting. Its a place to get away from the more crowded riding areas closer to Grand Junction. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): Keep these roads open to all motorized users.

— Route: V157

— Segment: 17834

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 18652

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
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- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 18836

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 18837

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
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- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: V157

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693**Reccomended: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide**

Zone V routes are shown essentially closed to all public access in all of the action alternatives. This is a shame. The opportunities for touring, exploring, adventure at cliff top elevation is unmatched in the western United States. The loss of this remote and hard to access adventure Would be heartbreaking. The routes are rugged remains of mining roads constructed in the 1950s (pre FLPMA). Most routes have a stable solid rock surface, grades are mild once on top of the mesas. The exploring, views and history are unmatched. Gateway (zone V) is a treasure. The area has been used by outfitters and tour guides under permit. Gateway has a short season of use due to the two access roads being steep and snow bound about 6 months a year. We have rarely met other people while visiting Gateway. User numbers are very low except for during big game hunting season. The loss of hunter access would be significant. Gateway is a unique beautiful and exciting location. It would be a disaster to me and my friends to lose legal access. The notion of implementing any of the action alternatives by BLM in Zone V is unrealistic. A cooperative agreement with an OHV nonprofit organization to jointly develop, manage Zone V travel plan and implementation is a more practical approach. This would necessitate a trail plan that is more visitor friendly than the proposed action alternatives in order to get support from a nonprofit. This more visitor friendly plan could be cooperatively developed with the OHV nonprofit.

– Route: V1752**– Segment: 21730****Designation** **Proposed Designation: Closed****Seasonal Limitations: None****Mitigation**

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

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Resources and / or Uses Present

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- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

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- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed**Alternative A (Current): Undesignated****Alternative B (Preferred): Closed****Alternative C (Conservation): Closed**

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Public Comments On Route: V1752

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Reccomended: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

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– Route: V1760

– Segment: 21502

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 21508

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: V1760

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas
Submission Code: emc0693

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers
Recommended: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

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– Route: V1762

– Segment: 21499

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 21528

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: V1762

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0074

Organization:

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone V should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Based on Colorado Law and County Regulations, RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone V routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas
Submission Code: emc0693

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers
Recommened: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

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– Route: V1765

– Segment: 21524

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in

areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 21543

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only**— Segment: 21511****Designation** 

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Study Site
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 21536**Designation** 

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 21652

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: V1765

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Reccomended: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

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– Route: V1770

– Segment: 21474

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route

Special Designation VRM Class III

- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed**Alternative A (Current):** Undesignated**Alternative B (Preferred):** Closed**Alternative C (Conservation):** Closed**Alternative D (Development):** Admin/Permitted Use Only**— Segment: 21480****Designation** **Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only****Seasonal Limitations: None****Mitigation**

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 21523

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: V1770

No public comments for this Route

– Route: V1779

– Segment: 14769

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: V1779

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Submission Code: emc0693

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Recommened: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

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developed with the OHV nonprofit.

– Route: V1945

– Segment: 15148

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

– Segment: 15818

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 15834

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only**— Segment: 15996****Designation** 

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 16062**Designation** 

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling

- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: V1945

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Reccomended: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Zone V routes are shown essentially closed to all public access in all of the action alternatives. This is a shame. The opportunities for touring, exploring, adventure at cliff top elevation is unmatched in the western United States. The loss of this remote and hard to access adventure Would be heartbreaking. The routes are rugged remains of mining roads constructed in the 1950s (pre FLPMA). Most routes have a stable solid rock surface, grades are mild once on top of the mesas. The exploring, views and history are unmatched. Gateway (zone V) is a treasure. The area has been used by outfitters and tour guides under permit. Gateway has a short season of use due to the two access roads being steep and snow bound about 6 months a year. We have rarely met other people while visiting Gateway. User numbers are very low except for during big game hunting season. The loss of hunter access would be significant. Gateway is a unique beautiful and exciting location. It would be a disaster to me and my friends to lose legal access. The notion of implementing any of the action alternatives by BLM in Zone V is unrealistic. A cooperative agreement with an OHV nonprofit organization to jointly develop, manage Zone V travel plan and implementation is a more practical approach. This would necessitate a trail plan that is more visitor friendly than the proposed action alternatives in order to get support from a nonprofit. This more visitor friendly plan could be cooperatively developed with the OHV nonprofit.

– Route: V2013

– Segment: 15727

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: V2013

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommened: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Zone V routes are shown essentially closed to all public access in all of the action alternatives. This is a shame. The opportunities for touring, exploring, adventure at cliff top elevation is unmatched in the western United States. The loss of this remote and hard to access adventure Would be heartbreaking. The routes are rugged remains of mining roads constructed in the 1950s (pre FLPMA). Most routes have a stable solid rock surface, grades are mild once on top of the mesas. The exploring, views and history are unmatched. Gateway (zone V) is a treasure. The area has been used by outfitters and tour guides under permit. Gateway has a short season of use due to the two access roads being steep and snow bound about 6 months a year. We have rarely met other people while visiting Gateway. User numbers are very low except for during big game hunting season. The loss of hunter access would be significant. Gateway is a unique beautiful and exciting location. It would be a disaster to me and my friends to lose legal access. The notion of implementing any of the action alternatives by BLM in Zone V is unrealistic. A cooperative agreement with an OHV nonprofit organization to jointly develop, manage Zone V travel plan and implementation is a more practical approach. This would necessitate a trail plan that is more visitor friendly than the proposed action alternatives in order to get support from a nonprofit. This more visitor friendly plan could be cooperatively developed with the OHV nonprofit.

– Route: V2042

– Segment: 15879

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: V2042

No public comments for this Route

– Route: V2046

– Segment: 16668

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: V2046

No public comments for this Route

– Route: V2047

– Segment: 17990

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and

sensitive plant species.

- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: V2047

No public comments for this Route

— Route: V2100

— Segment: 16127

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 15161

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 16130

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 16285

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: V2100

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Submission Code: emc0693

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Reccomended: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

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opportunities for touring, exploring, adventure at cliff top elevation is unmatched in the western United States. The loss of this remote and hard to access adventure Would be heartbreaking. The routes are rugged remains of mining roads constructed in the 1950s (pre FLPMA). Most routes have a stable solid rock surface, grades are mild once on top of the mesas. The exploring, views and history are unmatched. Gateway (zone V) is a treasure. The area has been used by outfitters and tour guides under permit. Gateway has a short season of use due to the two access roads being steep and snow bound about 6 months a year. We have rarely met other people while visiting Gateway. User numbers are very low except for during big game hunting season. The loss of hunter access would be significant. Gateway is a unique beautiful and exciting location. It would be a disaster to me and my friends to lose legal access. The notion of implementing any of the action alternatives by BLM in Zone V is unrealistic. A cooperative agreement with an OHV nonprofit organization to jointly develop, manage Zone V travel plan and implementation is a more practical approach. This would necessitate a trail plan that is more visitor friendly than the proposed action alternatives in order to get support from a nonprofit. This more visitor friendly plan could be cooperatively developed with the OHV nonprofit.

– Route: V2127

– Segment: 15399

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

– Segment: 15463

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 15473

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13984

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 14905

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route

- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 14906

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 15493

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 15509

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 15519

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: V2127

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Submission Code: emc0668

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): (V407, V1932, V2690, V1881, V409, V408,) (V3225, V400) (V1180) (V2155, V2127, V2146) (V2010, V2145) (V2328, V2635) (V2626, V1695, V1400) (V2720, V2718) (V3113) (V2505) (V3000, V3080, V3050, V3055) (V904, V2455) (V2086, V882, V882, V881, V3034, V3035, V3036, V2442, V2446, V2447, V1885) (V3105, V3550, V374, V370, V377, V379, V3058, V3057, V2214, V2216, V385, V387, V1321, V3060,) (V2680, V2562) (V2660) (V3140, V1198, V1115, V1849, V1207, V3373) Trail Name: Tenderfoot Mesa Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): The numbers within parentheses each form a route. V3040 goes out to an overlook of the Dolores River Valley. These routes make up a spur road off of the V3550 that go out to an overlook of the Dolores River Valley: V1321, V387, V385, V2216, V2214, V3057, V379, V377, V370, V374. V3536 & V1325 also make up a spur road off of V2660 that go out to an overlook of the Dolores River Valley. V2680 & V3572 make up a spur road off of V3564 that go out to an overlook of Larsen Canyon. V3373, V1859, V1999, V1998 form a loop out to an

overlook of Unaweep Canyon. V1198 is a spur road out to the Vanaking No 1 Mine. V3350 is a connector from 10 8/10 Rd to V3140 that follows closer to the edge of the mesa, offering better scenic vistas. Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This area offers primitive backcountry exploration. The spur routes add to the experience of the area, being able to drive closer to the edge of the canyons and giving me more to explore. Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): I like the remote feeling of this trail and the scenic views. The numerous spurs are fun to explore. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): I get a feeling of remoteness in this area. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): I would like to see all these roads remain open to all vehicles. The spur roads add to the experience. I like to be able to drive closer to the edge of the mesa and admire the views.

– Route: V2145

– Segment: 15559

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

– Segment: 15528

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: V2145

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: emc0668

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): (V407, V1932, V2690, V1881, V409, V408,) (V3225, V400) (V1180) (V2155, V2127, V2146) (V2010, V2145) (V2328, V2635) (V2626, V1695, V1400) (V2720, V2718) (V3113) (V2505) (V3000, V3080, V3050, V3055) (V904, V2455) (V2086, V882, V882, V881, V3034, V3035, V3036, V2442, V2446, V2447, V1885) (V3105, V3550, V374, V370, V377, V379, V3058, V3057, V2214, V2216, V385, V387, V1321, V3060,) (V2680, V2562) (V2660) (V3140, V1198, V1115, V1849, V1207, V3373) Trail Name: Tenderfoot Mesa Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): The numbers within parentheses each form a route. V3040 goes out to an overlook of the Dolores River Valley. These routes make up a spur road off of the V3550 that go out to an overlook of the Dolores River Valley: V1321, V387, V385, V2216, V2214, V3057, V379, V377, V370, V374. V3536 & V1325 also make up a spur road off of V2660 that go out to an overlook of the Dolores River Valley. V2680 & V3572 make up a spur road off of V3564 that go out to an overlook of Larsen Canyon. V3373, V1859, V1999, V1998 form a loop out to an overlook of Unaweep Canyon. V1198 is a spur road out to the Vanaking No 1 Mine. V3350 is a connector from 10 8/10 Rd to V3140 that follows closer to the edge of the mesa, offering better scenic vistas. Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This area offers primitive backcountry exploration. The spur routes add to the experience of the area, being able to drive closer to the edge of the canyons and giving me more to explore. Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): I like the remote feeling of this trail and the scenic views. The numerous spurs are fun to explore. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): I get a feeling of remoteness in this area. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): I would like to see all these roads remain open to all vehicles. The spur roads add to the experience. I like to be able to drive closer to the edge of the mesa and admire the views.

– **Route: V2170**

– **Segment: 20450**

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: V2170

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0074

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone V should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Based on Colorado Law and County Regulations, RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone V routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Submission Code: emc0731

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): V2810, V2170, V2816, V2811, V2820, V3286, V2806, V1459 Trail Name: Blue Mesa Shelf Roads Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): Rocky shelf roads overhanging the Dolores River Valley with spurs to viewpoints of the river and highway Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This is a great scenic trip for a combined group of ATVs and UTVs. The

various short spurs take you to scenic viewpoints of the river and canyon. These spurs provide good opportunities for photographs and great places to stop for lunch while enjoying the views. Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): I like that the entire length of this trail provides spectacular views of the Dolores River Valley and that you can loop back around to 19 Rd in a variety of ways, allowing you the option to extend your ride. The trail is easily accessed from Hwy 141 by P12 Rd with ample room along P12 to park an atv/utv trailer. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): It is a thrilling ride to skirt the edge of the mesa. These trails offer non-stop scenic views. It offers the unique opportunity to ride "so close, yet so far" from the highway with a birds-eye perspective. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): These routes should remain open to all motorized vehicles.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Reccomended: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Zone V routes are shown essentially closed to all public access in all of the action alternatives. This is a shame. The opportunities for touring, exploring, adventure at cliff top elevation is unmatched in the western United States. The loss of this remote and hard to access adventure Would be heartbreaking. The routes are rugged remains of mining roads constructed in the 1950s (pre FLPMA). Most routes have a stable solid rock surface, grades are mild once on top of the mesas. The exploring, views and history are unmatched. Gateway (zone V) is a treasure. The area has been used by outfitters and tour guides under permit. Gateway has a short season of use due to the two access roads being steep and snow bound about 6 months a year. We have rarely met other people while visiting Gateway. User numbers are very low except for during big game hunting season. The loss of hunter access would be significant. Gateway is a unique beautiful and exciting location. It would be a disaster to me and my friends to lose legal access. The notion of implementing any of the action alternatives by BLM in Zone V is unrealistic. A cooperative agreement with an OHV nonprofit organization to jointly develop, manage Zone V travel plan and implementation is a more practical approach. This would necessitate a trail plan that is more visitor friendly than the proposed action alternatives in order to get support from a nonprofit. This more visitor friendly plan could be cooperatively developed with the OHV nonprofit.

– Route: V232

– Segment: 16396

Designation

Proposed Designation: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Cultural

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III

- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Study Site
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 16844

Designation

Proposed Designation: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Cultural

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 16918

Designation

Proposed Designation: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Cultural

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Study Site
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 17289

Designation

Proposed Designation: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Cultural

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 17488

Designation

Proposed Designation: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Cultural

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 18020

Designation

Proposed Designation: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Cultural

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 18078

Designation

Proposed Designation: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Cultural

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 17592

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: V232

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommened: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

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– Route: V2429

– Segment: 13536

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13943

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)**— Segment: 14649****Designation** 

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14763**Designation** 

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14804

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14846

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: V2429

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Zone V routes are shown essentially closed to all public access in all of the action alternatives. This is a shame. The opportunities for touring, exploring, adventure at cliff top elevation is unmatched in the western United States. The loss of this remote and hard to access adventure Would be heartbreaking. The routes are rugged remains of mining roads constructed in the 1950s (pre FLPMA). Most routes have a stable solid rock surface, grades are mild once on top of the mesas. The exploring, views and history are unmatched. Gateway (zone V) is a treasure. The area has been used by outfitters and tour guides under permit. Gateway has a short season of use due to the two access roads being steep and snow bound about 6 months a year. We have rarely met other people while visiting Gateway. User numbers are very low except for during big game hunting season. The loss of hunter access would be significant. Gateway is a unique beautiful and exciting location. It would be a disaster to me and my friends to lose legal access. The notion of implementing any of the action alternatives by BLM in Zone V is unrealistic. A cooperative agreement

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Commenter Name: No Record

Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

[Grand Mesa Jeep Club, Absolute Off Road, LLC] 4. 10.8 Road to "Picture Point". 10.8 Road; V31; V3372; V3373; V1168; V2344; V2429; V3350; This Jeep Road takes one to some spectacular views of the Delores Valley, Gateway, and the Palisade WSA. Add in the mining remnants and you have a wonderful Jeep road. Largely because of the mining, the area is loaded with good access to motorized users, but still has many opportunities for non-motorized users. The area has a large number of elk, deer, bear, and many other species. The history within the area is nearly unlimited and should be protected and preserved. Saving as much of the existing mining influence remnants should be high on the priority list. Kiosks with historical facts would be a real blessing as well. Access from the Divide Road much earlier in the spring would be a real help. All that would be required to do this would be for the Forest Service to change the location of their winter closure to the intersection of the "Uranium Road" or change the opening date of the Divide Road. One other possibility would be for Mesa County to open 6.3 Road near the top by dozing through the snow drifts that accumulate there. These drifts last well past when the majority of the area has already lost its snowpack. Trails within the area are proposed and being permitted for a commercial event with the Gateway Canyons Resort in June '09 and probably for years thereafter. We look forward to working with the BLM this spring to doing some necessary maintenance on these trails to make them safer for the event entrants.

