



Lands with Wilderness Characteristics

Polygon 024



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-010-024**

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.):

The northern boundary of the polygon is BLM Road 2084 from its western junction with Moffat County Road 67 to its eastern junction with BLM Road 2078. The western boundary for the polygon is Moffat County Road 67 from its northern junction with BLM 2084 to its southern junction with a large unnamed drainage. The southern boundary for the polygon is a large unnamed drainage from its western junction with Moffat CR 67 to its eastern junction with Moffat CR 75. The south eastern boundary is defined by Moffat CR 75 north until its junction with BLM Road 2028, BLM 2028 is the boundary for a short duration west until its junction with BLM Road 2078. And BLM Road 2078 is the boundary for the polygon for its north eastern portion until its junction with BLM Road 2084.

(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 inholdings of both private and state land exist. Yellow Cat Wash is located approximately 20 miles west of Maybell, CO and just to

the north of Colorado State Highway 318. The major topographic feature is Yellow Cat Wash, a long and wide wash with rolling shale cliffs. Sage brush is prevalent throughout the area and covers the vast expanses of flat land. The unit has been used historically for grazing as evidenced by fencing and stock ponds, but little human activity continues to exist.

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

Yes **X** No N/A

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

The Yellow Cat Wash Area is very large and can be accessed from many different points. The chances of encountering another visitor are slim to none. This is also thanks to the variable terrain of the area.

(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 area offers spectacular views of the surrounding area and is frequented by wild horses. Both of these offer prime opportunities for photographers who can traverse the area via foot or horseback. The unit also offers excellent hunting opportunities as it provides habitat for deer, elk and pronghorn.

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

Yes No N/A

Description:

Polygon is located in the south eastern portion of the Sand Wash Basin Wild Horse Management Area.

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-010-024**

Route or Route Segment³ Name and/or Identifier: **LWC_24_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:

Moffat County Road 67 is Route 1. It forms the western boundary of the area as it travels north from the southernmost part of the area.

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 including range improvement maintenance and recreation.

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 Cut/Fill Other

Describe:

The route was cut into the ground using a blade.

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:

Water bars and culverts were put in place 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 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).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.

While inventorying the Sand Wash area, numerous cars have been observed traveling the route. It is used very regularly.

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 consideration as a WIR.

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

Date: **7/11/13**

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

Date: **7/11/13**

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-010-024**

Route or Route Segment¹¹ Name and/or Identifier: **LWC_24_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 is BLM road 2075A1. It is marked as an OHV route. It travels east from CR 67 towards CR 75. Photo point references include 24-021, 24-022 and 24-023.

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

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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 recreational purposes.

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 **X** No

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

Describe:

The route was cut into the ground using a blade.

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 is designated by the BLM as a motorized route and will be maintained.

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

The route is used little but connects to a network of routes located in Yellow Cat Wash.

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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 = Not a road for wilderness

Explanation¹⁶:

Because the route is designated as a motorized route, it meets the necessary criteria for consideration as a WIR.

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Date: **7/18/13**

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

Date: **7/18/13**

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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-010-024**

Route or Route Segment¹⁹ Name and/or Identifier: **LWC_24_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:

Moffat County Road 75 is Route 3. It forms the southeastern part of the boundary as it travels north from the southernmost part of the area.

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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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 including range development maintenance and recreation.

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 route was cut into the hillside by a blade.

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 were instituted 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 route 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 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).²²

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County Road 75 sees regular use from the farm/ranch personnel whose job sites are located along the route.

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 consideration as a WIR.

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Date: **7/11/13**

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

Date: **7/11/13**

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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-010-024**

Route or Route Segment²⁷ Name and/or Identifier: **LWC_24_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 2028. It travels west from CR 75 to BLM 2078.

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

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

Describe:

Route 4 provides access to private land located in the area and serves recreational purposes as well.

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 No

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

Describe:

The route was cut into the ground 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:

Where necessary drainage channels 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)

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 provides access to private land so it is likely that the BLM would approve maintenance.

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

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Vehicle tracks were observed while inventorying the route. The route is likely used on a monthly basis.

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)?

