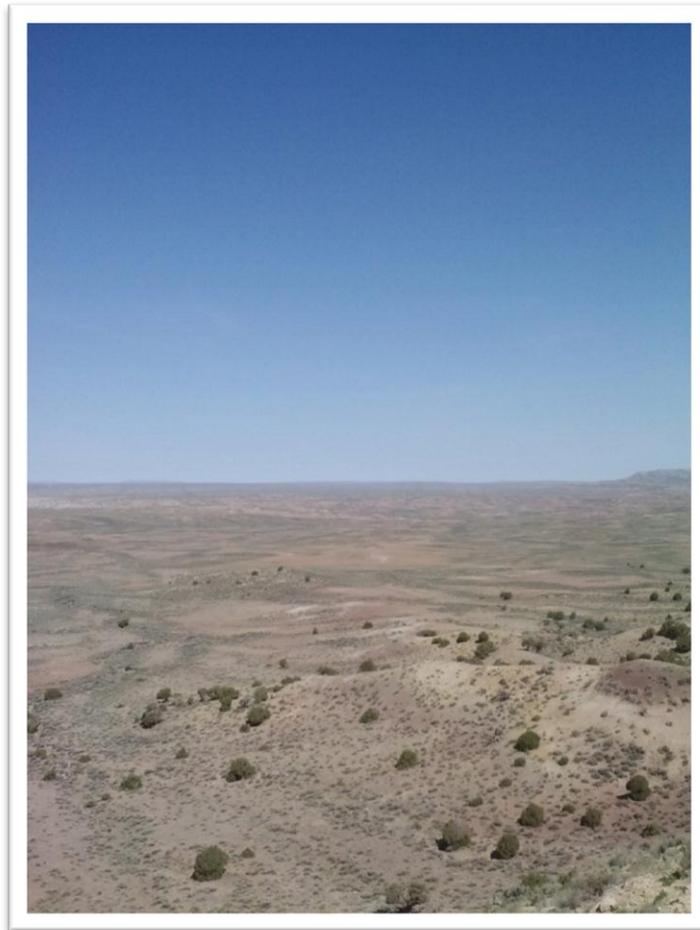




# Lands with Wilderness Characteristics

## Polygon 005



July 2013

**WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY**  
**APPENDIX B – INVENTORY AREA EVALUATION**

**Evaluation of Current Conditions:**

1) Document and review any existing BLM wilderness characteristics inventory findings on file regarding the presence or absence of individual wilderness characteristics, using Form 1, below.

2) Consider relevant information regarding current conditions available in the office. Identify and describe any changes to the existing inventory information. Use interdisciplinary team knowledge, aerial photographs, field observations, maps, etc. and document the findings on Form 2, below. Document current conditions regarding wilderness characteristics, as opposed to potential future conditions.

Conduct field reviews as necessary to verify information and to ascertain current conditions. Reach conclusions on current conditions including boundaries, size of areas and presence or absence of wilderness characteristics. Fully explain the basis for each conclusion on Form 2, including any critical differences between BLM and citizen information.

Document the findings regarding current conditions for each inventoried area. Describe how the present conditions are similar to, or have changed from, the conditions documented in the original wilderness characteristics inventory. Document the findings on Form 2 for each inventory area. Cite to or attach data considered, including photographs, maps, GIS layers, field trip notes, project files, etc.



**FORM 2**

**Current Conditions: Presence or Absence of Wilderness Characteristics**

Area Unique Identifier: **CO-010-005**                      Acreage  
(If the inventory area consists of subunits, list the acreage of each and evaluate each separately).

In completing steps (1)-(5), use additional space as necessary.

(1) Is the area of sufficient size? (If the area meets one of the exceptions to the size criterion, check "Yes" and describe the exception in the space provided below),

Yes    **X**                      No

Note: If "No" is checked the area does not have wilderness characteristics; check "NA" for the remaining questions below.

Description (describe the boundaries of the area--wilderness inventory roads, property lines, etc.):

**LWC Polygon 5 is located in the northern west/central portion of Moffat County, CO. It is bordered on the southern part by Moffat County Road 4 from the northwestern corner along the southern boundary. The border of the polygon goes along a piece of private property, then resumes along CR4 and ends on the southeastern side with its junction with Moffat County Road 68N. The eastern boundary of the polygon is Moffat County Road 68N from the south eastern corner to the Colorado/Wyoming border. The entire northern boundary of the polygon is the Colorado/Wyoming state line.**

(2) Does the area appear to be natural?