Commenter Name: No Record

Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

[Grand Mesa Jeep Club, Absolute Off Road, LLC] 5. 10.8 Road to "Picture Point". 10.8 Road; V31; V3372; V3373; V1168; V2344; V2429; V3350; This loop Jeep Road is a primitive road with some very challenging sections. It has some great views and historical sites to explore. It also connects to other primitive Jeep road loops. Largely because of the mining, the area is loaded with good access to motorized users, but still has many opportunities for non-motorized users. The area has a large number of elk, deer, bear, and many other species. The history within the area is nearly unlimited and should be protected and preserved. Saving as much of the existing mining influence remnants should be high on the priority list. Kiosks with historical facts would be a real blessing as well. Access from the Divide Road much earlier in the spring would be a real help. All that would be required to do this would be for the Forest Service to change the location of their winter closure to the intersection of the "Uranium Road" or change the opening date of the Divide Road. One other possibility would be for Mesa County to open 6.3 Road near the top by dozing through the snow drifts that accumulate there. These drifts last well past when the majority of the area has already lost its snowpack. Trails within the area are proposed and being permitted for a commercial event with the Gateway Canyons Resort in June '09 and probably for years thereafter. We look forward to working with the BLM this spring to doing some necessary maintenance on these trails to make them safer for the event entrants.

Commenter Name: No Record

Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

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– Route: V2441

– Segment: 17918

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: V2441

No public comments for this Route

– Route: V2449

– Segment: 17637

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling

- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 17651

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— **Segment: 17657**

Designation 

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: V2449

No public comments for this Route

— **Route: V2540**

— **Segment: 15933**

Designation 

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 16053

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

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- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 15665

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 15671

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

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- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 15986

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

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- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: V2540

No public comments for this Route

— Route: V2657

— Segment: 14956

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 15896

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 15993

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 16013

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro

- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 16019

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: V2657

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommened: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Zone V routes are shown essentially closed to all public access in all of the action alternatives. This is a shame. The opportunities for touring, exploring, adventure at cliff top elevation is unmatched in the western United States. The loss of this remote and hard to access adventure Would be heartbreaking. The routes are rugged remains of mining roads constructed in the 1950s (pre FLPMA). Most routes have a stable solid rock surface, grades are mild once on top of the mesas. The exploring, views and history are unmatched. Gateway (zone V) is a treasure. The area has been used by outfitters and tour guides under permit. Gateway has a short season of use due to the two access roads being steep and snow bound about 6 months a year. We have rarely met other people while visiting Gateway. User numbers are very low except for during big game hunting season. The loss of hunter access would be significant. Gateway is a unique beautiful and exciting location. It would be a disaster to me and my friends to lose legal access. The notion of implementing any of the action alternatives by BLM in Zone V is unrealistic. A cooperative agreement with an OHV nonprofit organization to jointly develop, manage Zone V travel plan and implementation is a more practical approach. This would necessitate a trail plan that is more visitor friendly than the proposed action alternatives in order to get support from a nonprofit. This more visitor friendly plan could be cooperatively developed with the OHV nonprofit.

– Route: V2680

– Segment: 15675

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route

- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 17085

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 16936

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 17019

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 16386

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity

and/or by creating loop trails.

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 16398

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 16662

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 17109

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 17119

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 17138

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 16739

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood,

post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 16829

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 16834

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 16836

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 16838

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 16934

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None**Mitigation**

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 16941**Designation** 

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering

- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 16951

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 17018

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 17075

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 17083

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity

and/or by creating loop trails.

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 17086

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 17089

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 17093**Designation** 

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood,

post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 17094

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 17097

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 17103

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 17105**Designation** 

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 17181

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 15583

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 15662

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 15664

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 15667

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or

other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 15674

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.

- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 15677

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 15682

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 16149

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route

Special Designation VRM Class III

- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 16735

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: V2680

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: emc0668

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): (V407, V1932, V2690, V1881, V409, V408,) (V3225, V400) (V1180) (V2155, V2127, V2146) (V2010, V2145) (V2328, V2635) (V2626, V1695, V1400) (V2720, V2718) (V3113) (V2505) (V3000, V3080, V3050, V3055) (V904, V2455) (V2086, V882, V882, V881, V3034, V3035, V3036, V2442, V2446, V2447, V1885) (V3105, V3550, V374, V370, V377, V379, V3058, V3057, V2214, V2216, V385, V387, V1321, V3060,) (V2680, V2562) (V2660) (V3140, V1198, V1115, V1849, V1207, V3373) Trail Name: Tenderfoot Mesa Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): The numbers within parentheses each form a route. V3040 goes out to an overlook of the Dolores River Valley. These routes make up a spur road off of the V3550 that go out to an overlook of the Dolores River Valley: V1321, V387, V385, V2216, V2214, V3057, V379, V377, V370, V374. V3536 & V1325 also make up a spur road off of V2660 that go out to an overlook of the Dolores River Valley. V2680 & V3572 make up a spur road off of V3564 that go out to an overlook of Larsen Canyon. V3373, V1859, V1999, V1998 form a loop out to an overlook of Unaweep Canyon. V1198 is a spur road out to the Vanaking No 1 Mine. V3350 is a connector from 10 8/10 Rd to V3140 that follows closer to the edge of the mesa, offering better scenic vistas. Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This area offers primitive backcountry exploration. The spur routes add to the experience of the area, being able to drive closer to the edge of the canyons and giving me more to explore. Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): I like the remote feeling of this trail and the scenic views. The numerous spurs are fun to explore. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): I get a feeling of remoteness in this area. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): I would like to see all these roads remain open to all vehicles. The spur roads add to the experience. I like to be able to drive closer to the edge of the mesa and admire the views.

– Route: V278

– Segment: 20035

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: V278

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Zone V routes are shown essentially closed to all public access in all of the action alternatives. This is a shame. The opportunities for touring, exploring, adventure at cliff top elevation is unmatched in the western United States. The loss of this remote and hard to access adventure Would be heartbreaking. The routes are rugged remains of mining roads constructed in the 1950s (pre FLPMA). Most routes have a stable solid rock surface, grades are mild once on top of the mesas. The exploring, views and history are unmatched. Gateway (zone V) is a treasure. The area has been used by outfitters and tour guides under permit. Gateway has a short season of use due to the two access roads being steep and snow bound about 6 months a year. We have rarely met other people while visiting Gateway. User numbers are very low except for during big game hunting season. The loss of hunter access would be significant. Gateway is a unique beautiful and exciting location. It would be a disaster to me and my friends to lose legal access. The notion of implementing any of the action alternatives by BLM in Zone V is unrealistic. A cooperative agreement with an OHV nonprofit organization to jointly develop, manage Zone V travel plan and implementation is a more practical approach. This would necessitate a trail plan that is more visitor friendly than the proposed action alternatives in order to get support from a nonprofit. This more visitor friendly plan could be cooperatively developed with the OHV nonprofit.

– Route: V3036

– Segment: 16816

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III

- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 17917

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to reduce redundancies in routes minimize fragmentation, and minimize direct impacts from motorized and mechanized users of roads, routes and trails on relic vegetation communities and sensitive plant species.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: V3036

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale
Submission Code: emc0668

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): (V407, V1932, V2690, V1881, V409, V408,) (V3225, V400) (V1180) (V2155, V2127, V2146) (V2010, V2145) (V2328, V2635) (V2626, V1695, V1400) (V2720, V2718) (V3113) (V2505) (V3000, V3080, V3050, V3055) (V904, V2455) (V2086, V882, V882, V881, V3034, V3035, V3036, V2442, V2446, V2447, V1885) (V3105, V3550, V374, V370, V377, V379, V3058, V3057, V2214, V2216, V385, V387, V1321, V3060,) (V2680, V2562) (V2660) (V3140, V1198, V1115, V1849, V1207, V3373) Trail Name: Tenderfoot Mesa Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): The numbers within parentheses each form a route. V3040 goes out to an overlook of the Dolores River Valley. These routes make up a spur road off of the V3550 that go out to an overlook of the Dolores River Valley: V1321, V387, V385, V2216, V2214, V3057, V379, V377, V370, V374. V3536 & V1325 also make up a spur road off of V2660 that go out to an overlook of the Dolores River Valley. V2680 & V3572 make up a spur road off of V3564 that go out to an overlook of Larsen Canyon. V3373, V1859, V1999, V1998 form a loop out to an overlook of Unaweep Canyon. V1198 is a spur road out to the Vanaking No 1 Mine. V3350 is a connector from 10 8/10 Rd to V3140 that follows closer to the edge of the mesa, offering better scenic vistas. Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This area offers primitive backcountry exploration. The spur routes add to the experience of the area, being able to drive closer to the edge of the canyons and giving me more to explore. Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): I like the remote feeling of this trail and the scenic views. The numerous spurs are fun to explore. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): I get a feeling of remoteness in this area. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): I would like to see all these roads remain open to all vehicles. The spur roads add to the experience. I like to be able to drive closer to the edge of the mesa and admire the views.

– Route: V3050

– Segment: 16823

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood,

post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 16880

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 17290

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 17615

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity

and/or by creating loop trails.

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 17676

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 17767

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 17876

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 17899

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
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Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 17924

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 17925

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 17948

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 17964

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
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Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 17977

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
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- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 17982

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
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Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 18003

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species In or Through (20m points)
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 18011

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood,

post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 18012

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
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Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 18015

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 18038**Designation** 

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
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and/or by creating loop trails.

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 18043

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 18049

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 18096

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 18108

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Sensitive vegetation species proximate (100m)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 18118

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 16855

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 16857

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 16968

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Wildlife Elk Winter Range

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 17492**Designation** 

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 17617**Designation** 

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
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- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
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Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 17658

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: V3050

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Submission Code: emc0668

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): (V407, V1932, V2690, V1881, V409, V408,) (V3225, V400) (V1180) (V2155, V2127, V2146) (V2010, V2145) (V2328, V2635) (V2626, V1695, V1400) (V2720, V2718) (V3113) (V2505) (V3000, V3080, V3050, V3055) (V904, V2455) (V2086, V882, V882, V881, V3034, V3035, V3036, V2442, V2446, V2447, V1885) (V3105, V3550, V374, V370, V377, V379, V3058, V3057, V2214, V2216, V385, V387, V1321, V3060,) (V2680, V2562) (V2660) (V3140, V1198, V1115, V1849, V1207, V3373) Trail Name: Tenderfoot Mesa Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): The numbers within parentheses each form a route. V3040 goes out to an overlook of the Dolores River Valley. These routes make up a spur road off of the V3550 that go out to an overlook of the Dolores River Valley: V1321, V387, V385, V2216, V2214, V3057, V379, V377, V370, V374. V3536 & V1325 also make up a spur road off of V2660 that go out to an overlook of the Dolores River Valley. V2680 & V3572 make up a spur road off of V3564 that go out to an overlook of Larsen Canyon. V3373, V1859, V1999, V1998 form a loop out to an overlook of Unaweep Canyon. V1198 is a spur road out to the Vanaking No 1 Mine. V3350 is a connector from 10 8/10 Rd to V3140 that follows closer to the edge of the mesa, offering better scenic vistas. Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This area offers primitive backcountry exploration. The spur routes add to the experience of the area, being able to drive closer to the edge of the canyons and giving me more to explore. Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): I like the remote feeling of this trail and the scenic views. The numerous spurs are fun to explore. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): I get a feeling of remoteness in this area. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): I would like to see all these roads remain open to all vehicles. The spur roads add to the experience. I like to be able to drive closer to the edge of the mesa and admire the views.

– Route: V31

– Segment: 14390

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Study Site
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: V31

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Zone V routes are shown essentially closed to all public access in all of the action alternatives. This is a shame. The opportunities for touring, exploring, adventure at cliff top elevation is unmatched in the western United States. The loss of this remote and hard to access adventure Would be heartbreaking. The routes are rugged remains of mining roads constructed in the 1950s (pre FLPMA). Most routes have a stable solid rock surface, grades are mild once on top of the mesas. The exploring, views and history are unmatched. Gateway (zone V) is a treasure. The area has been used by outfitters and tour guides under permit. Gateway has a short season of use due to the two access roads being steep and snow bound about 6 months a year. We have rarely met other people while visiting Gateway. User numbers are very low except for during big game hunting season. The loss of hunter access would be significant. Gateway is a unique beautiful and exciting location. It would be a disaster to me and my friends to lose legal access. The notion of implementing any of the action alternatives by BLM in Zone V is unrealistic. A cooperative agreement with an OHV nonprofit organization to jointly develop, manage Zone V travel plan and implementation is a more practical approach. This would necessitate a trail plan that is more visitor friendly than the proposed action alternatives in order to get support from a nonprofit. This more visitor friendly plan could be cooperatively developed with the OHV nonprofit.

Commenter Name: No Record

Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

[Grand Mesa Jeep Club, Absolute Off Road, LLC] 4. 10.8 Road to "Picture Point". 10.8 Road; V31; V3372; V3373; V1168; V2344; V2429; V3350; This Jeep Road takes one to some spectacular views of the Delores Valley, Gateway, and the Palisade WSA. Add in the mining remnants and you have a wonderful Jeep road. Largely because of the mining, the area is loaded with good access to motorized users, but still has many opportunities for non-motorized users. The area has a large number of elk, deer, bear, and many other species. The history within the area is nearly unlimited and should be protected and preserved. Saving as much of the existing mining influence remnants should be high on the priority list. Kiosks with historical facts would be a real blessing as well. Access from the Divide Road much earlier in the spring would be a real help. All that would be required to do this would be for the Forest Service to change the location of their winter closure to the intersection of the "Uranium Road" or change the opening date of the Divide Road. One other possibility would be for Mesa County to open 6.3 Road near the top by dozing through the snow drifts that accumulate there. These drifts last well past when the majority of the area has already lost its snowpack. Trails within the area are proposed and being permitted for a commercial event with the Gateway Canyons Resort in June '09 and probably for years thereafter. We look forward to working with the BLM this spring to doing some necessary maintenance on these trails to make them safer for the event entrants.

