



Lands with Wilderness Characteristics

Polygon 019



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-010-019** 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.):

Polygon 19 is located north west of Lookout Mountain in Moffat County, Colorado. The unit is bordered to the north and west by Moffat County Road 67, which bisects two WSA areas along the northern boundary of the polygon. The east side of the polygon is defined from the junction of CR 67 and BLM 2091 until the junction of BLM 2091 and BLM 2084. The southern border of the unit is defined by BLM 2084 from its junction with BLM 2091 to its junction with CR 67.

(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 a fence line along the northern boundary, and a ranch development along BLM 2091 in the south eastern portion of 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

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 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 wild horses and 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 N/A

Description:

The polygon is located in the northern portion of the Sand Wash Basin, which is known nationally as one of the few spots left in the country that is populated by wild horses.

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-010-019**

Route or Route Segment³ Name and/or Identifier: **LWC_19_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 travels southwest from CR 67 towards Yellow Jacket Wash. It is the Yellow Jacket Wash Jeep Road, also known as BLM road 2091. Photo point references include 19-001.

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.

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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.

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.

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

Describe:

The route serves a recreational purpose as a Jeep road.

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:

There are road side berms created by a blade of some sort.

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)

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 a designated BLM Jeep road

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).⁶

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.

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.

IV. CONCLUSION:

Vehicle tracks were observed on the route. One vehicle was encountered while inventorying the route.

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 No = Not a road for wilderness inventory purposes

Explanation⁸:

The route is designated as a Jeep road and meets the necessary criteria for WIR consideration.

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

Date: **7/4/13**

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

Date: **7/4/13**

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-010-019**

Route or Route Segment¹¹ Name and/or Identifier: **LWC_19_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 northwest into the area from BLM 2091. Photo point references include 19-002, 19-003, 19-004, 19-019, and 19-020.

IV. ROUTE CONTEXT

- A. Current Purpose¹² (if any) of Route: (Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements

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

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(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 an abandoned stock pond.

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 (if either A.1 *or* A.2 is checked "yes" below) No **X** (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:

The route cuts through a hillside.

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 poor condition.

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

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IV. CONCLUSION:

No tracks or vehicles were observed. The route was washed out and in poor repair.

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 consideration as a WIR.

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Date: **7/4/13**

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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-010-019**

Route or Route Segment¹⁹ Name and/or Identifier: **LWC_19_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:

The route travels southwest then northwest from its junction with Route 2. Photo point references include 19-003, 19-005, 19-022 and 19-023.

VI. ROUTE CONTEXT

- A. Current Purpose²⁰ (if any) of Route: (Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements

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Describe:

The route provides access to an abandoned stock pond.

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:

The route was cut into the ground using some sort of blade.

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)

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

Explain:

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 route is in poor condition and no longer serves a purpose.

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).²²

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IV. CONCLUSION:

No vehicles or tracks were observed along the route. It receives little if any use.

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)?

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inventory purposes

No = Not a road for wilderness

Explanation²⁴:

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

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Date: **7/4/13**

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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-010-019**

Route or Route Segment²⁷ Name and/or Identifier: **LWC_19_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 BLM road 2084. It travels west along the southern boundary of the area. Photo point references include 19-006.

VIII. ROUTE CONTEXT

A. Current Purpose²⁸ (if any) of Route: (Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements

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Describe:

The route serves a recreational purpose as access to the Yellow Jacket Jeep road and provides access to a range improvement located in Lake Draw.

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:

The route is cut into the ground, suggesting construction using a blade.

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:

Drainage channels were constructed wherever necessary 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)

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 is 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 is used heavily and provides access to range improvements, so maintenance would likely 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

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IV. CONCLUSION:

A vehicle was observed traveling the route and numerous tracks were observed.

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)?

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No = Not a road for wilderness

Explanation³²:

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

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Date: **7/4/13**

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

Date: **7/4/13**

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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-010-019**

Route or Route Segment³⁵ Name and/or Identifier: **LWC_19_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:

County road 67 is route 5. It travels northwest along the western border of the area before turning east at its junction with CR 68. It forms the western and northern boundaries of the unit.

X. ROUTE CONTEXT

A. Current Purpose³⁶ (if any) of Route: (Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements

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Describe:

The route serves a variety of purposes, including range improvement access and recreation travel.

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:

III. WILDERNESS INVENTORY ROAD CRITERIA

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 and then graveled.

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:

Because the route was cut into the ground, barriers restricting travel exist on either side.