Yes    **X**                      No                                      N/A

Note: If "No" is checked the area does not have wilderness characteristics; check "NA" for the remaining questions below.

Description (include land ownership, location, topography, vegetation, and summary of major human uses/activities):

**The polygon is located in a remote portion of Moffat County, which has allowed the area's natural integrity to be unaffected by human development. The topography of the unit includes multiple draws, which are all composed of sage brush and juniper trees. The only**

**noticeable human infrastructure includes Moffat County Road 4, which is the main route near the area.**

(3) Does the area (or the remainder of the area if a portion has been excluded due to unnaturalness and the remainder is of sufficient size) have outstanding opportunities for solitude?

Yes    **X**                      No                      N/A

Description (describe the area's outstanding opportunities for solitude):

**The polygon is located in a sparsely populated portion of Moffat County; the entire area itself has outstanding opportunities for solitude. The polygon itself is no exception from the rest of the area, once inside the polygon there are outstanding opportunities for solitude.**

(4) Does the area (or the remainder of the area if a portion has been excluded due to unnaturalness and the remainder is of sufficient size) have outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?

Yes    **X**                      No                      N/A

Note: If "No" is checked for both 3 and 4 the area does not have wilderness characteristics; check "NA" for question 5.

Description (describe the area's outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation):

**The main outstanding opportunity for primitive recreation is the wildlife photography. There are known to be large populations of elk and pronghorn in the area, and that is the main reason people recreate in the area.**

(5) Does the area have supplemental values (ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational, scenic or historical value)?

Yes                      No                      **X**                      N/A

Description:

**The polygon itself is only noticeably different from other pieces of land in the area because of its lack of human development. The polygon itself is synonymous with the rest of the area from ecological, geological, and all other aspects.**



# WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY

## APPENDIX C – ROUTE ANALYSIS<sup>1</sup>

*(Factors to consider when determining whether a route is a road<sup>2</sup> for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes.)*

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **CO-010-005**

Route or Route Segment<sup>3</sup> Name and/or Identifier: **LWC\_5\_Route 1**

(Include Transportation Plan Identifier, if known, and include route number supplied by citizen information, when available.)

**I. LOCATION:** Refer to attached map \_\_\_\_\_ and BLM corporate data (GIS).  
List photo point references (where applicable) or reference attached photo log:

Describe:

**Route 1 / Moffat County Road 68N is the polygon's eastern boundary from its junction with Moffat County Road 4 north to the Colorado/Wyoming border.**

### II. ROUTE CONTEXT

A. Current Purpose<sup>4</sup> (if any) of Route: (Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine

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<sup>1</sup> This form documents information that constitutes an inventory finding on wilderness characteristics. It does not represent a formal land use allocation or a final agency decision subject to administrative remedies under either 43 CFR parts 4 or 1610.5-3.

<sup>2</sup> Road: An access route which has been improved and maintained by mechanical means to insure relatively regular and continuous use. A way maintained solely by the passage of vehicles does not constitute a road.

a. Improved and maintained – Actions taken physically by people to keep the road open to vehicle traffic. “Improved” does not necessarily mean formal construction. “Maintained” does not necessarily mean annual maintenance.

b. Mechanical means – Use of hand or power machinery or tools.

c. Relatively regular and continuous use – Vehicular use that has occurred and will continue to occur on a relatively regular basis. Examples are: access roads for equipment to maintain a stock water tank or other established water sources, access roads to maintained recreation sites or facilities, or access roads to mining claims.

<sup>3</sup> If a portion of a route is found to meet the wilderness inventory road criteria (see Part III) and the remainder does not meet these criteria (e.g., a cherrystem road with a primitive route continuing beyond a certain point), identify each segment and explain the rationale for the separate findings under pertinent criteria.

<sup>4</sup> The purpose of a route is not a deciding factor in determining whether a route is a road for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes. The purpose of a route does provide context for factors on which such a determination may be based, particularly the question of whether maintenance of the route ensures relatively regular and continuous use. The purpose also helps to determine whether maintenance that may so far have been unnecessary to ensure such use would be approved by BLM when the need arises.