Commenter Name: No Record**Organization: No Record****Submission Code: No Record****Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)**

[Grand Mesa Jeep Club, Absolute Off Road, LLC] 5. 10.8 Road to "Picture Point". 10.8 Road; V31; V3372; V3373; V1168; V2344; V2429; V3350; This loop Jeep Road is a primitive road with some very challenging sections. It has some great views and historical sites to explore. It also connects to other primitive Jeep road loops. Largely because of the mining, the area is loaded with good access to motorized users, but still has many opportunities for non-motorized users. The area has a large number of elk, deer, bear, and many other species. The history within the area is nearly unlimited and should be protected and preserved. Saving as much of the existing mining influence remnants should be high on the priority list. Kiosks with historical facts would be a real blessing as well. Access from the Divide Road much earlier in the spring would be a real help. All that would be required to do this would be for the Forest Service to change the location of their winter closure to the intersection of the "Uranium Road" or change the opening date of the Divide Road. One other possibility would be for Mesa County to open 6.3 Road near the top by dozing through the snow drifts that accumulate there. These drifts last well past when the majority of the area has already lost its snowpack. Trails within the area are proposed and being permitted for a commercial event with the Gateway Canyons Resort in June '09 and probably for years thereafter. We look forward to working with the BLM this spring to doing some necessary maintenance on these trails to make them safer for the event entrants.

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– Route: V3113**– Segment: 15166****Designation** **Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only****Seasonal Limitations: None****Mitigation**

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates

in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 16330

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 15600

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 15658

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 16059

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
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Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 16109

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 16222

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 16339

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
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Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: V3113

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Submission Code: emc0668

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): (V407, V1932, V2690, V1881, V409, V408,) (V3225, V400) (V1180) (V2155, V2127, V2146) (V2010, V2145) (V2328, V2635) (V2626, V1695, V1400) (V2720, V2718) (V3113) (V2505) (V3000, V3080, V3050, V3055) (V904, V2455) (V2086, V882, V882, V881, V3034, V3035, V3036, V2442, V2446, V2447, V1885) (V3105, V3550, V374, V370, V377, V379, V3058, V3057, V2214, V2216, V385, V387, V1321, V3060,) (V2680, V2562) (V2660) (V3140, V1198, V1115, V1849, V1207, V3373) Trail Name: Tenderfoot Mesa Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): The numbers within parentheses each form a route. V3040 goes out to an overlook of the Dolores River Valley. These routes make up a spur road off of the V3550 that go out to an overlook of the Dolores River Valley: V1321, V387, V385, V2216, V2214, V3057, V379, V377, V370, V374. V3536 & V1325 also make up a spur road off of V2660 that go out to an overlook of the Dolores River Valley. V2680 & V3572 make up a spur road off of V3564 that go out to an overlook of Larsen Canyon. V3373, V1859, V1999, V1998 form a loop out to an overlook of Unaweep Canyon. V1198 is a spur road out to the Vanaking No 1 Mine. V3350 is a connector from 10 8/10 Rd to V3140 that follows closer to the edge of the mesa, offering better scenic vistas. Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This area offers primitive backcountry exploration. The spur routes add to the experience of the area, being able to drive closer to the edge of the canyons and giving me more to explore. Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife,

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– Route: V3125

– Segment: 19347

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

– Segment: 19356

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 19365

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 19368

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Range Study Site
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 19379

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 19392

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Range Study Site
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: V3125

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Submission Code: emc0693

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Recommened: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

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alternatives in order to get support from a nonprofit. This more visitor friendly plan could be cooperatively developed with the OHV nonprofit.

– Route: V3150

– Segment: 15379

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

– Segment: 13975

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 13985

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 15455

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 15552

Designation

Proposed Designation: Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized/Motorcycle

— Segment: 15324

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and

setting characteristics of cultural sites).

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: V3150

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0074

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone V should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Based on Colorado Law and County Regulations, RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone V routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

– Route: V325

– Segment: 20380

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: V325

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Reccomended: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

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– Route: V3350

– Segment: 15116

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.

Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 15350

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 15358

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 15360

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: V3350

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommened: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

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Commenter Name: No Record

Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

[Grand Mesa Jeep Club, Absolute Off Road, LLC] 4. 10.8 Road to "Picture Point". 10.8 Road; V31; V3372; V3373; V1168; V2344; V2429; V3350; This Jeep Road takes one to some spectacular views of the Delores Valley, Gateway, and the Palisade WSA. Add in the mining remnants and you have a wonderful Jeep road. Largely because of the mining, the area is loaded with good access to motorized users, but still has many opportunities for non-motorized users. The area has a large number of elk, deer, bear, and many other species. The history within the area is nearly unlimited and should be protected and preserved. Saving as much of the existing mining influence remnants should be high on the priority list. Kiosks with historical facts would be a real blessing as well. Access from the Divide Road much earlier in the spring would be a real help. All that would be required to do this would be for the Forest Service to change the location of their winter closure to the intersection of the "Uranium Road" or change the opening date of the Divide Road. One other possibility would be for Mesa County to open 6.3 Road near the top by dozing through the snow drifts that accumulate there. These drifts last well past when the majority of the area has already lost its snowpack. Trails within the area are proposed and being permitted for a commercial event with the Gateway Canyons Resort in June '09 and probably for years thereafter. We look forward to working with the BLM this spring to doing some necessary maintenance on these trails to make them safer for the event entrants.

Commenter Name: No Record**Organization: No Record****Submission Code: No Record****Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)**

[Grand Mesa Jeep Club, Absolute Off Road, LLC] 5. 10.8 Road to "Picture Point". 10.8 Road; V31; V3372; V3373; V1168; V2344; V2429; V3350; This loop Jeep Road is a primitive road with some very challenging sections. It has some great views and historical sites to explore. It also connects to other primitive Jeep road loops. Largely because of the mining, the area is loaded with good access to motorized users, but still has many opportunities for non-motorized users. The area has a large number of elk, deer, bear, and many other species. The history within the area is nearly unlimited and should be protected and preserved. Saving as much of the existing mining influence remnants should be high on the priority list. Kiosks with historical facts would be a real blessing as well. Access from the Divide Road much earlier in the spring would be a real help. All that would be required to do this would be for the Forest Service to change the location of their winter closure to the intersection of the "Uranium Road" or change the opening date of the Divide Road. One other possibility would be for Mesa County to open 6.3 Road near the top by dozing through the snow drifts that accumulate there. These drifts last well past when the majority of the area has already lost its snowpack. Trails within the area are proposed and being permitted for a commercial event with the Gateway Canyons Resort in June '09 and probably for years thereafter. We look forward to working with the BLM this spring to doing some necessary maintenance on these trails to make them safer for the event entrants.

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– Route: V348**– Segment: 15824****Designation** **Proposed Designation: Closed****Seasonal Limitations: None****Mitigation**

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and

setting characteristics of cultural sites).

- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: V348

No public comments for this Route

– Route: V354

– Segment: 15372

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 15383

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: V354

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0074

Organization:

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone V should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Based on Colorado Law and County Regulations, RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWS) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone V routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these

routes.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

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– Route: V356

– Segment: 15375

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 15384

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 15797

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: V356

No public comments for this Route

– Route: V406

– Segment: 14566

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 14555

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: V406

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas
Submission Code: emc0693

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers
Recommened: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

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– Route: V407

– Segment: 14360

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 13057

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: V407

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Submission Code: emc0668

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): (V407, V1932, V2690, V1881, V409, V408,) (V3225, V400) (V1180) (V2155, V2127, V2146) (V2010, V2145) (V2328, V2635) (V2626, V1695, V1400) (V2720, V2718) (V3113) (V2505) (V3000, V3080, V3050, V3055) (V904, V2455) (V2086, V882, V882, V881, V3034, V3035, V3036, V2442, V2446, V2447, V1885) (V3105, V3550, V374, V370, V377, V379, V3058, V3057, V2214, V2216, V385, V387, V1321, V3060,) (V2680, V2562) (V2660) (V3140, V1198, V1115, V1849, V1207, V3373) Trail Name: Tenderfoot Mesa Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): The numbers within parentheses each form a route. V3040 goes out to an overlook of the Dolores River Valley. These routes make up a spur road off of the V3550 that go out to an overlook of the Dolores River Valley: V1321, V387, V385, V2216, V2214, V3057, V379, V377, V370, V374. V3536 & V1325 also make up a spur road off of V2660 that go out to an overlook of the Dolores River Valley. V2680 & V3572 make up a spur road off of V3564 that go out to an overlook of Larsen Canyon. V3373, V1859, V1999, V1998 form a loop out to an overlook of Unaweep Canyon. V1198 is a spur road out to the Vanaking No 1 Mine. V3350 is a connector from 10 8/10 Rd to V3140 that follows closer to the edge of the mesa, offering better scenic vistas. Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This area offers primitive backcountry exploration. The spur routes add to the experience of the area, being able to drive closer to the edge of the canyons and giving me more to explore. Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): I like the remote feeling of this trail and the scenic views. The numerous spurs are fun to explore. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): I get a feeling of remoteness in this area. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to

be considered): I would like to see all these roads remain open to all vehicles. The spur roads add to the experience. I like to be able to drive closer to the edge of the mesa and admire the views.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

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– Route: V430

– Segment: 17401

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 17490

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 17625

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 17691

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 18019

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: V430

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Submission Code: emc0693

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Recommened: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

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Gateway is a unique beautiful and exciting location. It would be a disaster to me and my friends to lose legal access. The notion of implementing any of the action alternatives by BLM in Zone V is unrealistic. A cooperative agreement with an OHV nonprofit organization to jointly develop, manage Zone V travel plan and implementation is a more practical approach. This would necessitate a trail plan that is more visitor friendly than the proposed action alternatives in order to get support from a nonprofit. This more visitor friendly plan could be cooperatively developed with the OHV nonprofit.

– Route: V434

– Segment: 18148

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

– Segment: 18198

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 18317

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or

other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: V434

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

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– Route: V550

– Segment: 20338

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— **Segment: 20339**

Designation 

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 20353

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: V550

Commenter Name: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Organization: No Record

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

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Commenter Name: No Record

Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

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– Route: V586

– Segment: 20640

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: V586

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommened: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

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– Route: V615

– Segment: 20537

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 20955

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only**— Segment: 20956****Designation** **Proposed Designation: Closed****Seasonal Limitations: None****Mitigation**

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed**Alternative A (Current): Undesignated****Alternative B (Preferred): Closed****Alternative C (Conservation): Closed****Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only****Public Comments On Route: V615****Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas****Submission Code: emc0693****Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers****Recommened: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide**

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developed with the OHV nonprofit.

– Route: V645

– Segment: 19294

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

– Segment: 19317

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or

other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 19318

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: V645

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Reccomended: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

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– Route: V681

– Segment: 17316

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or

Tribes.

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 17318

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 18797

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 18849

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 18890

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: V681

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Submission Code: emc0693

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Recommened: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

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– Route: V742

– Segment: 18467

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 18528

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 18536

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling

Cultural Resource Concern

- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed**Alternative A (Current):** Undesignated**Alternative B (Preferred):** Closed**Alternative C (Conservation):** Closed**Alternative D (Development):** Admin/Permitted Use Only**Public Comments On Route: V742**

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Reccomended: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

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– Route: V767**– Segment: 17659****Designation ?****Proposed Designation: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide****Seasonal Limitations: None****Mitigation**

- Needs More Data
- Cultural

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 17694

Designation

Proposed Designation: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Cultural

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 17697

Designation

Proposed Designation: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Cultural

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 17699

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Wildlife Emphasis Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: V767

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Zone V routes are shown essentially closed to all public access in all of the action alternatives. This is a shame. The opportunities for touring, exploring, adventure at cliff top elevation is unmatched in the western United States. The loss of this remote and hard to access adventure Would be heartbreaking. The routes are rugged remains of mining roads constructed in the 1950s (pre FLPMA). Most routes have a stable solid rock surface, grades are mild once on top of the mesas. The exploring, views and history are unmatched. Gateway (zone V) is a treasure. The area has been used by outfitters and tour guides under permit. Gateway has a short season of use due to the two access roads being steep and snow bound about 6 months a year. We have rarely met other people while visiting Gateway. User numbers are very low except for during big game hunting season. The loss of hunter access would be significant. Gateway is a unique beautiful and exciting location. It would be a disaster to me and my friends to lose legal access. The notion of implementing any of the action alternatives by BLM in Zone V is unrealistic. A cooperative agreement with an OHV nonprofit organization to jointly develop, manage Zone V travel plan and implementation is a more practical approach. This would necessitate a trail plan that is more visitor friendly than the proposed action alternatives in order to get support from a nonprofit. This more visitor friendly plan could be cooperatively developed with the OHV nonprofit.

– Route: V772

– Segment: 20382

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 20358

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: V772

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: emc0667

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): (V507, V509) (V108, V88) (V490, V491, V493, V495, V494, V500, V502, V495, V499, V497) (V772, V602, V775, V600, V596, V113, V112, V116, V622, V622, V128, V127, V126, V121) (V621, V795, V922, V928) V86, V1061, V621, V600, V127, V126, V130, V108, V490, V472, V475 Trail Name: Outlaw Mesa Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): Numbers within () are somewhat of a route. This area offers a primitive backcountry experience with a variety of rocky and off-camber terrain. Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This is a great area to explore both in my jeep and in my UTV. Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): I like that this area contains a variety of routes and spurs to explore the backcountry. I like that the numerous two track roads allow me to follow my husbands ATV in my UTV. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): This trail gives me an enjoyable experience in exploring the backcountry with other motorized users, both ATV width and full-width. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): V604, V619, V620 are spur routes off the more main V621 route that offer scenic viewpoints of Calamity Creek. They are not just meaningless dead-end roads that dont go anywhere. I would like to see these remain open to all vehicles. I would like to see all the roads on Outlaw Mesa remain open to all motorized and non-motorized users. I see no reason to redesignate the existing two-track roads as ATVwidth only. Taking a jeep-width trail and redesignating it as ATV-width does nothing to enhance the ATV experience and the BLM gives no justification for this redesignation. The area, as it is now, supports a wide variety of users without user conflict. It offers users a chance to get farther from civilization and the many routes allow for less contact with other users.

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: emc0667

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): (V507, V509) (V108, V88) (V490, V491, V493, V495, V494, V500, V502, V495, V499, V497) (V772, V602, V775, V600, V596, V113, V112, V116, V622, V622, V128, V127, V126, V121) (V621, V795, V922, V928) V86, V1061, V621, V600, V127, V126, V130, V108, V490, V472, V475 Trail Name: Outlaw Mesa Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): Numbers within () are somewhat of a route. This area offers a primitive backcountry experience with a variety of rocky and off-camber terrain.