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:

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

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 currently 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:

The route is regularly traveled by recreational users and one vehicle was observed traveling the route near the area.

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 No = Not a road for wilderness inventory purposes

Explanation⁴⁰:

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

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

Date: **7/4/13**

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

Date: **7/4/13**

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.

WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY

APPENDIX C – ROUTE ANALYSIS⁴¹

(Factors to consider when determining whether a route is a road⁴² for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes.)

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **CO-010-019**

Route or Route Segment⁴³ Name and/or Identifier: **LWC_19_Route 6**

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

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

Describe:

Route 6 travels south from CR 67. Photo point references include 19-013 and 19-014.

XII. ROUTE CONTEXT

- A. Current Purpose⁴⁴ (if any) of Route: (Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements

⁴¹ 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.

⁴² 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.

⁴³ 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.

⁴⁴ 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.

(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 may have been cut for fire mitigation purposes as it end near a burn area.

B. Right-of-Way (ROW):

16. Is there a ROW associated with this route?

Yes No Unknown **X**

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

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

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

Explain:

III. WILDERNESS INVENTORY ROAD CRITERIA

F. 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:

The route has few bends suggesting that a blade was used in construction.

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)

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

Explain:

12. If the route or route segment is in good⁴⁵ 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.

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).⁴⁶

⁴⁵ 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.

⁴⁶ 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:

No tracks were observed. The route likely receives little use outside of hunting season.

Does the route or route segment⁴⁷ 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

Explanation⁴⁸:

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

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

Date: **7/4/13**

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

Date: **7/4/13**

⁴⁷ 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.

⁴⁸ Describe and explain rationale for any discrepancies with citizen proposals.

WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY

APPENDIX C – ROUTE ANALYSIS⁴⁹

(Factors to consider when determining whether a route is a road⁵⁰ for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes.)

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **CO-010-019**

Route or Route Segment⁵¹ Name and/or Identifier: **LWC_19_Route 7**

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

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

Describe:

Route 7 travels south into the unit from CR 67. Photo point references include 19-015 and 19-016.

XIV. ROUTE CONTEXT

A. Current Purpose⁵² (if any) of Route: (Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements

⁴⁹ 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.

⁵⁰ 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.

⁵¹ 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.

⁵² 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.

(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 was likely used as a range improvement access road for one of the stock ponds located within the unit.

B. Right-of-Way (ROW):

19. Is there a ROW associated with this route?

Yes No Unknown **X**

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

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

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

Explain:

III. WILDERNESS INVENTORY ROAD CRITERIA

G. 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:

There are berms left on either side from construction using a blade.

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)

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

Explain:

14. If the route or route segment is in good⁵³ 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 condition.

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).⁵⁴

⁵³ 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.

⁵⁴ 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:

While some vehicle tracks were observed at the start of the route, most turned around after a short distance. After this point, few if any tracks were discernible.

Does the route or route segment⁵⁵ 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

Explanation⁵⁶:

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

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

Date: **7/4/13**

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

Date: **7/4/13**

⁵⁵ 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.

⁵⁶ Describe and explain rationale for any discrepancies with citizen proposals.

WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY

APPENDIX C – ROUTE ANALYSIS⁵⁷

(Factors to consider when determining whether a route is a road⁵⁸ for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes.)

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **CO-010-019**

Route or Route Segment⁵⁹ Name and/or Identifier: **LWC_19_Route 8**

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

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

Describe:

Route 8 travels south from CR67 to a fence line. There was once a gate, but it has been replaced with fencing to restrict travel. Photo point references include 19-021.

XVI. ROUTE CONTEXT

A. Current Purpose⁶⁰ (if any) of Route: (Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements

⁵⁷ 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.

⁵⁸ 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.

⁵⁹ 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.

⁶⁰ 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.

(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 serves as access to a fence line.

B. Right-of-Way (ROW):

22. Is there a ROW associated with this route?

Yes No Unknown **X**

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

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

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

Explain:

III. WILDERNESS INVENTORY ROAD CRITERIA

H. 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 **X** Cut/Fill Other

Describe:

There are berms on either side of the road from a blade.

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)

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

Explain:

16. If the route or route segment is in good⁶¹ 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.

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).⁶²

⁶¹ 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.

⁶² 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:

Tracks were observed to the fence, but turned around there. The route receives little use.

Does the route or route segment⁶³ 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

Explanation⁶⁴:

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

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

Date: **7/4/13**

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

Date: **7/4/13**

⁶³ 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.