Site, Concentrated Use Site (camp site), Recreation, Utilities (transmission line, telephone, pipeline), Administrative (project maintenance, communication site, vegetation treatment)).

Describe:

**Route is designated and maintained by Moffat County and provides access into the State of Wyoming.**

B. Right-of-Way (ROW):

1. Is there a ROW associated with this route?

Yes No Unknown **X**

2. If yes, what is the stated purpose of the ROW?

3. Is the ROW still being used for this purpose?

Yes No Unknown or N/A **X**

Explain:

### III. WILDERNESS INVENTORY ROAD CRITERIA

A. Evidence of construction or improvement using mechanical means:

Yes **X** (if either A.1 *or* A.2 is checked "yes" below) No (if both A.1 *and* A.2 are checked "no" below)

1. Construction: (Is there evidence that the route or route segment was originally constructed using mechanical means?) Yes **X** No

Examples: Paved Bladed **X** Graveled Roadside Berms **X** Cut/Fill Other

Describe:

**Route has berms on either side and has been bladed by Moffat County.**

2. Improvements: (Is there evidence of improvements using mechanical means to facilitate access?) Yes  No      If "yes": by Hand Tools      by Machine

Examples: Culverts    Hardened Stream Crossings    Bridges    Drainage     Barriers    Other

Describe:

**Route was cut on top of a hillside that requires drainages to prevent washouts.**

B. Maintenance: (Is there evidence of maintenance that would ensure *relatively* regular and continuous use?): Yes  (if either B.1 *or* B.2 is checked "yes" below) No      (if both B.1 *and* B.2 are checked "no" below)

1. Is there Evidence or Documentation of Maintenance using hand tools or machinery?  
Yes  No      If "yes": by Hand Tools      by Machine

Explain:

**Route has been recently graded and shows no signs of natural reclamation.**

2. If the route or route segment is in good<sup>5</sup> condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM to meet the purpose(s) of the route in the event this route became impassable?  
Yes  No

Explain

**Route is in good condition and is maintained by Moffat County.**

C. Relatively regular and continuous use: (Does the route or route segment ensure relatively regular and continuous use?) Yes  No

Describe evidence (e.g., direct, vehicles or vehicle tracks observed, or indirect, evidence of use associated with purpose of the route such as maintenance of facility that route accesses) and other rationale for whether use has occurred and will continue to occur on a *relatively* regular basis (i.e., regular and continuous use relative to the purpose(s) of the route).<sup>6</sup>

**Route is likely traveled weekly, fresh vehicle tracks were observed.**

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<sup>5</sup> Good condition would be a condition that ensures regular and continuous use relative to the purposes of the route. Consider whether the route can be clearly followed in the field over its entire course and whether all or any portion of the route contains any impediments to travel.

<sup>6</sup> Include estimate of travel rates for the stated purposes, e.g., trips/day or week or month or season or year or even multiple years in some facility maintenance cases.

IV. CONCLUSION:

Does the route or route segment<sup>7</sup> meet the definition of a wilderness inventory road (i.e., are items III.A and III.B and III.C all checked yes)?

Yes  = Wilderness Inventory Road inventory purposes                      No  = Not a road for wilderness

Explanation<sup>8</sup>:

**Route 1 / Moffat County Road 68N is designated and maintained by Moffat County and receives regular use.**

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Date: **July 8, 2013**

Evaluator(s): **Ty Skoe / Recreation Intern**

Date: **July 8, 2013**

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<sup>7</sup> If part of the route meets the wilderness inventory road definition and the remainder does not, describe the segment meeting the definition and any remaining portion not meeting the definition and why.

<sup>8</sup> Describe and explain rationale for any discrepancies with citizen proposals.

## WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY

### APPENDIX C – ROUTE ANALYSIS<sup>9</sup>

*(Factors to consider when determining whether a route is a road<sup>10</sup> for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes.)*

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **CO-010-005**

Route or Route Segment<sup>11</sup> Name and/or Identifier: **LWC\_5 \_ Route 2**

(Include Transportation Plan Identifier, if known, and include route number supplied by citizen information, when available.)

