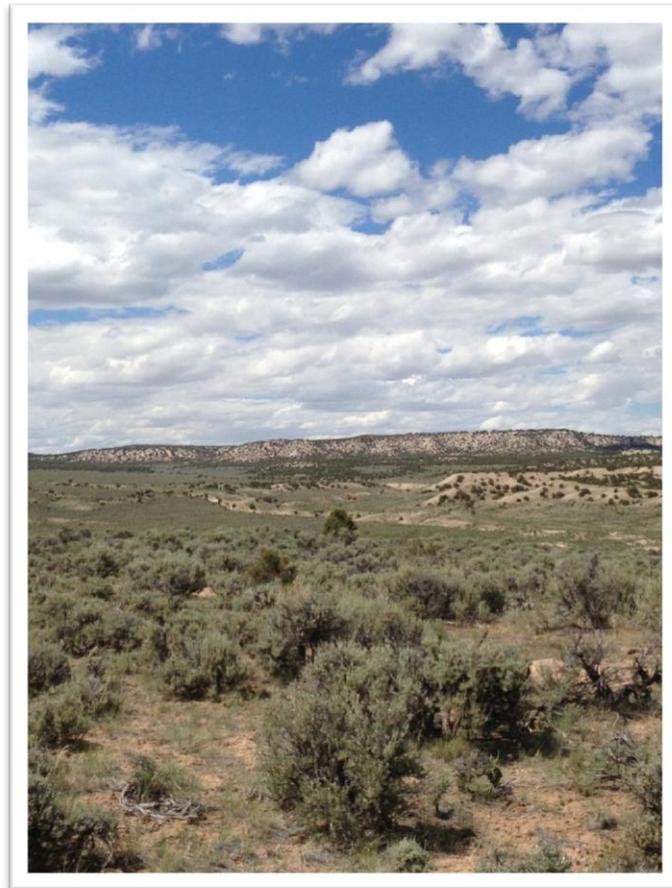




Lands with Wilderness Characteristics

Polygon 011



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-010-011**

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.):

With the exception of a small section where the area is bordered by CO 318, the entire northernmost part of the border is formed by private property. The northwest corner also follows private property lines until the Moffat CR 12 crosses the unit. When the road heads away from the unit, state and private land boundary lines form the boundary instead. The western and southwestern borders of the unit also follow property lines. At the most southwestern corner, the unit is intersected by CR 10. This forms a small part of the southern boundary. The rest follows private land until the southeast corner is reached. Here the boundary becomes CR 10 once again. The eastern boundary of the unit fully follows private land until it intersects CO 318.

(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 unit is wholly owned by the BLM; however a significant inholding of private land exists on the western side of the unit. The unit is located northwest of Maybelle, CO and

just south of CO 318. The area is comprised of rolling sage brush and juniper covered hills, draws and ravines and has variable terrain throughout. The unit is primarily affected by the forces of nature; however, slight evidence of range activities can be seen. They have no effect on the naturalness of the unit.

(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):

While inventorying the area, no visitors were observed. Thanks to its highly variable terrain and large size, it is unlikely to encounter another visitor within the unit.

(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 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 unit provides excellent habitat for many types of big game species and has excellent hunting opportunities. Visitors could explore the photographic opportunities offered by the nearby Douglas Mountain and throughout via foot or horseback. Plenty of flat areas exist for primitive camping.

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

Yes No N/A

Description:

While the unit itself offers excellent scenery, it also offers tremendous views of the surrounding areas. The unit is very open and visibility is excellent. Scenic opportunities abound within the unit.

WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY

APPENDIX C – ROUTE ANALYSIS¹

(Factors to consider when determining whether a route is a road² for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes.)

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **CO-010-011**

Route or Route Segment³ Name and/or Identifier: **LWC_11_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 is CO 318. It travels northwest and forms a small part of the northern border of the unit.

II. ROUTE CONTEXT

A. Current Purpose⁴ (if any) of Route: (Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine

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² 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.

³ 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.

⁴ 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:

The route is used for a variety of transportation purposes.

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 No

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

Describe:

The route is paved.

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:

Where necessary, drainage channels and culverts have been constructed to facilitate access.

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:

The route is in good condition suggesting that it is maintained.

2. If the route or route segment is in good⁵ 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

The route is presently maintained by the state of Colorado.

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

⁵ 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.

basis (i.e., regular and continuous use relative to the purpose(s) of the route).⁶
The route is used by many vehicles and used multiple times per day.

IV. CONCLUSION:

Does the route or route segment⁷ 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

Explanation⁸:

The route meets the necessary criteria for designation as a WIR.

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

Date: **6/27/13**

Evaluator(s): **Cody Niehus, Recreation Intern**

Date: **6/27/13**

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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.

⁸ Describe and explain rationale for any discrepancies with citizen proposals.

WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY

APPENDIX C – ROUTE ANALYSIS⁹

(Factors to consider when determining whether a route is a road¹⁰ for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes.)

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **CO-010-011**

Route or Route Segment¹¹ Name and/or Identifier: **LWC_11_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 travels southeast into the unit from CO 318. GIS point associated is 11-01.

IV. ROUTE CONTEXT

A. Current Purpose¹² (if any) of Route: (Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine

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¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ 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.

¹² 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:

There was evidence that the route once served as a range access road.

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 Graveled Roadside Berms **X** Cut/Fill Other

Describe:

The route was cut into the ground and roadside berms were left on either side.