⁶⁴ Describe and explain rationale for any discrepancies with citizen proposals.

WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY

APPENDIX C – ROUTE ANALYSIS⁶⁵

(Factors to consider when determining whether a route is a road⁶⁶ for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes.)

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **CO-010-019**

Route or Route Segment⁶⁷ Name and/or Identifier: **LWC_19_Route 9**

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

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

Describe:

Route 9 travels south from the north end of Route 2 into the unit for a short distance. It is accessed through state land and is gated where it passes into BLM. Photo point references include 19-017 and 19-018.

XVIII. ROUTE CONTEXT

A. Current Purpose⁶⁸ (if any) of Route: (Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements

⁶⁵ 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.

⁶⁶ 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.

⁶⁷ 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.

⁶⁸ 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

(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 likely served as access to range improvements in the area.

B. Right-of-Way (ROW):

25. Is there a ROW associated with this route?

Yes No Unknown **X**

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

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

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

Explain:

III. WILDERNESS INVENTORY ROAD CRITERIA

I. Evidence of construction or improvement using mechanical means:

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

Examples: Paved Bladed Graveled Roadside Berms Cut/Fill Other

Describe:

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)

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

Explain:

18. If the route or route segment is in good⁶⁹ 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 likely used primarily for recreational purposes.

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).⁷⁰

⁶⁹ 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.

⁷⁰ 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:

The route was traveled heavily to the gate, but here most vehicles turned around. Few tracks were observable on the BLM section of the route. It likely is used seasonally by hunters.

Does the route or route segment⁷¹ 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

Explanation⁷²:

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

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

Date: **7/8/13**

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

Date: **7/8/13**

⁷¹ 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.

⁷² Describe and explain rationale for any discrepancies with citizen proposals.

WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY

APPENDIX C – ROUTE ANALYSIS⁷³

(Factors to consider when determining whether a route is a road⁷⁴ for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes.)

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **CO-010-019**

Route or Route Segment⁷⁵ Name and/or Identifier: **LWC_19_Route 10**

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

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

Describe:

Route 10 travels north and then west into the unit from BLM Rd 2084. It travels down into Lake Draw. Photo point references include 19-011 and 19-010.

XX. ROUTE CONTEXT

A. Current Purpose⁷⁶ (if any) of Route: (Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements

⁷³ 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.

⁷⁴ 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.

⁷⁵ 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.

⁷⁶ 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.

(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 access a solar powered water pump and stock tanks. The route also accesses a plugged and abandoned oil well.

B. Right-of-Way (ROW):

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

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

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

Explain:

III. WILDERNESS INVENTORY ROAD CRITERIA

J. 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:

To the partially reclaimed oil pad, the route is both bladed and graveled and easily traversable. Beyond this point, the route is still mechanically constructed, but is not graveled.

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 improvements were 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)

19. 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.

20. If the route or route segment is in good⁷⁷ 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 solar powered water pump and stock tanks are property of BLM so it is highly 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).⁷⁸

⁷⁷ 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.

⁷⁸ 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:

No tire tracks were observed along the route. The route likely receives little use outside of range improvement maintenance.

Does the route or route segment⁷⁹ 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

Explanation⁸⁰:

The route accesses a BLM range improvement. If the BLM continues to operate the water pump, the route meets the necessary criteria for consideration as a WIR.

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⁷⁹ 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.

⁸⁰ Describe and explain rationale for any discrepancies with citizen proposals.

WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY

APPENDIX C – ROUTE ANALYSIS⁸¹

(Factors to consider when determining whether a route is a road⁸² for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes.)

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **CO-010-019**

Route or Route Segment⁸³ Name and/or Identifier: **LWC_19_Route 11**

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

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

Describe:

Route 11 travels north to the top of a hill from BLM Rd 2084. Photo point references include 19-007.

XXII. ROUTE CONTEXT

A. Current Purpose⁸⁴ (if any) of Route: (Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements

⁸¹ 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.

⁸² 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.

⁸³ 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.

⁸⁴ 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.

(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 serves primarily recreational purposes as it offers an excellent view point of the area and evidence of camping was observed.

B. Right-of-Way (ROW):

31. Is there a ROW associated with this route?

Yes No Unknown **X**

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

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

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

Explain:

III. WILDERNESS INVENTORY ROAD CRITERIA

K. Evidence of construction or improvement using mechanical means:

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

Examples: Paved Bladed Graveled Roadside Berms Cut/Fill Other

Describe:

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:

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)

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

Explain:

22. If the route or route segment is in good⁸⁵ 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

The route serves no purpose and travels less than 1/8th of a mile.