**III. LOCATION:** Refer to attached map \_\_\_\_\_ and BLM corporate data (GIS).  
List photo point references (where applicable) or reference attached photo log:

Describe:

**Route 2 / Moffat County Road 4 is the entire southern portion of the polygon. The route is the boundary from its junction with the Colorado / Wyoming state line on the western side of the polygon, to the route's junction with 68N at the south eastern corner of the polygon.**

#### IV. ROUTE CONTEXT

A. Current Purpose<sup>12</sup> (if any) of Route: (Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine

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<sup>9</sup> This form documents information that constitutes an inventory finding on wilderness characteristics. It does not represent a formal land use allocation or a final agency decision subject to administrative remedies under either 43 CFR parts 4 or 1610.5-3.

<sup>10</sup> Road: An access route which has been improved and maintained by mechanical means to insure relatively regular and continuous use. A way maintained solely by the passage of vehicles does not constitute a road.

a. Improved and maintained – Actions taken physically by people to keep the road open to vehicle traffic. “Improved” does not necessarily mean formal construction. “Maintained” does not necessarily mean annual maintenance.

b. Mechanical means – Use of hand or power machinery or tools.

c. Relatively regular and continuous use – Vehicular use that has occurred and will continue to occur on a relatively regular basis. Examples are: access roads for equipment to maintain a stock water tank or other established water sources, access roads to maintained recreation sites or facilities, or access roads to mining claims.

<sup>11</sup> If a portion of a route is found to meet the wilderness inventory road criteria (see Part III) and the remainder does not meet these criteria (e.g., a cherrystem road with a primitive route continuing beyond a certain point), identify each segment and explain the rationale for the separate findings under pertinent criteria.

<sup>12</sup> The purpose of a route is not a deciding factor in determining whether a route is a road for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes. The purpose of a route does provide context for factors on which such a

Site, Concentrated Use Site (camp site), Recreation, Utilities (transmission line, telephone, pipeline), Administrative (project maintenance, communication site, vegetation treatment)).

Describe:

**The route is designated and maintained by Moffat County. Route is used mainly by oil and gas vehicles.**

B. Right-of-Way (ROW):

4. Is there a ROW associated with this route?

Yes No Unknown **X**

5. If yes, what is the stated purpose of the ROW?

6. Is the ROW still being used for this purpose?

Yes No Unknown or N/A **X**

Explain:

**III. WILDERNESS INVENTORY ROAD CRITERIA**

B. Evidence of construction or improvement using mechanical means:

Yes **X** (if either A.1 *or* A.2 is checked "yes" below) No (if both A.1 *and* A.2 are checked "no" below)

1. Construction: (Is there evidence that the route or route segment was originally constructed using mechanical means?) Yes No

Examples: Paved Bladed **X** Graveled Roadside Berms Cut/Fill Other

Describe:

**Route has been bladed and covered in mag-chloride by Moffat County.**

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determination may be based, particularly the question of whether maintenance of the route ensures relatively regular and continuous use. The purpose also helps to determine whether maintenance that may so far have been unnecessary to ensure such use would be approved by BLM when the need arises.

2. Improvements: (Is there evidence of improvements using mechanical means to facilitate access?) Yes  No  If "yes": by Hand Tools  by Machine

Examples: Culverts  Hardened Stream Crossings  Bridges  Drainage  Barriers  Other

Describe:

**Route has several improvements across drainages and draws.**

B. Maintenance: (Is there evidence of maintenance that would ensure *relatively* regular and continuous use?): Yes  (if either B.1 *or* B.2 is checked "yes" below) No  (if both B.1 *and* B.2 are checked "no" below)

3. Is there Evidence or Documentation of Maintenance using hand tools or machinery?  
Yes  No  If "yes": by Hand Tools  by Machine

Explain:

**Pavement maintenance is evident from wear and tear.**

4. If the route or route segment is in good<sup>13</sup> condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM to meet the purpose(s) of the route in the event this route became impassable?  
Yes  No

Explain

**Route is in good condition and is maintained by Moffat County.**

C. Relatively regular and continuous use: (Does the route or route segment ensure relatively regular and continuous use?) Yes  No

Describe evidence (e.g., direct, vehicles or vehicle tracks observed, or indirect, evidence of use associated with purpose of the route such as maintenance of facility that route accesses) and other rationale for whether use has occurred and will continue to occur on a *relatively* regular basis (i.e., regular and continuous use relative to the purpose(s) of the route).<sup>14</sup>

**Route receives hourly usage by oil and gas trucks traveling at high speeds.**

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<sup>13</sup> Good condition would be a condition that ensures regular and continuous use relative to the purposes of the route. Consider whether the route can be clearly followed in the field over its entire course and whether all or any portion of the route contains any impediments to travel.