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:

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:

4. If the route or route segment is in good¹³ 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

The route no longer serves a purpose and is in poor repair.

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).¹⁴

¹³ 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.

¹⁴ 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 segment¹⁵ 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

Explanation¹⁶:

The route does not meet the necessary criteria for designation as a WIR.

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

Date: **6/27/13**

Evaluator(s): **Cody Niehus, Recreation Intern**

Date: **6/27/13**

¹⁵ 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.

¹⁶ Describe and explain rationale for any discrepancies with citizen proposals.

WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY

APPENDIX C – ROUTE ANALYSIS¹⁷

(Factors to consider when determining whether a route is a road¹⁸ for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes.)

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **CO-010-011**

Route or Route Segment¹⁹ Name and/or Identifier: **LWC_11_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 Moffat CR 12. It travels southwest from the northwest corner of the unit. It forms part of the northwestern boundary of the unit.

VI. ROUTE CONTEXT

A. Current Purpose²⁰ (if any) of Route: (Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine

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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.

¹⁹ 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.

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

Describe:

The route serves many purposes including private land and range improvement access.

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 **X** Roadside Berms Cut/Fill Other

Describe:

The road is graveled and shows signs of recent blading.

²⁰ 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.

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:

Where necessary, drainage channels and culverts have been constructed to facilitate access.

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)

5. Is there Evidence or Documentation of Maintenance using hand tools or machinery?

Yes No If "yes": by Hand Tools by Machine

Explain:

The road is in good condition suggesting that it is maintained.

6. If the route or route segment is in good²¹ 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

The road is already maintained by Moffat County. BLM does not need to approve maintenance.

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

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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).²²

The route was being maintained by a road grader while the area was inventoried. Large gravel trucks were able to travel the route with ease.

IV. CONCLUSION:

Does the route or route segment²³ 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

Explanation²⁴:

The route meets the necessary criteria for designation as a WIR.

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

Date: **6/27/13**

Evaluator(s): **Cody Niehus, Recreation Intern**

Date: **6/27/13**

²² 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.

²³ 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.

²⁴ Describe and explain rationale for any discrepancies with citizen proposals.

WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY

APPENDIX C – ROUTE ANALYSIS²⁵

(Factors to consider when determining whether a route is a road²⁶ for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes.)

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **CO-010-011**

Route or Route Segment²⁷ Name and/or Identifier: **LWC_11_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:

The route travels southeast from CO 318 for a short distance through BLM until it reaches private land. It continues through the private land and continues through the unit. GIS points associated are 11-02 and 11-03.

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

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²⁷ 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.

VIII. ROUTE CONTEXT

A. Current Purpose²⁸ (if any) of Route: (Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine Site, Concentrated Use Site (camp site), Recreation, Utilities (transmission line, telephone, pipeline), Administrative (project maintenance, communication site, vegetation treatment)).

Describe:

The route provides access to private land located within the area.

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

²⁸ 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.

Describe:

The route was bladed but limited use has allowed it to become partially overgrown.

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:

The route was improved to facilitate a stream crossing.

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 If "yes": by Hand Tools by Machine

Explain:

The route was in good condition suggesting that it is maintained.

8. If the route or route segment is in good²⁹ 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

The route provides the only access to private land so it is likely that maintenance would be approved.

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).³⁰

Multiple sets of recent tire tracks were observed along the route.

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³⁰ 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 segment³¹ 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 No = Not a road for wilderness inventory purposes

Explanation³²:

The route meets the necessary criteria for designation as a WIR.

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

Date: **6/27/13**

Evaluator(s): **Cody Niehus, Recreation Intern**

Date: **6/27/13**

³¹ 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.

³² Describe and explain rationale for any discrepancies with citizen proposals.

WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY

APPENDIX C – ROUTE ANALYSIS³³

(Factors to consider when determining whether a route is a road³⁴ for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes.)

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **CO-010-011**

Route or Route Segment³⁵ Name and/or Identifier: **LWC_11_Route 5**

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

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

Describe:

Route 5 travels south from Moffat CR 12, then turns west after its junction with Moffat CR 116. It is CR 10. It forms a small portion of the southern boundary of the unit.

X. ROUTE CONTEXT

A. Current Purpose³⁶ (if any) of Route: (Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine

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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.

³⁵ 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.

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

Describe:

The route accesses sections of private land as well as range improvements.

B. Right-of-Way (ROW):

13. Is there a ROW associated with this route?

Yes No Unknown **X**

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

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

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

Explain:

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E. 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 **X** Roadside Berms Cut/Fill Other

Describe:

The route was bladed using a grader and then graveled.

³⁶ 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.

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:

Where necessary, culverts were installed to facilitate access.

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)

9. Is there Evidence or Documentation of Maintenance using hand tools or machinery?

Yes No If "yes": by Hand Tools by Machine

Explain:

A road grader was observed working on the route.

10. If the route or route segment is in good³⁷ 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

The route is presently 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).³⁸

³⁷ 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.

³⁸ 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:

Multiple gravel trucks were observed along the route. It is likely used on a daily basis.

Does the route or route segment³⁹ 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

Explanation⁴⁰:

The route meets the necessary criteria for designation as a WIR.

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³⁹ 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.

⁴⁰ Describe and explain rationale for any discrepancies with citizen proposals.

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11 Solitude



11 Scenic