– Route: V813

– Segment: 20558

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

— Segment: 21039

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Public Comments On Route: V813

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: emc0728

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): (V813, V1010, V1007) (V3266, V3263, V3277, V3282) (V3266, V1471, V1470) Trail Name: Blue Mesa Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): The road numbers in () form somewhat of a route. Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This is an area my family likes to explore in a combined group of ATVs and UTVs. Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): I like that this area has a more remote feeling and offers many miles of trails and loop opportunities. I enjoy many of the little spurs that take off from the loops and go out to the scenic overlooks. The two track roads make for a good place to go with an ATV/UTV group. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): This makes for a fun ride with the family in a more primitive setting. Its a place to get away from the more crowded riding areas closer to Grand Junction. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): Keep these roads open to all motorized users.

– Route: V822

– Segment: 21279

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Riparian proximate (100 ft)
- Water Perennial Stream/Fishery
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or

Tribes.

- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce livestock and recreation impacts to riparian areas.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to reduce point and non-point source contributions of water quality contaminants from public lands by reducing disturbance footprints associated with travel infrastructure and other surface disturbing actions while also maintaining access and meeting resource use objectives.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

— Segment: 21288

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Riparian proximate (100 ft)
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to reduce livestock and recreation impacts to riparian areas.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

— Segment: 21411

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Riparian proximate (100 ft)
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to reduce livestock and recreation impacts to riparian areas.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

— Segment: 21412

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

— Segment: 20432

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 20439

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 21141

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 21150

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 21171

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 21177

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 21191

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity

and/or by creating loop trails.

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 21209

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 21213

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 21326

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 21337

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 21344

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 21276

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Vegetation Riparian proximate (100 ft)
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 21281

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Riparian proximate (100 ft)
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 21353

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 20437

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative C (Conservation): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: V822

Commenter Name: Monholland, Landon

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0922

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

I would like mountain bikes to be allowed on V592. This trail provides for a "quiet experience" in the midst of a mostly motorized area. I would like mountain bikes to be allowed to use V1007 and V1067 and the portion of trail following Blue Creek above the ranch to make a loop. V1007 is an amazing mountain bike ride with incredible trees growing out of the canyon and the tops ending right near the trail. This is part of a non-motorized trail that extends from Mesa Creek to Indian Creek allowing a rare quiet experience. I would like mountain bikes to be allowed to use V803 allowing access to non-motorized trails on Forest Lands. This trail would allow non-motorized access to the Divide Road which is a connection to other mountain bike trails in the area. I would like mountain bikes to be allowed to use the complete length of V930 allowing access to non-motorized trails on Forest Lands. I would like mountain bike access on V2810 and V2811 to remain open. The remote nature, solitude provided and interesting band of smooth rock makes this area a favorite. Also allowing use of V2820 an un-inventoried route following the mid level of cliff band would make a desirable loop with V2810 and V2811. I would like mountain bikes be able to use the trail connecting Maverick Canyon and V2626. I would like mountain bike access on V822 (from Blue Creek ranch), V1421, V1107, V1109 and trail connecting to county road above Mesa Creek. This would allow a good loop opportunity using V1007 and V1067 to return to Blue Creek ranch. The entire length of V822 could be added to this area for a shorter loop option. I would like mountain bike access on V1151. Although a dead end, it would provide a great easier beginner/kid ride option especially attractive here due to several popular camping spots in the near vicinity. The quiet use, creek crossing (always fun), water availability for pets and the "all downhill" return would be very attractive for a family ride or a shorter evening ride from camp. I would like mountain bike access on V3062 extending down Maverick Canyon. Although a dead end, it provides a spectacular view and would be a good mellow family ride due to the lack of elevation change, solitude and quiet use of the trail. With a short hike, a glimpse of Juanita Arch can be had if one knows where to look.

Commenter Name: Cox, Kris

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter

Submission Code: emc0788

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Zone V Recommend non-motorized (including mountain bike) use on V803 allowing access to non-motorized trails on Forest Lands. This trail would allow non-motorized (including mountain bike) access to the Divide Road which is connection to other highly desirable mountain bike opportunities. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged. Recommend non-motorized (including mountain bike) use on the complete length of V930 allowing access to non-motorized trails on Forest Lands. Also need to add existing trail (has been submitted previously) into inventory extending from the end of V930 at Forest Boundary north to allow access to non-motorized trails on Forest Lands. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged. This is part of a non-motorized (including mountain bike) trail that extends from Mesa Creek to Indian Creek allowing a rare quiet experience. Formal trail designation for any use is not recommended for trail following Blue Creek from the Blue Creek ranch downstream to the Dolores river due to trail access at private property, damage to cultural resources and high cost of trail

maintenance. Recommend non-motorized (including mountain bike) use on trail connecting Maverick Canyon and V2626. Recommend non-motorized (including mountain bike) use on V822 (from Blue Creek ranch), V1421, V1107, V1109 and trail connecting to county road above Mesa Creek. This would allow a good loop opportunity using V1007 and V1067 to return to Blue Creek ranch. The entire length of V822 could be added to this area for a shorter loop option. Recommend non-motorized (including mountain bike) use on V1151. Although a dead end, it would provide a great easier beginner/kid ride option especially attractive here due to several popular camping spots in the near vicinity. The quiet use, creek crossing (always fun), water availability for pets and the all downhill return would be very attractive for a family ride or a shorter evening ride from camp. Recommend non-motorized (including mountain bike) use on V3062 extending down Maverick Canyon. Although a dead end, it provides a spectacular view and would be a good mellow family ride due to the lack of elevation change, solitude and quiet use of the trail. With a short hike, a glimpse of Juanita Arch can be had if one knows where to look. Would really like to see V567 administrative road and then remaining V567 trail into Calamity Canyon open to non-motorized (including mountain bikes) use as depicted in Alternative D. It is an old road down the hill and then follows the drainage to the private property boundary. There is then an uninventoried trail leading up the slope to the east then connecting with road V923 then V922 on a higher bench. This area is perfect to explore old mining ruins, find solitude and ride a single track trail.

Commenter Name: Winans, Scott

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0868

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Recommend non-motorized (including mountain bike) use on V822 (from Blue Creek ranch), V1421, V1107, V1109 and trail connecting to county road above Mesa Creek. This would allow a good loop opportunity using V1007 and V1067 to return to Blue Creek ranch. The entire length of V822 could be added to this area for a shorter loop option.

Commenter Name: Bertolacci, Jason

Organization: International Mountain Bicycling Association

Submission Code: emc0912

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Mountain bicyclist would greatly benefit by the allowance of future development west of the Gateway Canyons resort to include trails downstream on the Dolores River paralleling the road, upstream on West Creek to join the Picket Trail and upstream across the Dolores river and up on the near bench. The trail system currently has fewer miles than most areas that are attractive to mountain bike users. The comments below reflect a need for non-motorized trails that are still open to all quiet uses. There are several large areas designated as off limits to mountain bikes (The Palisade WSA, Sewemup Mesa Wilderness and others) that provide other quiet users (hikers, horseback) with opportunities for experiences without mountain bikes present. Preserving mountain bike access to the remaining backcountry singletrack trails is very important for future generations. Zone U Recommend U75 and U666 (near Granite Creek) be open to non-motorized use. Recommend U27 and U28 (off Hwy 141 near The Narrows) be left open for dispersed camping opportunities due to lack of these opportunities in the area. Zone V Recommend non-motorized use be allowed on V2691 and 1939 Pickett trail. Mountain bicyclists have been maintaining and using this trail for at least two decades. Due to the terrain, motorized use is NOT RECOMMENDED as it will require excessive costs and labor to maintain trail to safe standards. FOREST SERVICE: Recommend non-motorized use be allowed on Lower Ute/Birch Creek trail (no number on map) due to the encouragement of local Forest Service District for mountain bike use to occur on upper portion of trail that crosses Forest Lands. Maintenance and use by mountain bikes has been occurring on this trail for the last 2 decades. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged. Recommend non-motorized travel be allowed on V592. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged. This trail provides for a "quiet experience" in the midst of a predominantly motorized area. Recommend non-motorized use be allowed on V1007 and V1067 the portion of trail following Blue Creek above the ranch to make a loop. V1007 is an amazing mountain bike ride with incredible trees growing out of the canyon and the tops ending right near the trail. This is part of a non-motorized trail that extends from Mesa Creek to Indian Creek allowing a rare quiet experience Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged. Recommend non-motorized use on V803 allowing access to non-motorized trails on Forest Lands. This trail would allow non-motorized access to the Divide Road which is connection to their highly desirable mountain bike opportunities. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged. Recommend non-motorized use on the complete length of V930 allowing access to non-motorized trails on Forest Lands. There is also a need to add existing trail (has been submitted previously) into inventory extending from the end of V930 at Forest Boundary north to allow access to

non-motorized trails on Forest Lands. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged. This is part of a non-motorized trail that extends from Mesa Creek to Indian Creek allowing a rare quiet experience. Formal trail designation for any use is not recommended for trail following Blue Creek from the Blue Creek ranch downstream to the Dolores river due to trail access at private property, damage to cultural resources and high cost of trail maintenance. Recommend V2810 and V2811 remain open to non-motorized use. The remote nature, solitude provided and interesting band of smooth rock offers a unique and important mountain bike experience. Also allowing use of V2820 and uninventoried route (previously submitted) following the midlevel of cliff band would make a VERY desirable loop with V2810 and V2811. This loop would require a 60 foot section of difficult trail which is not horse or motorized use friendly. There is mining and homestead remains along the trail that would be of great historic interest. Recommend non-motorized use on trail connecting Maverick Canyon and V2626. Recommend non-motorized use on V822 (from Blue Creek ranch), V1421, V1107, V1109 and trail connecting to county road above Mesa Creek. This would allow a good loop opportunity using V1007 and V1067 to return to Blue Creek ranch. The entire length of V822 could be added to this area for a shorter loop option. Recommend non-motorized use on V1151. Although a dead end, it would provide a great easier beginner/kid ride option especially attractive here due to several popular camping spots in the near vicinity. The water availability for pets and the "all downhill" return would be very attractive for a family ride or a shorter evening ride from camp. Recommend non-motorized use on V3062 extending down Maverick Canyon. Although a dead end, it provides a spectacular view and would be a good mellow family ride due to the lack of elevation change, solitude and quiet use of the trail. With a short hike, a glimpse of Juanita Arch adds to the experience. We would really like to see V567 administrative road and then remaining V567 trail into Calamity Canyon open to non-motorized use as depicted in Alternative D. It is an old road down the hill and then follows the drainage to the private property boundary. There is then an uninventoried trail leading up the slope to the east then connecting with road V923 then V922 on a higher bench. This area is perfect to find solitude and ride a single track trail. Zone W Recommend W103 and W217 be left open to at least non-motorized use as it will be the only public access to the small parcel of Forest land. The climb on a mountain bike is very rewarding, the view from the top is magnificent and usually solitude can be found here. Even though it is an out and back, this ride is very rewarding for a seasoned mountain bike user. Allowing only non-motorized use on W213, W214 and W218 would definitely add to the experience of these desired trail options for the mountain bike user. The addition of a new trail from the end of W218 connecting with W213 or W214 would really increase the value of the area for mountain bike use. This would create a different return or approach route for the BIG climb up W103. Recommend leaving routes W49, W78, W112, W89, W127, W190, W194, W195 (even if deemed administrative) open to non-motorized use for the exploration and solitude this area is known for.

Commenter Name: Monholland, Landon

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0922

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

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– Route: V930

– Segment: 21001

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Riparian proximate (100 ft)
- Water Perennial Stream/Fishery
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.
- Designation was considered to reduce livestock and recreation impacts to riparian areas.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to reduce point and non-point source contributions of water quality contaminants from public lands by reducing disturbance footprints associated with travel infrastructure and other surface disturbing actions while also maintaining access and meeting resource use objectives.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse

– Segment: 21076

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Known Cultural Site Visible or Nuisance
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Vegetation Riparian proximate (100 ft)
- Water Perennial Stream/Fishery
- Water Stream Crossing
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- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to reduce livestock and recreation impacts to riparian areas.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Foot/Horse

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Public Comments On Route: V930

Commenter Name: Winans, Scott
Submission Code: emc0868

Organization:
Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Recommend non-motorized (including mountain bike) use on the complete length of V930 allowing access to non-motorized trails on Forest Lands. Also need to add existing trail (has been submitted previously) into inventory extending from the end of V930 at Forest Boundary north to allow access to non-motorized trails on Forest Lands. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged. This is part of a non-motorized (including mountain bike) trail that extends from Mesa Creek to Indian Creek allowing a rare quiet experience.

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Commenter Name: Monholland, Landon
Submission Code: emc0922

Organization:
Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

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Commenter Name: Monholland, Landon
Submission Code: emc0922

Organization:
Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

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Commenter Name: Cox, Kris
Submission Code: emc0788

Organization: COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter
Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

Zone V Recommend non-motorized (including mountain bike) use on V803 allowing access to non-motorized trails on Forest Lands. This trail would allow non-motorized (including mountain bike) access to the Divide Road which is connection to other highly desirable mountain bike opportunities. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged. Recommend non-motorized (including mountain bike) use on the complete length of V930 allowing access to non-motorized trails on Forest Lands. Also need to add existing trail (has been submitted previously) into inventory extending from the end of V930 at Forest Boundary north to allow access to non-motorized trails on Forest Lands. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged. This is part of a non-motorized (including mountain bike) trail that extends from Mesa Creek to Indian Creek allowing a rare quiet experience. Formal trail designation for any use is not recommended for trail following Blue Creek from the Blue Creek ranch downstream to the Dolores river due to trail access at private property, damage to cultural resources and high cost of trail maintenance. Recommend non-motorized (including mountain bike) use on trail connecting Maverick Canyon and V2626. Recommend non-motorized (including mountain bike) use on V822 (from Blue Creek ranch), V1421, V1107, V1109 and trail connecting to county road above Mesa Creek. This would allow a good loop opportunity using V1007 and V1067 to return to Blue Creek ranch. The entire length of V822 could be added to this area for a shorter loop option. Recommend non-motorized (including mountain bike) use on V1151. Although a dead end, it would provide a great easier beginner/kid ride option especially attractive here due to several popular camping spots in the near vicinity. The quiet use, creek crossing (always fun), water availability for pets and the all downhill return would be very attractive for a family ride or a shorter evening ride from camp. Recommend non-motorized (including mountain bike) use on V3062 extending down Maverick Canyon. Although a dead end, it provides a spectacular view and would be a good mellow family ride due to the lack of elevation change, solitude and quiet use of the trail. With a short hike, a glimpse of Juanita Arch can be had if one knows where to look. Would really like to see V567 administrative road and then remaining V567 trail into Calamity Canyon open to non-motorized (including mountain bikes) use as depicted in Alternative D. It is an old road down the hill and then follows the drainage to the private property boundary. There is then an uninventoried trail leading up the slope to the east then connecting with road V923 then V922 on a higher bench. This area is perfect to explore old mining ruins, find solitude and ride a single track trail.