<sup>14</sup> Include estimate of travel rates for the stated purposes, e.g., trips/day or week or month or season or year or even multiple years in some facility maintenance cases.

IV. CONCLUSION:

Does the route or route segment<sup>15</sup> meet the definition of a wilderness inventory road (i.e., are items III.A and III.B and III.C all checked yes)?

Yes  = Wilderness Inventory Road inventory purposes                      No  = Not a road for wilderness

Explanation<sup>16</sup>:

**Route is paved and is maintained by Moffat County.**

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Date: **July 8, 2013**

Evaluator(s): **Ty Skoe / Recreation Intern**

Date: **July 8, 2013**

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<sup>15</sup> If part of the route meets the wilderness inventory road definition and the remainder does not, describe the segment meeting the definition and any remaining portion not meeting the definition and why.

<sup>16</sup> Describe and explain rationale for any discrepancies with citizen proposals.

## WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY

### APPENDIX C – ROUTE ANALYSIS<sup>17</sup>

*(Factors to consider when determining whether a route is a road<sup>18</sup> for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes.)*

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **CO-010-005**

Route or Route Segment<sup>19</sup> Name and/or Identifier: **LWC\_5 \_ Route 3**

(Include Transportation Plan Identifier, if known, and include route number supplied by citizen information, when available.)

**V. LOCATION:** Refer to attached map \_\_\_\_\_ and BLM corporate data (GIS).  
List photo point references (where applicable) or reference attached photo log:

Describe:

**Route 3 is a short route that branches off of Moffat County Road 4 to the north on the south eastern border of the polygon. GIS points associated are 5-01 and 5-02.**

### VI. ROUTE CONTEXT

A. Current Purpose<sup>20</sup> (if any) of Route: (Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine

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<sup>18</sup> Road: An access route which has been improved and maintained by mechanical means to insure relatively regular and continuous use. A way maintained solely by the passage of vehicles does not constitute a road.

a. Improved and maintained – Actions taken physically by people to keep the road open to vehicle traffic. “Improved” does not necessarily mean formal construction. “Maintained” does not necessarily mean annual maintenance.

b. Mechanical means – Use of hand or power machinery or tools.

c. Relatively regular and continuous use – Vehicular use that has occurred and will continue to occur on a relatively regular basis. Examples are: access roads for equipment to maintain a stock water tank or other established water sources, access roads to maintained recreation sites or facilities, or access roads to mining claims.

<sup>19</sup> If a portion of a route is found to meet the wilderness inventory road criteria (see Part III) and the remainder does not meet these criteria (e.g., a cherrystem road with a primitive route continuing beyond a certain point), identify each segment and explain the rationale for the separate findings under pertinent criteria.

<sup>20</sup> The purpose of a route is not a deciding factor in determining whether a route is a road for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes. The purpose of a route does provide context for factors on which such a determination may be based, particularly the question of whether maintenance of the route ensures relatively regular

Site, Concentrated Use Site (camp site), Recreation, Utilities (transmission line, telephone, pipeline), Administrative (project maintenance, communication site, vegetation treatment)).

Describe:

**Route was constructed to access a stock pond which has become reclaimed by natural forces..**

B. Right-of-Way (ROW):

7. Is there a ROW associated with this route?  
Yes No Unknown **X**

8. If yes, what is the stated purpose of the ROW?

9. Is the ROW still being used for this purpose?  
Yes No Unknown or N/A **X**

Explain:

**III. WILDERNESS INVENTORY ROAD CRITERIA**

C. Evidence of construction or improvement using mechanical means:  
Yes **X** (if either A.1 *or* A.2 is checked "yes" below) No (if both A.1 *and* A.2 are checked "no" below)

1. Construction: (Is there evidence that the route or route segment was originally constructed using mechanical means?) Yes **X** No

Examples: Paved Bladed **X** Graveled Roadside Berms Cut/Fill Other

Describe:

**Route was originally bladed through the valley, showing signs of berms on either side of the route.**

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and continuous use. The purpose also helps to determine whether maintenance that may so far have been unnecessary to ensure such use would be approved by BLM when the need arises.