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).⁸⁶

⁸⁵ 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.

⁸⁶ 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:

One set of vehicle tracks was observed, however the route receives little use.

Does the route or route segment⁸⁷ 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

Explanation⁸⁸:

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

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Date: **7/8/13**

⁸⁷ 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.

⁸⁸ Describe and explain rationale for any discrepancies with citizen proposals.

WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY

APPENDIX C – ROUTE ANALYSIS⁸⁹

(Factors to consider when determining whether a route is a road⁹⁰ for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes.)

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **CO-010-019**

Route or Route Segment⁹¹ Name and/or Identifier: **LWC_19_Route 12**
(Include Transportation Plan Identifier, if known, and include route number supplied by citizen information, when available.)

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

Describe:

Route 12 travels north from BLM Rd 2084 and connects with Route 10. Photo point references include 19-008.

XXIV. ROUTE CONTEXT

A. Current Purpose⁹² (if any) of Route: (Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements

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⁹⁰ 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.

⁹¹ 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.

⁹² 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.

(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:

It is an alternate and less used route that provides access to the BLM operated water pump located near the bottom of Lake Draw.

B. Right-of-Way (ROW):

34. Is there a ROW associated with this route?

Yes No Unknown **X**

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

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

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

Explain:

III. WILDERNESS INVENTORY ROAD CRITERIA

L. Evidence of construction or improvement using mechanical means:

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

Examples: Paved Bladed Graveled Roadside Berms Cut/Fill Other

Describe:

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:

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)

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

Explain:

24. If the route or route segment is in good⁹³ 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

The route provides alternative access to a range improvement and is used less than the other access route. It serves no purpose and it is unlikely that BLM would approve maintenance.

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).⁹⁴

⁹³ 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.

⁹⁴ 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:

No tracks were observed. The route likely receives little, but scattered use.

Does the route or route segment⁹⁵ 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

Explanation⁹⁶:

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

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⁹⁵ 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.

⁹⁶ Describe and explain rationale for any discrepancies with citizen proposals.

WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY

APPENDIX C – ROUTE ANALYSIS⁹⁷

(Factors to consider when determining whether a route is a road⁹⁸ for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes.)

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **CO-010-019**

Route or Route Segment⁹⁹ Name and/or Identifier: **LWC_19_Route 13**

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

XXV. 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 south west into the unit from Moffat CR 67. It is marked with a carsonite post, but is unnumbered. Photo point references include 19-012.

XXVI. ROUTE CONTEXT

A. Current Purpose¹⁰⁰ (if any) of Route: (Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements

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⁹⁸ 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.

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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.

⁹⁹ 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.

¹⁰⁰ 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.

(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 carsonite post marking the route is has a 4x4 sticker placed on it, suggesting that the route was originally used for recreational purposes.

B. Right-of-Way (ROW):

37. Is there a ROW associated with this route?

Yes No Unknown **X**

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

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

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

Explain:

III. WILDERNESS INVENTORY ROAD CRITERIA

M. Evidence of construction or improvement using mechanical means:

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

Examples: Paved Bladed Graveled Roadside Berms Cut/Fill Other

Describe:

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)

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

Explain:

26. If the route or route segment is in good¹⁰¹ 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 receives little use and is in poor condition. It is unlikely that BLM would 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 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).¹⁰²

¹⁰¹ 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.

¹⁰² 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:

No tire tracks were observed. It is likely that the route sees most of its use seasonally.

Does the route or route segment¹⁰³ 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

Explanation¹⁰⁴:

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

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Date: **7/8/13**

¹⁰³ 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.

¹⁰⁴ Describe and explain rationale for any discrepancies with citizen proposals.

19-01 W



19-03 W



19-02 NW



19-04 NW



19-05 W



19-07 N



19-06 W



19-08 N



19-10 SE



19-010
7/3/13 SE

19-12 SE



19-012
7/3/13 SE

19-11 NE



19-011
7/3/13 NE

19-12 NW



19-012

19-13 S



19-013
7/3/13 S

19-15 S



19-15 S
7/3/13

19-14 S



19-14 S
7/3/13

19-16 S



19-16 S
7-3-13

19-17 S



19-19 S



19-18 S



19-20 S



19-21 S



19-23 SW



19-22 S



19-23 NW



19 Scenic



19 Wild Horses