Commenter Name: Shepherd, Janice
Submission Code: emc0835

Organization: The Quiet Trails Group
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Specifically regarding the Blue Creek Trail Complex outside the Maverick LWC (V930, V1067, V1011, V803, V1007), we support the plan as laid out in Alternative D outside the LWC.

Commenter Name: Shepherd, Janice
Submission Code: emc0835

Organization: The Quiet Trails Group
Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

We would like to see V930, east of the LWC, open to mechanized, horse and foot travel and would suggest developing it as a loop trail.

Commenter Name: Bertolacci, Jason

Organization: International Mountain Bicycling

Association**Reccomended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized****Submission Code: emc0912**

Mountain bicyclist would greatly benefit by the allowance of future development west of the Gateway Canyons resort to include trails downstream on the Dolores River paralleling the road, upstream on West Creek to join the Picket Trail and upstream across the Dolores river and up on the near bench. The trail system currently has fewer miles than most areas that are attractive to mountain bike users. The comments below reflect a need for non-motorized trails that are still open to all quiet uses. There are several large areas designated as off limits to mountain bikes (The Palisade WSA, Sewemup Mesa Wilderness and others) that provide other quiet users (hikers, horseback) with opportunities for experiences without mountain bikes present. Preserving mountain bike access to the remaining backcountry singletrack trails is very important for future generations. Zone U Recommend U75 and U666 (near Granite Creek) be open to non-motorized use. Recommend U27 and U28 (off Hwy 141 near The Narrows) be left open for dispersed camping opportunities due to lack of these opportunities in the area. Zone V Recommend non-motorized use be allowed on V2691 and 1939 Pickett trail. Mountain bicyclists have been maintaining and using this trail for at least two decades. Due to the terrain, motorized use is NOT RECOMMENDED as it will require excessive costs and labor to maintain trail to safe standards. FOREST SERVICE: Recommend non-motorized use be allowed on Lower Ute/Birch Creek trail (no number on map) due to the encouragement of local Forest Service District for mountain bike use to occur on upper portion of trail that crosses Forest Lands. Maintenance and use by mountain bikes has been occurring on this trail for the last 2 decades. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged. Recommend non-motorized travel be allowed on V592. Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged. This trail provides for a "quiet experience" in the midst of a predominantly motorized area. Recommend non-motorized use be allowed on V1007 and V1067 the portion of trail following Blue Creek above the ranch to make a loop. V1007 is an amazing mountain bike ride with incredible trees growing out of the canyon and the tops ending right near the trail. This is part of a non-motorized trail that extends from Mesa Creek to Indian Creek allowing a rare quiet experience Due to the remote nature and solitude provided by this trail, allowing motorized use is HIGHLY discouraged. Recommend non-motorized use on V803 allowing access to non-motorized trails on Forest Lands. This trail would allow non-motorized access to the Divide Road which is connection to ther highly desirable mountain bike opportunities. 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The remote nature, solitude provided and interesting band of smooth rock offers a unique and important mountain bike experience. Also allowing use of V2820 and uninventoried route (previously submitted) following the midlevel of cliff band would make a VERY desirable loop with V2810 and V2811. This loop would require a 60 foot section of difficult trail which is not horse or motorized use friendly. There is mining and homestead remains along the trail that would be of great historic interest. Recommend non-motorized use on trail connecting Maverick Canyon and V2626. Recommend non-motorized use on V822 (from Blue Creek ranch), V1421, V1107, V1109 and trail connecting to county road above Mesa Creek. This would allow a good loop opportunity using V1007 and V1067 to return to Blue Creek ranch. The entire length of V822 could be added to this area for a shorter loop option. Recommend non-motorized use on V1151. 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This area is perfect to find solitude and ride a single track trail. Zone W Recommend W103 and W217 be left open to at least non-motorized use as it will be the only public access to the small parcel of Forest land. The climb on a mountain bike is very rewarding, the view from the top is magnificent and usually solitude can be found here. Even though it is an out and back, this ride is very rewarding for a seasoned

mountain bike user. Allowing only non-motorized use on W213, W214 and W218 would definitely add to the experience of these desired trail options for the mountain bike user. The addition of a new trail from the end of W218 connecting with W213 or W214 would really increase the value of the area for mountain bike use. This would create a different return or approach route for the BIG climb up W103. Recommend leaving routes W49, W78, W112, W89, W127, W190, W194, W195 (even if deemed administrative) open to non-motorized use for the exploration and solitude this area is known for.

Commenter Name: Jespersion, Soren

Organization: The Wilderness Society

Submission Code: emc0917

Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

These recommendations are particularly salient as they relate to the Maverick Canyon LWC unit and the corridor along the Byway and the Dolores River. While we believe the wilderness qualities of Maverick Canyon should be preserved - via an LWC designation and a predominantly Closed Travel Area Designation - we do feel that minimal mountain bike use and low-impact trail use in the lower (northern) end of the unit would may be consistent with LWC management and so should be accommodated via a Limited to Designated Routes for Horse, Foot and Mechanized (Closed to Motorized) Travel Area Designation. Route Specific Travel Designations: We support the route-specific travel designations from Alternative B with the following exceptions: - V 1939, V 2691: Given the historical legacy of The Pickett Trail we would like to see these routes designated for Foot & Horse travel as included in Alternative C. Travel management decisions should thoughtfully consider the following information. O This historic trail, developed by a mule train, is additionally significant as the only defined singletrack hiking/equestrian trail in the region directly connects the regions low country to the mesa tops above. The soil is often loose and the trail steep. It is a challenging and rewarding historic hike through the wilderness. This trail should be clearly marked at the intersection of 1939 and 6.3 rd and again from the top as 2691 begins its descent. Markers should include specific information about travel restrictions. An interpretive kiosk at the mouth of Wright Draw should include information about the trails historic relevance. V 930, V 1067, V 1011, V 803, V 1007: As there are limited opportunities to mountain bike on routes which are closed to motorized use, we support the recommendation, as included in Alternative D, that these routes be designated for Foot, Horse and Bike. This being said, we do ask that travel along the lower section of Blue Creek, west of the private property and within the Maverick LWC, be designated for Horse and Foot as outlined in Alternative B. This is particularly important given the cultural resources located here and the need to keep the number of visitors low.

Commenter Name: Edwards, William

Organization: USDA

Submission Code: rmc0086

Recommended: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Route V930: It might be difficult to close the first 3 miles of this route to motorized use because it currently gets moderate public use but is heavily used by grazing permittees accessing the forest. Could we work together to authorize the grazing permittees to have administrative access?

Commenter Name: No Record

Organization: No Record

Submission Code: No Record

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

[Forest Service comment] Could have possible loop potential onto FS

– Route: V982

– Segment: 21122

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 21121

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: V982

Commenter Name: Smith, Jerry

Organization:

Submission Code: emc0773

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

The Calamity Mesa Airstrip road/trail Area V: V328; V668; V792; V791; V979; V985; V982; V989; Some history of the Calamity Mesa Airstrip road/trail: a. In September of 2009, Grand Mesa Jeep Club member Jerry Smith first explored this road/trail. The majority of the road/trail runs on the top of Calamity Mesa and is suitable for most SUVs with some high ground clearance. The only signs of use were some ATV tracks. The lower end of the road/trail drops down a canyon to the 11.5 Rd. (Calamity Mesa Loop). In the canyon, the road/trail crosses a wash several times. In this area, Gambel Oak had completely overgrown the road surface completely closing the route. The oak brush was cut and removed from the road surface and laced to act as erosion control. Once the 11.5 Rd is reached, any stock vehicles would be advised to return the way they came from. b. The Calamity Mesa Airstrip road/trail was included in the 2012 and again in the 2013 "Rock Junction" event BLM Special Use Permit. c. This Calamity Mesa Airstrip road/trail has several breath taking vistas including overlooking Flat Top Mesa, Little Maverick Canyon, the top of Sewemup Mesa, the upper La Sal mountain range just to mention a few. d. Though the top of Calamity Mesa is not as difficult, once on the Calamity Mesa Loop, the driver must either return the way they came from or be able to negotiate many of the very difficult "Named Obstacles" of the Calamity Mesa Loop. e. Because of the ease of access, the top of Calamity Mesa and the road/trail down to the point of entering the canyon would be a highly recommended area for "Quiet Users", mountain biking, equestrians, and other motorized uses. The serenity and the scenery together are simply awesome. Much of the hiking, horse riding, or mountain biking would be easy to moderate on the mesa top making for an excellent experience. We would ask that the BLM give serious consideration to revise the 2013 RMP/ TMP to include the top of Calamity Mesa in the SRMA for the Calamity Mesa Loop. We would also ask the BLM give serious consideration to revise the 2013 RMP/ TMP so that in the SRMA, the top of Calamity Mesa be managed with the possibility of single track hiking and/or bicycle trail(s) be established to provide less chance for user conflicts between motorized and nonmotorized user groups.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

Calamity Mesa Airstrip V328, V668, V792, V791, V979, V985, V982, V989, (V792 has great views @ the east end) (V979 goes to good views to the east)

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: emc0631

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): 11.5 Rd, V921, V3122, V976, V528, V138, V432, V3589, V700, V328, V668, V792, V791, V979, V985, V982, V989 Trail Name: Calamity Mesa Loop and Airstrip Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): The trail offers a nice variety of challenges for a standard 4WD vehicle, while also offering the chance to explore historic mining sites, and enjoy breathtaking scenery. Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This is a fantastic area to explore and take in the scenic views. Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): I like that this trail offers a bit of everything - historic sites, fantastic views, fun to drive. V426 has an old mine truck. V792 has great views at the east end. V979 travels to good views to the east. This trail has been permitted by the BLM for the Grand Mesa Jeep Clubs Rock Junction Event in both 2012 and 2013 and has been incredibly popular. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, emoteness): This is a fun excursion, offering the fullsize 4WD a full day of exploring with friends. Even traveling in a group, the trail has a feeling of remoteness. The views are amazing. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): I would like to see these roads remain open to fullsize 4WD as well as ATV, UTV, and motorcycle. This area should be managed for primitive recreation of all forms.

Commenter Name: No Record
Submission Code: No Record

Organization: No Record
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

[Grand Mesa Jeep Club, Absolute Off Road, LLC] [including snowmobiling] 8. From upper 11.5 Road - down the top of Calamity Mesa and back to 11.5 Road. 11.5 Road; V328; V668; V791; V979; V985; V982; V989; This loop Jeep road is a primitive road with some very challenging sections. It has some great views and historical sites to explore. It also connects to other primitive Jeep road loops. This Jeep road shows signs of heavy ATV use, especially during hunting season. Largely because of the mining, the area is loaded with good access to motorized users, but still has many opportunities for non-motorized users. The area has a large number of elk, deer, bear, and many other species. The history within the area is nearly unlimited and should be protected and preserved. Saving as much of the existing mining influence remnants should be high on the priority list. Kiosks with historical facts would be a real blessing as well. Access from the Divide Road much earlier in the spring would be a real help. All that would be required to do this would be for the Forest Service to change the location of their winter closure to the intersection of the "Uranium Road" or change the opening date of the Divide Road. One other possibility would be for Mesa County to open 6.3 Road near the top by dozing through the snow drifts that accumulate there. These drifts last well past when the majority of the area has already lost its snowpack. Trails within the area are proposed and being permitted for a commercial event with the Gateway Canyons Resort in June '09 and probably for years thereafter. We look forward to working with the BLM this spring to doing some necessary maintenance on these trails to make them safer for the event entrants.

– Route: W109

– Segment: 21006

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Potential cultural interpretation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Paleo Paleontological site Proximate (200m Buffer)
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 21028

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Potential cultural interpretation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 21029

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Potential cultural interpretation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: W109

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE W MAP W LIST OF ALL ROADS FOR HUNTER ACCESS W60 W27 W31 W94 W28 W134 W57 W33
CAMPING SITES W38 W49 W205 W198 W51 W53 W174 W184 W125 W126 W80 W118 W196 W194 W119 W86
W141 W137 W142 W91 W109 W112 W77 W76 W79 W151 W153 W226 W22 W2 W25 W225 W221 W213 W214 W18
W209 W17 W103 W217 W205 W216

– Route: W119

– Segment: 20322

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: W119

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE W MAP W LIST OF ALL ROADS FOR HUNTER ACCESS W60 W27 W31 W94 W28 W134 W57 W33
CAMPING SITES W38 W49 W205 W198 W51 W53 W174 W184 W125 W126 W80 W118 W196 W194 W119 W86
W141 W137 W142 W91 W109 W112 W77 W76 W79 W151 W153 W226 W22 W2 W25 W225 W221 W213 W214 W18
W209 W17 W103 W217 W205 W216

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0073

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

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Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: emc0728

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): W179, W157, W126, W122, W127, W197, W190, W191, W80, W118, W119, W192, W194, W195, W112, W78, W89 Trail Name: Dolores River Valley Overlooks Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): Several trails that lead to overlooks of the Dolores River Valley and surrounding areas. Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This is an area my family likes to explore. Typically, my husband rides an ATV whereas I drive a UTV that is greater than 50" wide. The two machines are wellmatched in speed, capabilities, and distances we can travel. I like driving the UTV because I can comfortably and safely carry my child with me. We seek out areas like this that offer plenty of trail distance and scenery to provide a full days adventure. Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): I love the views. What a scenic place to explore. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): I get to get outside and enjoy the scenery with my family and take a few photographs. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): Leave these routes open to fullsize 4WD. Redesignating twotrack roads as ATVwidth only trails does nothing to enhance the ATV experience and ignores the growing popularity of UTVs. The BLM fails to understand that ATVs and UTVs are wellmatched riding partners and it is quite common to have groups of ATVs and UTVs traveling together. Twotrack roads open to all motorized uses are essential to "mixed groups" such as these.

– Route: W125

– Segment: 19485

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

– Segment: 19222

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: W125

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Submission Code: emc0693

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE W MAP W LIST OF ALL ROADS FOR HUNTER ACCESS W60 W27 W31 W94 W28 W134 W57 W33
CAMPING SITES W38 W49 W205 W198 W51 W53 W174 W184 W125 W126 W80 W118 W196 W194 W119 W86
W141 W137 W142 W91 W109 W112 W77 W76 W79 W151 W153 W226 W22 W2 W25 W225 W221 W213 W214 W18
W209 W17 W103 W217 W205 W216

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0073

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone W should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes W: 134, 198, 205, 49, 47, 33, 38, 32, 57, 31, 28, 27, 60, 131, 51, 53, 176, 127, 157, 174, 125, 191, 190, 126, 120, 184, 126, 192, 194, 196, 195, 118, 119, 80, 153, 151, 76, 149, 77, 78, 112, 90, 91, 146, 137, 89, 148, 141, 139, 86, 147, 140, 83, 84, 17, 18, 218, 103, 217, 103, 105, 219, 209, 212, 225, 222, 2, 25, 22, 226. Based on Colorado Law and County Regulations, RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone W routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes to public access.