2. Improvements: (Is there evidence of improvements using mechanical means to facilitate access?) Yes No **X** If “yes”: by Hand Tools by Machine

Examples: Culverts Hardened Stream Crossings Bridges Drainage Barriers Other

Describe:

**The route travels through a relatively flat portion of the polygon.**

B. Maintenance: (Is there evidence of maintenance that would ensure *relatively* regular and continuous use?): Yes (if either B.1 or B.2 is checked “yes” below) No **X** (if both B.1 and B.2 are checked “no” below)

5. Is there Evidence or Documentation of Maintenance using hand tools or machinery?  
Yes No **X** If “yes”: by Hand Tools by Machine

Explain:

**Route has become a two-track with vegetation in the middle section throughout the entire route. There are also portions where the route is completely overgrown.**

6. If the route or route segment is in good<sup>21</sup> condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM to meet the purpose(s) of the route in the event this route became impassable?  
Yes No **X**

Explain

**Route is in poor condition and doesn't appear to have a current purpose due to the neglect of the stock pond.**

C. Relatively regular and continuous use: (Does the route or route segment ensure relatively regular and continuous use?) Yes No **X**

Describe evidence (e.g., direct, vehicles or vehicle tracks observed, or indirect, evidence of use associated with purpose of the route such as maintenance of facility that route accesses) and other rationale for whether use has occurred and will continue to occur on a *relatively* regular basis (i.e., regular and continuous use relative to the purpose(s) of the route).<sup>22</sup>

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<sup>21</sup> Good condition would be a condition that ensures regular and continuous use relative to the purposes of the route. Consider whether the route can be clearly followed in the field over its entire course and whether all or any portion of the route contains any impediments to travel.

<sup>22</sup> Include estimate of travel rates for the stated purposes, e.g., trips/day or week or month or season or year or even multiple years in some facility maintenance cases.

**Route is likely used most often during the hunting seasons, there was no indication of recent usage during our inventory.**

**IV. CONCLUSION:**

Does the route or route segment<sup>23</sup> meet the definition of a wilderness inventory road (i.e., are items III.A and III.B and III.C all checked yes)?

Yes = Wilderness Inventory Road  
inventory purposes

No **X** = Not a road for wilderness

Explanation<sup>24</sup>:

**Route is not maintained for regular use, and does not serve a current purpose.**

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Date: **July 8, 2013**

Evaluator(s): **Ty Skoe / Recreation Intern**

Date: **July 8, 2013**

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<sup>23</sup> If part of the route meets the wilderness inventory road definition and the remainder does not, describe the segment meeting the definition and any remaining portion not meeting the definition and why.

<sup>24</sup> Describe and explain rationale for any discrepancies with citizen proposals.

## WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY

### APPENDIX C – ROUTE ANALYSIS<sup>25</sup>

*(Factors to consider when determining whether a route is a road<sup>26</sup> for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes.)*

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **CO-010-005**

Route or Route Segment<sup>27</sup> Name and/or Identifier: **LWC\_5 \_ Route 4**

(Include Transportation Plan Identifier, if known, and include route number supplied by citizen information, when available.)

**VII. LOCATION:** Refer to attached map \_\_\_\_\_ and BLM corporate data (GIS).  
List photo point references (where applicable) or reference attached photo log:

Describe:

**Route 4 is branches off of Moffat County Route 4 and heads north from the south central portion of the polygon. GIS points associated are 5-03 and 5-04.**

### VIII. ROUTE CONTEXT

A. Current Purpose<sup>28</sup> (if any) of Route: (Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine

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<sup>26</sup> Road: An access route which has been improved and maintained by mechanical means to insure relatively regular and continuous use. A way maintained solely by the passage of vehicles does not constitute a road.

a. Improved and maintained – Actions taken physically by people to keep the road open to vehicle traffic. “Improved” does not necessarily mean formal construction. “Maintained” does not necessarily mean annual maintenance.

b. Mechanical means – Use of hand or power machinery or tools.

c. Relatively regular and continuous use – Vehicular use that has occurred and will continue to occur on a relatively regular basis. Examples are: access roads for equipment to maintain a stock water tank or other established water sources, access roads to maintained recreation sites or facilities, or access roads to mining claims.