Commenter Name: Moores, Craig

Submission Code: cfc0169

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

The following is a partial list of roads, that should remain open and usable, that are listed for closure or restriction in the proposed RMP Alternative B, C and or D. U13, U14, U11, U699, U345, U701, U317, U701, U317, U680, U681, U682 U15, U17, U23, U20, U18, U666, U723, U725, U712, W221, W2, W225, W222, W218, W60, W27, W57, W51, W33, W53, W176, W174, W118, W125, W126, W120, W192, W194, W195, W198, Q121, Q338, Q448, Q450, Q479, Q256, Q673, Q529, Q517, Q528, Q535, Q537, Q539, Q115, Q623, Q771, Q737, Q763, Q835

– Route: W134

– Segment: 19521

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None**Mitigation**

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Production Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: W134

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0073

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone W should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes W: 134, 198, 205, 49, 47, 33, 38, 32, 57, 31, 28, 27, 60, 131, 51, 53, 176, 127, 157, 174, 125, 191, 190, 126, 120, 184, 126, 192, 194, 196, 195, 118, 119, 80, 153, 151, 76, 149, 77, 78, 112, 90, 91, 146, 137, 89, 148, 141, 139, 86, 147, 140, 83, 84, 17, 18, 218, 103, 217, 103, 105, 219, 209, 212, 225, 222, 2, 25, 22, 226. Based on Colorado Law and County Regulations, RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone W routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes to public access.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Submission Code: emc0693

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE W MAP W LIST OF ALL ROADS FOR HUNTER ACCESS W60 W27 W31 W94 W28 W134 W57 W33
CAMPING SITES W38 W49 W205 W198 W51 W53 W174 W184 W125 W126 W80 W118 W196 W194 W119 W86
W141 W137 W142 W91 W109 W112 W77 W76 W79 W151 W153 W226 W22 W2 W25 W225 W221 W213 W214 W18
W209 W17 W103 W217 W205 W216

– Route: W137**– Segment: 20557**

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Elk Production Area
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 3 (Elk Calving)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 3 (Elk Calving)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 20967

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Spring Closure 3 (Elk Calving)

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Production Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities during critical periods in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 3 (Elk Calving)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 20973

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Production Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 3 (Elk Calving)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 21012

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Production Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 3 (Elk Calving)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 3 (Elk Calving)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 21014

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation:

Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations:

Spring Closure 3 (Elk Calving)

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Production Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.

- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 3 (Elk Calving)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 21016

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Production Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 21070

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None**Mitigation**

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale**Designation Criteria**

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Elk Production Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 3 (Elk Calving)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 3 (Elk Calving)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: W137

Commenter Name: Burns, Chuck

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: rmc0024

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Refers to Pace Lake We enjoy exploring Colorado back country we especially enjoy trails that are challenging. We birdwatch, take photos, and camp on our trips. Great scenic drive getting to trail. The trail is narrow with challenging off camber sections. There are also large rock gardens that are challenging to negotiate. It is great to get to such a remote area in a day trip. It is great to go up and have lunch with friends. We would like to see W917 to W137 to make a loop back to John Brown Rd.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE W MAP W LIST OF ALL ROADS FOR HUNTER ACCESS W60 W27 W31 W94 W28 W134 W57 W33
CAMPING SITES W38 W49 W205 W198 W51 W53 W174 W184 W125 W126 W80 W118 W196 W194 W119 W86
W141 W137 W142 W91 W109 W112 W77 W76 W79 W151 W153 W226 W22 W2 W25 W225 W221 W213 W214 W18
W209 W17 W103 W217 W205 W216

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Pace Lake W217, W103, W17, W18, W19, W209, Eventually tie W217 to W137 to make a loop road back to John Brown Rd.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0073

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone W should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes W: 134, 198, 205, 49, 47, 33, 38, 32, 57, 31, 28, 27, 60, 131, 51, 53, 176, 127, 157, 174, 125, 191, 190, 126, 120, 184, 126, 192, 194, 196, 195, 118, 119, 80, 153, 151, 76, 149, 77, 78, 112, 90, 91, 146, 137, 89, 148, 141, 139, 86, 147, 140, 83, 84, 17, 18, 218, 103, 217, 103, 105, 219, 209, 212, 225, 222, 2, 25, 22, 226. Based on Colorado Law and County Regulations, RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone W routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes to public access.

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: emc0631

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): W217, W103, W17, W18, W19, W209 **Trail Name:** Pace Lake Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This trail was permitted by the BLM for the Grand Mesa Jeep Clubs Rock Junction event in 2013. It features a mix of challenging rock crawling with exploration, visiting historic sites, and viewing beautiful scenery. **Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views):** The views and the history of this area make it a great area to explore. **Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness):** This trail provides me with a feeling of remoteness while enjoying time with friends and family. This is an enjoyable trip to do with a small group of vehicles. **Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered):** This trail should remain open to full-size 4WD vehicles for the entire length of the trail. I would like to see this trail connected to W217 to W137 to make a loop road back to John Brown Rd.

– Route: W14

– Segment: 20253

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates

in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: W14

No public comments for this Route

– Route: W147

– Segment: 20411

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Production Area
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 3 (Elk Calving)

Alternative C (Conservation): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 3 (Elk Calving)

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 20412

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Production Area

Rationale for Decision

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- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 20700

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

Minimize Harassment: Areas and 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.

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Production Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: W147

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0073

Organization:

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

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– Route: W174

– Segment: 18571

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Once Well is Abandoned

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas not meeting Public Land Health 1.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 19259

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Once Well is Abandoned

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 19264

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Once Well is Abandoned

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
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- Special Designation VRM Class III
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Rationale for Decision

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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: W174

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0073

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone W should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes W: 134, 198, 205, 49, 47, 33, 38, 32, 57, 31, 28, 27, 60, 131, 51, 53, 176, 127, 157, 174, 125, 191, 190, 126, 120, 184, 126, 192, 194, 196, 195, 118, 119, 80, 153, 151, 76, 149, 77, 78, 112, 90, 91, 146, 137, 89, 148, 141, 139, 86, 147, 140, 83, 84, 17, 18, 218, 103, 217, 103, 105, 219, 209, 212, 225, 222, 2, 25, 22, 226. Based on Colorado Law and County Regulations, RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone W routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes to public access.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Submission Code: emc0693

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE W MAP W LIST OF ALL ROADS FOR HUNTER ACCESS W60 W27 W31 W94 W28 W134 W57 W33
CAMPING SITES W38 W49 W205 W198 W51 W53 W174 W184 W125 W126 W80 W118 W196 W194 W119 W86
W141 W137 W142 W91 W109 W112 W77 W76 W79 W151 W153 W226 W22 W2 W25 W225 W221 W213 W214 W18
W209 W17 W103 W217 W205 W216

Commenter Name: Moores, Craig

Submission Code: cfc0169

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

The following is a partial list of roads, that should remain open and usable, that are listed for closure or restriction in the proposed RMP Alternative B, C and or D. U13, U14, U11, U699, U345, U701, U317, U701, U317, U680, U681, U682 U15, U17, U23, U20, U18, U666, U723, U725, U712, W221, W2, W225, W222, W218, W60, W27, W57, W51, W33, W53, W176. W174, W118, W125, W126, W120, W192, W194, W195, W198, Q121, Q338, Q448, Q450, Q479, Q256, Q673, Q529, Q517, Q528, Q535, Q537, Q539, Q115, Q623, Q771, Q737, Q763, Q835

– **Route: W184**

– **Segment: 19104**

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 18982

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area

- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to provide access to undeveloped campsites that exist along dead-end spur roads.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 19001

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Not Meeting Public Land health Standard (1)
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Water Does not meets Public Land Health Standard Hydro
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.

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- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: W184

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0073

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone W should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes W: 134, 198, 205, 49, 47, 33, 38, 32, 57, 31, 28, 27, 60, 131, 51, 53, 176, 127, 157, 174, 125, 191, 190, 126, 120, 184, 126, 192, 194, 196, 195, 118, 119, 80, 153, 151, 76, 149, 77, 78, 112, 90, 91, 146, 137, 89, 148, 141, 139, 86, 147, 140, 83, 84, 17, 18, 218, 103, 217, 103, 105, 219, 209, 212, 225, 222, 2, 25, 22, 226. Based on Colorado Law and County Regulations, RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone W routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes to public access.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE W MAP W LIST OF ALL ROADS FOR HUNTER ACCESS W60 W27 W31 W94 W28 W134 W57 W33
CAMPING SITES W38 W49 W205 W198 W51 W53 W174 W184 W125 W126 W80 W118 W196 W194 W119 W86
W141 W137 W142 W91 W109 W112 W77 W76 W79 W151 W153 W226 W22 W2 W25 W225 W221 W213 W214 W18
W209 W17 W103 W217 W205 W216

– Route: W196

– Segment: 19617

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 20116

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: W196

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0073

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone W should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes W: 134, 198, 205, 49, 47, 33, 38, 32, 57, 31, 28, 27, 60, 131, 51, 53, 176, 127, 157, 174, 125, 191, 190, 126, 120, 184, 126, 192, 194, 196, 195, 118, 119, 80, 153, 151, 76, 149, 77, 78, 112, 90, 91, 146, 137, 89, 148, 141, 139, 86, 147, 140, 83, 84, 17, 18, 218, 103, 217, 103, 105, 219, 209, 212, 225, 222, 2, 25, 22, 226. Based on Colorado Law and County Regulations, RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone W routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes to

public access.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE W MAP W LIST OF ALL ROADS FOR HUNTER ACCESS W60 W27 W31 W94 W28 W134 W57 W33
CAMPING SITES W38 W49 W205 W198 W51 W53 W174 W184 W125 W126 W80 W118 W196 W194 W119 W86
W141 W137 W142 W91 W109 W112 W77 W76 W79 W151 W153 W226 W22 W2 W25 W225 W221 W213 W214 W18
W209 W17 W103 W217 W205 W216

– Route: W198

– Segment: 16176

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

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- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: W198

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0073

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone W should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes W: 134, 198, 205 ,49, 47, 33, 38, 32, 57, 31, 28, 27, 60, 131, 51, 53, 176, 127, 157, 174, 125, 191, 190, 126, 120, 184, 126, 192, 194, 196,195,118,119,80,153,151,76,149, 77, 78, 112, 90, 91, 146, 137, 89, 148, 141, 139, 86, 147, 140, 83, 84, 17, 18, 218, 103, 217, 103, 105, 219, 209, 212, 225, 222, 2, 25, 22, 226. Based on Colorado Law and County Regulations, RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone W routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes to public access.

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: emc0728

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): W49, W199, W198 Trail Name: John Brown Canyon Overlook Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): A side trip off John Brown Canyon that goes out to a point overlooking John Brown Canyon Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): I enjoy exploring this area with my family. I enjoy photographing the scenic vistas. Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): I like the views of John Brown Canyon and also of the Dolores River Valley that can be seen from this route. Trails like this one provide great views and great photos. Being able to take a 4WD vehicle means that the whole family can come along. I doubt Id get much chance to photograph from places like this if my family wasnt able to come with me and enjoy the trip. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): This trail lets me take the family out exploring and we all enjoy the scenic vistas. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): Leave these routes open to fullwidth motorized vehicles so families like mine can enjoy the views.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE W MAP W LIST OF ALL ROADS FOR HUNTER ACCESS W60 W27 W31 W94 W28 W134 W57 W33 CAMPING SITES W38 W49 W205 W198 W51 W53 W174 W184 W125 W126 W80 W118 W196 W194 W119 W86 W141 W137 W142 W91 W109 W112 W77 W76 W79 W151 W153 W226 W22 W2 W25 W225 W221 W213 W214 W18 W209 W17 W103 W217 W205 W216

Commenter Name: Moores, Craig

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0169

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

The following is a partial list of roads, that should remain open and usable, that are listed for closure or restriction in the proposed RMP Alternative B, C and or D. U13, U14, U11, U699, U345, U701, U317, U701, U317, U680, U681, U682 U15, U17, U23, U20, U18, U666, U723, U725, U712, W221, W2, W225, W222, W218, W60, W27, W57, W51, W33, W53, W176. W174, W118, W125, W126, W120, W192, W194, W195, W198, Q121, Q338, Q448, Q450, Q479, Q256, Q673, Q529, Q517, Q528, Q535, Q537, Q539, Q115, Q623, Q771, Q737, Q763, Q835

– Route: W2

– Segment: 21731

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Wilderness Natural Area:** 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-highway vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class I
- Special Designation WSA
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Study Site

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to preserve the visual character of the existing landscape, limit or reduce the number of routes in areas managed as VRM Class I
- Designation was considered when protecting Wilderness Study Areas values.
- Designation was considered to reduce impairment of wilderness characteristics in areas managed for wilderness characteristics.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: W2

Commenter Name: Potterveld, Jan

Organization: Back Country Horsemen of Colorado

Submission Code: emc0634

Reccomended: Foot/Horse

Area or trail name: Sinbad Valley and Sewemup Mesa, Zone W Describe the area and your historical use/knowledge of the area. Sewemup Mesa is an existing WSA and should continue under that designation because of remoteness, isolation and solitude it provides. Access is difficult at best and suitable only for hikers and very experienced horse persons. Sinbad Valley is important for historical and geologic reasons, being a salt anticline and home to the McCarty brothers cabins. I have ridden horseback in the southeast corner of this area, enjoying the beautiful scenery and solitude. The remainder of Zone W covers the mesas to the north up to John Brown Rd.

Why is the area important from your perspective? While much of the center of Sinbad Valley is private ranch land, the edges provide excellent hiking and horseback riding trails with some access to Sewemup Mesa. There is Country Road access via 7.2 road with public access granted over some private sections. This valley is also the Colorado access route to the Manti-La Sal National Forest. Trails extend into this Forest. Rare Fauna and Flora are to be found along the slopes. Because of all the public land and access issues, it is probably not appropriate to designate this as an LWC but we ought to manage it with those principals in mind. Indeed given the rare plants noted above, the cultural resources and of course the scenic view-shed of the cliff. The Sinbad Valley area should be managed as an Area of Critical Environmental Concern as outlined in Alternative C.

How would you like to see this area managed by BLM and why? With regard to travel, I would like to see this area managed for multiple use with the exception of the Sewemup Mesa. The McCarty Cabins should be preserved as a historical landmark. Alternative B provides a very workable mixture of trails and routes for all users. Route W22 is one of my favorites and it leads into the Manti-La Sal NF. Route W2 is marked to be closed. I would like to see W2 stay open for horse and hikers as route over the first ridge below the steep rise up to Sewemup Mesa . Additional Comments: Route W22 starts out as a route suitable for all users, but then as it progresses into the National forest its suitability narrows to bikers, and then to only hikers and horses, and finally only to hikers able to scale the walls and cliffs. All the depicted routes in Alt. B should be maintained for connectivity into the NFS and into the UTAH trail system providing access to the trail system on the mesas to the north. Also, none of the Alternatives show any trails from the Hwy 141 side up onto Sewemup Mesa. These exist and should be part of the inventory for Horse and Hiking.

Commenter Name: Shepherd, Janice

Organization: The Quiet Trails Group

Submission Code: emc0835

Recommended: Foot/Horse

We would also support keeping W49 open to foot, horse and bike travel but closed to motorized use. Once W49 narrows, it should then be limited to foot and horse travel. We also have questions about the W2 closure if there are not significant reasons for this closure, we would prefer to see it remain available to foot and horse travel.

Commenter Name: Bufkin, Bruce

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Submission Code: rmc0025

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Description: Step rocky accesses the southwest end of Sewemup Mesa. The only way to access to the top of the mesa. There is no water on the way up or on the top. **Historical Use:** I've Used these trails to access Sewemup Mesa for hunting. **Why you like it:** Without being able to 4 wheel to the top of W2, you cannot pack enough water to explore the top of the mesa. The top of Sewemup Mesa is very remote. Wildlife waters from the creek of the south end of the mesa. Extremely steep sides make for fantastic views. Without these trails the Sewemup Mesa Wilderness will essentially be unused.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0073

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

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Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE W MAP W LIST OF ALL ROADS FOR HUNTER ACCESS W60 W27 W31 W94 W28 W134 W57 W33 CAMPING SITES W38 W49 W205 W198 W51 W53 W174 W184 W125 W126 W80 W118 W196 W194 W119 W86 W141 W137 W142 W91 W109 W112 W77 W76 W79 W151 W153 W226 W22 W2 W25 W225 W221 W213 W214 W18 W209 W17 W103 W217 W205 W216

Commenter Name: Moores, Craig

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0169

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

The following is a partial list of roads, that should remain open and usable, that are listed for closure or restriction in the proposed RMP Alternative B, C and or D. U13, U14, U11, U699, U345, U701, U317, U701, U317, U680, U681, U682 U15, U17, U23, U20, U18, U666, U723, U725, U712, W221, W2, W225, W222, W218, W60, W27, W57, W51, W33, W53, W176. W174, W118, W125, W126, W120, W192, W194, W195, W198, Q121, Q338, Q448, Q450, Q479, Q256, Q673, Q529, Q517, Q528, Q535, Q537, Q539, Q115, Q623, Q771, Q737, Q763, Q835

— Route: W205

— Segment: 16652

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 16833

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and

other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 17248

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 17376

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 17558

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering

- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: W205

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0073

Organization:

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone W should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes W: 134, 198, 205 ,49, 47, 33, 38, 32, 57, 31, 28, 27, 60, 131, 51, 53, 176, 127, 157, 174, 125, 191, 190, 126, 120, 184, 126, 192, 194, 196,195,118,119,80,153,151,76,149, 77, 78, 112, 90, 91, 146, 137, 89, 148, 141, 139, 86, 147, 140, 83, 84, 17, 18, 218, 103, 217, 103, 105, 219, 209, 212, 225, 222, 2, 25, 22, 226. Based on Colorado Law and County Regulations, RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone W routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes to public access.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Submission Code: emc0693

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE W MAP W LIST OF ALL ROADS FOR HUNTER ACCESS W60 W27 W31 W94 W28 W134 W57 W33
CAMPING SITES W38 W49 W205 W198 W51 W53 W174 W184 W125 W126 W80 W118 W196 W194 W119 W86
W141 W137 W142 W91 W109 W112 W77 W76 W79 W151 W153 W226 W22 W2 W25 W225 W221 W213 W214 W18
W209 W17 W103 W217 W205 W216

– Route: W207

– Segment: 16736

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- No Rationale for the this designation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: W207

No public comments for this Route

– Route: W225

– Segment: 21472

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 21507

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 21468

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 21514

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Drainage Crossing

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Mule Deer Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
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Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: W225

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0073

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone W should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes W: 134, 198, 205, 49, 47, 33, 38, 32, 57, 31, 28, 27, 60, 131, 51, 53, 176, 127, 157, 174, 125, 191, 190, 126, 120, 184, 126, 192, 194, 196, 195, 118, 119, 80, 153, 151, 76, 149, 77, 78, 112, 90, 91, 146, 137, 89, 148, 141, 139, 86, 147, 140, 83, 84, 17, 18, 218, 103, 217, 103, 105, 219, 209, 212, 225, 222, 2, 25, 22, 226. Based on Colorado Law and County Regulations, RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone W routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes to public access.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE W MAP W LIST OF ALL ROADS FOR HUNTER ACCESS W60 W27 W31 W94 W28 W134 W57 W33 CAMPING SITES W38 W49 W205 W198 W51 W53 W174 W184 W125 W126 W80 W118 W196 W194 W119 W86 W141 W137 W142 W91 W109 W112 W77 W76 W79 W151 W153 W226 W22 W2 W25 W225 W221 W213 W214 W18 W209 W17 W103 W217 W205 W216

Commenter Name: Moores, Craig

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0169

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

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– Route: W27

– Segment: 18580

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Production Area
- Range Study Site
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 18926

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- If opened, potential cultural mitigation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 19278

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Elk Production Area
- Range Study Site
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 19279

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling

- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Production Area
- Range Study Site
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: W27

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0073

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone W should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes W: 134, 198, 205 ,49, 47, 33, 38, 32, 57, 31, 28, 27, 60, 131, 51, 53, 176, 127, 157, 174, 125, 191, 190, 126, 120, 184, 126, 192, 194, 196,195,118,119,80,153,151,76,149, 77, 78, 112, 90, 91, 146, 137, 89, 148, 141, 139, 86, 147, 140, 83, 84, 17, 18, 218, 103, 217, 103, 105, 219, 209, 212, 225, 222, 2, 25, 22, 226. Based on Colorado Law and County Regulations, RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone W routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes to public access.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE W MAP W LIST OF ALL ROADS FOR HUNTER ACCESS W60 W27 W31 W94 W28 W134 W57 W33
CAMPING SITES W38 W49 W205 W198 W51 W53 W174 W184 W125 W126 W80 W118 W196 W194 W119 W86
W141 W137 W142 W91 W109 W112 W77 W76 W79 W151 W153 W226 W22 W2 W25 W225 W221 W213 W214 W18
W209 W17 W103 W217 W205 W216

Commenter Name: Moores, Craig

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0169

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

The following is a partial list of roads, that should remain open and usable, that are listed for closure or restriction in the proposed RMP Alternative B, C and or D. U13, U14, U11, U699, U345, U701, U317, U701, U317, U680, U681, U682 U15, U17, U23, U20, U18, U666, U723, U725, U712, W221, W2, W225, W222, W218, W60, W27, W57, W51, W33, W53, W176. W174, W118, W125, W126, W120, W192, W194, W195, W198, Q121, Q338, Q448, Q450, Q479, Q256, Q673, Q529, Q517, Q528, Q535, Q537, Q539, Q115, Q623, Q771, Q737, Q763, Q835

– Route: W31

– Segment: 18808

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Potential cultural mitigation and interpretation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 18834

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Potential cultural mitigation and interpretation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 18904

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Needs More Data
- Potential cultural mitigation and interpretation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Recreation Access Dispersed Campsite
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class II

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to provide access to undeveloped campsites that exist along dead-end spur roads.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 18807

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or

other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 21969

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Plant communities susceptible to Cheatgrass Invasion

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to reduce the spread of cheatgrass and noxious weeds as well as reduce redundant routes susceptible to cheatgrass and noxious weed infestations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: W31

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0073

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone W should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes W: 134, 198, 205, 49, 47, 33, 38, 32, 57, 31, 28, 27, 60, 131, 51, 53, 176, 127, 157, 174, 125, 191, 190, 126, 120, 184, 126, 192, 194, 196, 195, 118, 119, 80, 153, 151, 76, 149, 77, 78, 112, 90, 91, 146, 137, 89, 148, 141, 139, 86, 147, 140, 83, 84, 17, 18, 218, 103, 217, 103, 105, 219, 209, 212, 225, 222, 2, 25, 22, 226. Based on Colorado Law and County Regulations, RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone W routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes to public access.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE W MAP W LIST OF ALL ROADS FOR HUNTER ACCESS W60 W27 W31 W94 W28 W134 W57 W33
CAMPING SITES W38 W49 W205 W198 W51 W53 W174 W184 W125 W126 W80 W118 W196 W194 W119 W86
W141 W137 W142 W91 W109 W112 W77 W76 W79 W151 W153 W226 W22 W2 W25 W225 W221 W213 W214 W18
W209 W17 W103 W217 W205 W216

– Route: W33

– Segment: 18252

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern

- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class II

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 18261

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 18318

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class II
- Water Stream Crossing

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 18359

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class II

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

— Segment: 18504

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and

setting characteristics of cultural sites).

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: W33

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0073

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone W should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes W: 134, 198, 205, 49, 47, 33, 38, 32, 57, 31, 28, 27, 60, 131, 51, 53, 176, 127, 157, 174, 125, 191, 190, 126, 120, 184, 126, 192, 194, 196, 195, 118, 119, 80, 153, 151, 76, 149, 77, 78, 112, 90, 91, 146, 137, 89, 148, 141, 139, 86, 147, 140, 83, 84, 17, 18, 218, 103, 217, 103, 105, 219, 209, 212, 225, 222, 2, 25, 22, 226. Based on Colorado Law and County Regulations, RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone W routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes to public access.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Submission Code: emc0693

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE W MAP W LIST OF ALL ROADS FOR HUNTER ACCESS W60 W27 W31 W94 W28 W134 W57 W33
CAMPING SITES W38 W49 W205 W198 W51 W53 W174 W184 W125 W126 W80 W118 W196 W194 W119 W86
W141 W137 W142 W91 W109 W112 W77 W76 W79 W151 W153 W226 W22 W2 W25 W225 W221 W213 W214 W18
W209 W17 W103 W217 W205 W216

Commenter Name: Moores, Craig

Submission Code: cfc0169

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

The following is a partial list of roads, that should remain open and usable, that are listed for closure or restriction in the proposed RMP Alternative B, C and or D. U13, U14, U11, U699, U345, U701, U317, U701, U317, U680, U681, U682 U15, U17, U23, U20, U18, U666, U723, U725, U712, W221, W2, W225, W222, W218, W60, W27, W57, W51, W33, W53, W176, W174, W118, W125, W126, W120, W192, W194, W195, W198, Q121, Q338, Q448, Q450, Q479, Q256, Q673, Q529, Q517, Q528, Q535, Q537, Q539, Q115, Q623, Q771, Q737, Q763, Q835

– Route: W35

– Segment: 17827

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

Minimize Harassment: Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: W35

No public comments for this Route

– Route: W38

– Segment: 18780

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route

- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class II

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Closed

Public Comments On Route: W38

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0073

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone W should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes W: 134, 198, 205, 49, 47, 33, 38, 32, 57, 31, 28, 27, 60, 131, 51, 53, 176, 127, 157, 174, 125, 191, 190, 126, 120, 184, 126, 192, 194, 196, 195, 118, 119, 80, 153, 151, 76, 149, 77, 78, 112, 90, 91, 146, 137, 89, 148, 141, 139, 86, 147, 140, 83, 84, 17, 18, 218, 103, 217, 103, 105, 219, 209, 212, 225, 222, 2, 25, 22, 226. Based on Colorado Law and County Regulations, RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone W routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes to public access.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Submission Code: emc0693

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE W MAP W LIST OF ALL ROADS FOR HUNTER ACCESS W60 W27 W31 W94 W28 W134 W57 W33
CAMPING SITES W38 W49 W205 W198 W51 W53 W174 W184 W125 W126 W80 W118 W196 W194 W119 W86
W141 W137 W142 W91 W109 W112 W77 W76 W79 W151 W153 W226 W22 W2 W25 W225 W221 W213 W214 W18
W209 W17 W103 W217 W205 W216

– Route: W40

– Segment: 18707

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: W40

No public comments for this Route

– Route: W43

– Segment: 17848

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 18688

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: W43

No public comments for this Route

– Route: W51

– Segment: 18260

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.
- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize ongoing or potential impacts to cultural resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

– Segment: 17844

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 18678

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 18684

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 18686

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 18698

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or

other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

— Segment: 18700

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: W51

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0073

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone W should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes W: 134, 198, 205, 49, 47, 33, 38, 32, 57, 31, 28, 27, 60, 131, 51, 53, 176, 127, 157, 174, 125, 191, 190, 126, 120, 184, 126, 192, 194, 196, 195, 118, 119, 80, 153, 151, 76, 149, 77, 78, 112, 90, 91, 146, 137, 89, 148, 141, 139, 86, 147, 140, 83, 84, 17, 18, 218, 103, 217, 103, 105, 219, 209, 212, 225, 222, 2, 25, 22, 226. Based on Colorado Law and County Regulations, RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone W routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes to public access.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE W MAP W LIST OF ALL ROADS FOR HUNTER ACCESS W60 W27 W31 W94 W28 W134 W57 W33 CAMPING SITES W38 W49 W205 W198 W51 W53 W174 W184 W125 W126 W80 W118 W196 W194 W119 W86 W141 W137 W142 W91 W109 W112 W77 W76 W79 W151 W153 W226 W22 W2 W25 W225 W221 W213 W214 W18 W209 W17 W103 W217 W205 W216

Commenter Name: Moores, Craig

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0169

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

The following is a partial list of roads, that should remain open and usable, that are listed for closure or restriction in the proposed RMP Alternative B, C and or D. U13, U14, U11, U699, U345, U701, U317, U701, U317, U680, U681, U682 U15, U17, U23, U20, U18, U666, U723, U725, U712, W221, W2, W225, W222, W218, W60, W27, W57, W51, W33, W53, W176. W174, W118, W125, W126, W120, W192, W194, W195, W198, Q121, Q338, Q448, Q450, Q479, Q256, Q673, Q529, Q517, Q528, Q535, Q537, Q539, Q115, Q623, Q771, Q737, Q763, Q835

– Route: W53

– Segment: 18670

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

Minimize Damage: Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Slope Greater than 40%
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes in areas with slopes exceeding 40 percent.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Public Comments On Route: W53

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0073

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone W should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes W: 134, 198, 205, 49, 47, 33, 38, 32, 57, 31, 28, 27, 60, 131, 51, 53, 176, 127, 157, 174, 125, 191, 190, 126, 120, 184, 126, 192, 194, 196, 195, 118, 119, 80, 153, 151, 76, 149, 77, 78, 112, 90, 91, 146, 137, 89, 148, 141, 139, 86, 147, 140, 83, 84, 17, 18, 218, 103, 217, 103, 105, 219, 209, 212, 225, 222, 2, 25, 22, 226. Based on Colorado Law and County Regulations, RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone W routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes to public access.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Submission Code: emc0693