<sup>27</sup> If a portion of a route is found to meet the wilderness inventory road criteria (see Part III) and the remainder does not meet these criteria (e.g., a cherrystem road with a primitive route continuing beyond a certain point), identify each segment and explain the rationale for the separate findings under pertinent criteria.

<sup>28</sup> The purpose of a route is not a deciding factor in determining whether a route is a road for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes. The purpose of a route does provide context for factors on which such a determination may be based, particularly the question of whether maintenance of the route ensures relatively regular

Site, Concentrated Use Site (camp site), Recreation, Utilities (transmission line, telephone, pipeline), Administrative (project maintenance, communication site, vegetation treatment)).

Describe:

**Route appears to be used mainly for recreation purposes, due to lack of other evidence.**

B. Right-of-Way (ROW):

10. Is there a ROW associated with this route?

Yes No Unknown **X**

11. If yes, what is the stated purpose of the ROW?

12. Is the ROW still being used for this purpose?

Yes No Unknown or N/A **X**

Explain:

**III. WILDERNESS INVENTORY ROAD CRITERIA**

D. Evidence of construction or improvement using mechanical means:

Yes **X** (if either A.1 *or* A.2 is checked "yes" below) No (if both A.1 *and* A.2 are checked "no" below)

1. Construction: (Is there evidence that the route or route segment was originally constructed using mechanical means?) Yes **X** No

Examples: Paved Bladed **X** Graveled Roadside Berms Cut/Fill Other

Describe:

**Route appears to have been originally bladed.**

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and continuous use. The purpose also helps to determine whether maintenance that may so far have been unnecessary to ensure such use would be approved by BLM when the need arises.

2. Improvements: (Is there evidence of improvements using mechanical means to facilitate access?) Yes No **X** If “yes”: by Hand Tools by Machine

Examples: Culverts Hardened Stream Crossings Bridges Drainage Barriers Other

Describe:

**Route is located in a relatively flat portion of the polygon.**

B. Maintenance: (Is there evidence of maintenance that would ensure *relatively* regular and continuous use?): Yes (if either B.1 *or* B.2 is checked “yes” below) No (if both B.1 *and* B.2 are checked “no” below)

7. Is there Evidence or Documentation of Maintenance using hand tools or machinery?  
Yes No **X** If “yes”: by Hand Tools by Machine

Explain:

**There were no signs of maintenance other than vehicle maintenance.**

8. If the route or route segment is in good<sup>29</sup> condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM to meet the purpose(s) of the route in the event this route became impassable?  
Yes No **X**

Explain

**Route is not in good condition and does not appear to serve a current purpose.**

C. Relatively regular and continuous use: (Does the route or route segment ensure relatively regular and continuous use?) Yes No **X**

Describe evidence (e.g., direct, vehicles or vehicle tracks observed, or indirect, evidence of use associated with purpose of the route such as maintenance of facility that route accesses) and other rationale for whether use has occurred and will continue to occur on a *relatively* regular basis (i.e., regular and continuous use relative to the purpose(s) of the route).<sup>30</sup>

**Route had been traveled recently during inventory, although these tracks have rutted out portions of the route to the point that two wheel drive vehicles would have difficulty**

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<sup>29</sup> Good condition would be a condition that ensures regular and continuous use relative to the purposes of the route. Consider whether the route can be clearly followed in the field over its entire course and whether all or any portion of the route contains any impediments to travel.

<sup>30</sup> Include estimate of travel rates for the stated purposes, e.g., trips/day or week or month or season or year or even multiple years in some facility maintenance cases.

**traveling the route.**

**IV. CONCLUSION:**

Does the route or route segment<sup>31</sup> meet the definition of a wilderness inventory road (i.e., are items III.A and III.B and III.C all checked yes)?

Yes = Wilderness Inventory Road  
inventory purposes

No **X** = Not a road for wilderness

Explanation<sup>32</sup>:

**Route is not maintained other than by vehicle travel, therefore route does not meet requirement for a Wilderness Inventory Road.**

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<sup>31</sup> If part of the route meets the wilderness inventory road definition and the remainder does not, describe the segment meeting the definition and any remaining portion not meeting the definition and why.

<sup>32</sup> Describe and explain rationale for any discrepancies with citizen proposals.

5-01 N



5-03 N



5-02 N



5-04 N



5 Solitude



5 Scenic