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE W MAP W LIST OF ALL ROADS FOR HUNTER ACCESS W60 W27 W31 W94 W28 W134 W57 W33 CAMPING SITES W38 W49 W205 W198 W51 W53 W174 W184 W125 W126 W80 W118 W196 W194 W119 W86 W141 W137 W142 W91 W109 W112 W77 W76 W79 W151 W153 W226 W22 W2 W25 W225 W221 W213 W214 W18 W209 W17 W103 W217 W205 W216

Commenter Name: Moores, Craig

Submission Code: cfc0169

Organization:

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

The following is a partial list of roads, that should remain open and usable, that are listed for closure or restriction in the proposed RMP Alternative B, C and or D. U13, U14, U11, U699, U345, U701, U317, U701, U317, U680, U681, U682 U15, U17, U23, U20, U18, U666, U723, U725, U712, W221, W2, W225, W222, W218, W60, W27, W57, W51, W33, W53, W176. W174, W118, W125, W126, W120, W192, W194, W195, W198, Q121, Q338, Q448, Q450, Q479, Q256, Q673, Q529, Q517, Q528, Q535, Q537, Q539, Q115, Q623, Q771, Q737, Q763, Q835

– Route: W57

– Segment: 18781

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Damage:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: W57

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Submission Code: cfc0073

Organization:

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone W should remain open to the general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes W: 134, 198, 205 ,49, 47, 33, 38, 32, 57, 31, 28, 27, 60, 131, 51, 53, 176, 127, 157, 174, 125, 191, 190, 126, 120, 184, 126, 192, 194, 196,195,118,119,80,153,151,76,149, 77, 78, 112, 90, 91, 146, 137, 89, 148, 141, 139, 86, 147, 140, 83, 84, 17, 18, 218, 103, 217, 103, 105, 219, 209, 212, 225, 222, 2, 25, 22, 226. Based on Colorado Law and County Regulations, RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone W routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes to public access.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE W MAP W LIST OF ALL ROADS FOR HUNTER ACCESS W60 W27 W31 W94 W28 W134 W57 W33
CAMPING SITES W38 W49 W205 W198 W51 W53 W174 W184 W125 W126 W80 W118 W196 W194 W119 W86
W141 W137 W142 W91 W109 W112 W77 W76 W79 W151 W153 W226 W22 W2 W25 W225 W221 W213 W214 W18
W209 W17 W103 W217 W205 W216

Commenter Name: Moores, Craig

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0169

Recommened: Open (All modes of travel)

The following is a partial list of roads, that should remain open and usable, that are listed for closure or restriction in the proposed RMP Alternative B, C and or D. U13, U14, U11, U699, U345, U701, U317, U701, U317, U680, U681, U682 U15, U17, U23, U20, U18, U666, U723, U725, U712, W221, W2, W225, W222, W218, W60, W27, W57, W51, W33, W53, W176. W174, W118, W125, W126, W120, W192, W194, W195, W198, Q121, Q338, Q448, Q450, Q479, Q256, Q673, Q529, Q517, Q528, Q535, Q537, Q539, Q115, Q623, Q771, Q737, Q763, Q835

– Route: W7

– Segment: 19719

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access
- Work with Land Owner on Right of Way

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Elk Production Area
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Lands and Realty Route through disposal parcel

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize potential impacts from routes with multiple stream crossings.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: W7

No public comments for this Route

– Route: W72

– Segment: 20788

Designation [?](#)

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: W72

No public comments for this Route

– Route: W77

– Segment: 18401

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Potential cultural interpretation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

– Segment: 18402

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)
Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Potential cultural interpretation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 20875

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Potential cultural interpretation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel)

Alternative C (Conservation): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: W77

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0073

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

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Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE W MAP W LIST OF ALL ROADS FOR HUNTER ACCESS W60 W27 W31 W94 W28 W134 W57 W33 CAMPING SITES W38 W49 W205 W198 W51 W53 W174 W184 W125 W126 W80 W118 W196 W194 W119 W86 W141 W137 W142 W91 W109 W112 W77 W76 W79 W151 W153 W226 W22 W2 W25 W225 W221 W213 W214 W18 W209 W17 W103 W217 W205 W216

– Route: W79

– Segment: 18399

Designation

Proposed Designation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Vegetation Public Land Health Standard not meeting biotic standard
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Range Study Site
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to minimize impacts to cultural site integrity (to maintain the visual, audible, and setting characteristics of cultural sites).
- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to maintain or restore vegetative communities to provide soil stability and resistance to erosion. Use vegetative treatments to improve diversity, reduce noxious and invasive species, and restore native plant communities to support wildlife and livestock.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range study sites.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.
- Designation was considered in some cases to limit public access to protect range improvements from potential damage.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: W79

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE W MAP W LIST OF ALL ROADS FOR HUNTER ACCESS W60 W27 W31 W94 W28 W134 W57 W33
CAMPING SITES W38 W49 W205 W198 W51 W53 W174 W184 W125 W126 W80 W118 W196 W194 W119 W86
W141 W137 W142 W91 W109 W112 W77 W76 W79 W151 W153 W226 W22 W2 W25 W225 W221 W213 W214 W18
W209 W17 W103 W217 W205 W216

— Route: W80

— Segment: 20638

Designation

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing
- Potential cultural interpretation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Cultural Resource Concern
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering

- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Water Stream Crossing
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.
- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 18596

Designation ?

Proposed Designation: Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Winter Closure

Mitigation

- Maintenance
- Drainage Crossing
- Potential cultural interpretation

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to maintain motorized access to forestry product gathering areas, such as, firewood, post and pole gathering, and Christmas tree cutting areas.
- Designation was considered to maintain recreation access to and through BLM lands by creating route connectivity and/or by creating loop trails.

- Designation was considered to maintain public access to areas identified as important for recreation.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations during critical periods.
- Designation was considered to maintain a minimum of administrative access to range improvement projects and to areas necessary to properly administer grazing permits.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Limited to Vehicles Under 50" wide

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

— Segment: 20005

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- No Mitigation prescribed for this route segment

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Harassment:** Areas and 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.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Forestry Access Firewood/Post & Pole Gathering
- Forestry Access Christmas Tree Cutting Area
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Soils Severe Erosion Hazard roads and trails
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range
- Range Development

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to eliminate duplicative or redundant routes with potential severe erosion hazards.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Closed

Alternative C (Conservation): Closed

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: W80

Commenter Name: Znamenacek, Dale
Submission Code: emc0728

Organization: Grand Mesa Jeep Club
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

Trail Number(s): W179, W157, W126, W122, W127, W197, W190, W191, W80, W118, W119, W192, W194, W195, W112, W78, W89 Trail Name: Dolores River Valley Overlooks Trail Description (challenges, viewpoints, terrain type, etc.): Several trails that lead to overlooks of the Dolores River Valley and surrounding areas. Your historical use/activities (frequency, rock crawling, exploring, testing, photography, camping): This is an area my family likes to explore. Typically, my husband rides an ATV whereas I drive a UTV that is greater than 50" wide. The two machines are wellmatched in speed, capabilities, and distances we can travel. I like driving the UTV because I can comfortably and safely carry my child with me. We seek out areas like this that offer plenty of trail distance and scenery to provide a full days adventure. Why you like this trail (challenges you/vehicle, close to home, wildlife, historic sites, scenic views): I love the views. What a scenic place to explore. Benefits you receive by using this trail (exercise, socializing with friends/family, solitude, remoteness): I get to get outside and enjoy the scenery with my family and take a few photographs. Other Comment (what is your desired outcome for this trail, additional ideas to be considered): Leave these routes open to fullsize 4WD. Redesignating twotrack roads as ATVwidth only trails does nothing to enhance the ATV experience and ignores the growing popularity of UTVs. The BLM fails to understand that ATVs and UTVs are wellmatched riding partners and it is quite common to have groups of ATVs and UTVs traveling together. Twotrack roads open to all motorized uses are essential to "mixed groups" such as these.

Commenter Name: Shepherd, Janice
Submission Code: emc0835

Organization: The Quiet Trails Group
Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

We would like to see the ATV routes in Alternative B (W80, W126, W190, W191, W197, W127, W122, W178, W179, and W157 connecting all the way west back to the County Road) limited to foot, horse and mechanized travel - this is particularly important for quietuse recreation in a regional context given that throughout the northern Dolores the dominant use along the mesas is motorized. The October Benches could provide an important opportunity for quiet, trailbased, biking, hiking, and horseback riding.

Commenter Name: Jespersion, Soren
Submission Code: emc0917

Organization: The Wilderness Society
Recommended: Foot/Horse/Mechanized

October Benches - From a wildlife perspective, the October Benches area supports several important wildlife habitats, including Colton milkvetch near the county road coming off John Brown road, and elk production area and severe winter range. In addition, October Benches is adjacent to black bear fall concentration area and elk production area immediately to the west. W 49: In addition to the aforementioned wildlife information, in a regional context there are very few opportunities for quiet, mechanized recreation on the mesa tops surrounding Gateway. Given this recreational reality and the aforementioned wildlife concerns we ask that this route be designated as open to Foot, Horse and Bike travel. W 80, W 126, W 191, W 190, W 127, W 157: Using the same logic articulated for route W49, alongside the presence of significant cultural resources in the southern portions of the Benches, we ask that these routes be designated as open to Foot, Horse and Bike travel. Sinbad Valley - Sinbad Valley encompasses an extremely diverse assemblage of natural habitats, with CNHP PCA "very high" biodiversity rankings of B2 for the Sinbad Valley, Salt Creek and Sewemup PCAs. Several of these habitats are especially sensitive to disturbance, including the rare plant habitat based on fragile gypsiferous soils and soil crusts associated with the collapsed salt dome of the valley; and the unusual riparian habitats along Salt Creek. Populations of Gypsum Valley Cateye (*Cryptantha gypsophila*, G2S2) near to W221 have reportedly previously been damaged by off-road vehicle travel In addition, Sinbad Valley supports the following significant ecological values: Dwarf sand verbena (vicinity of W221); New Mexico privet riparian vegetation community along Salt Creek; Long flower cateye; Mule Deer critical and severe winter range, winter concentration area, and migration route; , and Peregrine Falcon nesting areas. An informational kiosk with some of the above information, as well as historical information and travel restrictions should be located at the mouth of Sinbad Valley just adjacent to Highway 141. This can also be a site with specific relevance to visitors seeking information and guidance regarding a visit to Juanita Arch. W 213, W 214: Given the aforementioned resources and concerns regarding recreational routes dead-ending into private property, we encourage BLM to Close & Rehab these routes.

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon
Submission Code: cfc0073

Organization:
Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

I feel strongly that these high value recreational routes (route segments) in Zone W should remain open to the

general public for all forms of use including motorized/OHV use. Routes W: 134, 198, 205 ,49, 47, 33, 38, 32, 57, 31, 28, 27, 60, 131, 51, 53, 176, 127, 157, 174, 125, 191, 190, 126, 120, 184, 126, 192, 194, 196,195,118,119,80,153,151,76,149, 77, 78, 112, 90, 91, 146, 137, 89, 148, 141, 139, 86, 147, 140, 83, 84, 17, 18, 218, 103, 217, 103, 105, 219, 209, 212, 225, 222, 2, 25, 22, 226. Based on Colorado Law and County Regulations, RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone W routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes to public access.

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE W MAP W LIST OF ALL ROADS FOR HUNTER ACCESS W60 W27 W31 W94 W28 W134 W57 W33
CAMPING SITES W38 W49 W205 W198 W51 W53 W174 W184 W125 W126 W80 W118 W196 W194 W119 W86
W141 W137 W142 W91 W109 W112 W77 W76 W79 W151 W153 W226 W22 W2 W25 W225 W221 W213 W214 W18
W209 W17 W103 W217 W205 W216

– Route: W86

– Segment: 21027

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation:

Open (All modes of travel)

Seasonal Limitations: Spring Closure 3 (Elk Calving)

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- **Minimize Conflicts:** Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-highway vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation ACEC
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Production Area

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or Tribes.
- Designation was considered to protect and maintain unique ecological values in areas of critical and environmental concern.
- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Open (All modes of travel), Spring Closure 3 (Elk Calving)

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: W86

Commenter Name: Siegfried, Brandon

Organization:

Submission Code: cfc0073

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

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Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Recommended: Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE W MAP W LIST OF ALL ROADS FOR HUNTER ACCESS W60 W27 W31 W94 W28 W134 W57 W33
CAMPING SITES W38 W49 W205 W198 W51 W53 W174 W184 W125 W126 W80 W118 W196 W194 W119 W86
W141 W137 W142 W91 W109 W112 W77 W76 W79 W151 W153 W226 W22 W2 W25 W225 W221 W213 W214 W18
W209 W17 W103 W217 W205 W216

– Route: W94

– Segment: 19678

Designation

Proposed Designation: Closed

Seasonal Limitations: None

Designation Following Mitigation: Admin/Permitted Use Only

Seasonal Limitations: None

Mitigation

- Work with Land Owner on Public Access
- Work with Land Owner on Right of Way

Rationale

Designation Criteria

- No Designation Criteria identified for this route segment

Resources and / or Uses Present

- Cultural High Potential Cultural Class 1 Modeling
- Recreation Extensive Recreation Management Area
- Recreation County identified recreation vested interest route
- Special Designation VRM Class III
- Wildlife Elk Production Area
- Wildlife Elk Winter Range

Rationale for Decision

- Designation was considered to minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites and to reduce density of routes in areas known to be of high expected cultural resource density or in areas of high value to the cultural program or

Tribes.

- Designation was considered to reduce road density and disturbance of human activities in production areas and winter ranges for large ungulates.
- Designation was considered to provide sufficient forage, cover, and protection from disturbance for large ungulates in order to maintain healthy viable populations.

Previous Alternatives Analyzed

Alternative A (Current): Undesignated

Alternative B (Preferred): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative C (Conservation): Admin/Permitted Use Only

Alternative D (Development): Open (All modes of travel)

Public Comments On Route: W94

Commenter Name: Hundtroft, Thomas

Organization: Bookcliff Rattlers

Submission Code: emc0693

Reccomended: Open (All modes of travel)

ZONE W MAP W LIST OF ALL ROADS FOR HUNTER ACCESS W60 W27 W31 W94 W28 W134 W57 W33
CAMPING SITES W38 W49 W205 W198 W51 W53 W174 W184 W125 W126 W80 W118 W196 W194 W119 W86
W141 W137 W142 W91 W109 W112 W77 W76 W79 W151 W153 W226 W22 W2 W25 W225 W221 W213 W214 W18
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