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Explanation³²:

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

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Date: **7/11/13**

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Date: **7/11/13**

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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-010-024**

Route or Route Segment³⁵ Name and/or Identifier: **LWC_24_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 is BLM road 2078. It travels north from BLM 2028 to BLM 2084.

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.

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.

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

Describe:

The route originally provided access range improvements but now serves recreational purposes.

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 No

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

Describe:

The route was cut into the ground 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 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:

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 designated as a motorized route and the BLM will maintain the route when necessary.

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.

Some vehicle tracks were observed while inventorying the area. The route likely receives more use during hunting season.

IV. CONCLUSION:

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 consideration as a WIR.

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

Date: **7/18/13**

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

Date: **7/18/13**

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-010-024**

Route or Route Segment⁴³ Name and/or Identifier: **LWC_24_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 is BLM 2084. It travels west from BLM 2078 to CR 67.

XII. ROUTE CONTEXT

A. Current Purpose⁴⁴ (if any) of Route: (Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine

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.

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 both recreational and administrative purposes. It accesses a well-used camp site and provides access to a BLM range improvement.

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 was cut into the ground 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:

Where necessary, culverts and drainage channels have been instituted 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)

11. 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.

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 provides access to a BLM range improvement 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).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.

One vehicle was observed traveling the route while inventorying the unit. The route is likely used on a regular basis by the BLM to maintain the range improvement accessed by the route.

IV. CONCLUSION:

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 meets the necessary criteria for consideration as a WIR.

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

Date: **7/11/13**

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

Date: **7/11/13**

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-010-024**

Route or Route Segment⁵¹ Name and/or Identifier: **LWC_24_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 east from CR 67 then turns north into Yellow Cat Wash. It intersects the wash and the wash becomes the main route. Photo point references include 24-019 and 24-020.

XIV. ROUTE CONTEXT

A. Current Purpose⁵² (if any) of Route: (Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine

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

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

Describe:

The route is used primarily for recreational purposes.

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 (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:

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:

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 was constructed by UTV/ATV traffic and is maintained solely by the passage of vehicles. It serves no purpose other than recreation and it is unlikely that the 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).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.

Many OHV tracks were observed on the route until it reached Yellow Cat Wash. Here the tracks dispersed.

IV. CONCLUSION:

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: **7/11/13**

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

Date: **7/11/13**

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-010-024**

Route or Route Segment⁵⁹ Name and/or Identifier: **LWC_24_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 northeast into the area from CR 67 just to the south of the CR 48 and CR 67 junction. Photo point references include 24-004, 24-005 and 24-006.

XVI. ROUTE CONTEXT

A. Current Purpose⁶⁰ (if any) of Route: (Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine

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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

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

Describe:

The route may have once provided access to range improvements. Its current purpose is likely recreation.

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 **X** No

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

Describe:

The route was cut into the ground using a blade.

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)

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 so it is unlikely that maintenance would be approved by the BLM.

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.

The route receives some scattered use but is not maintained other than by the passage of vehicles.

IV. CONCLUSION:

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: **7/11/13**

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

Date: **7/11/13**

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-010-024**

Route or Route Segment⁶⁷ Name and/or Identifier: **LWC_24_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:

BLM Road 2078C is Route 9. The route travels northeast from CR 67 into the area. Photo point references include 24-007 and 24-008.

XVIII. ROUTE CONTEXT

A. Current Purpose⁶⁸ (if any) of Route: (Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine

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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

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

Describe:

A short distance from where the route begins, a much degraded foundation exists. It is likely that the route was originally constructed to access this building and other range improvements.

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 its original purpose and is now used on a scattered basis for recreation.

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 has received little use in recent times.

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: **7/11/13**

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

Date: **7/11/13**

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-010-024**

Route or Route Segment⁷⁵ Name and/or Identifier: **LWC_24_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 is an unnamed route that travels northeast into the area from CR 67 just to the south of Sand Wash. Photo point references include 24-009 and 24-010.

XX. ROUTE CONTEXT

A. Current Purpose⁷⁶ (if any) of Route: (Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine

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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

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

Describe:

The route is used primarily for recreation.

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 (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 **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)

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

Explain:

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 **X**

Explain

The route no longer serves a viable purpose so 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).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:

The route receives little use. No vehicle tracks were observed while inventorying the area.

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 **X** = Not a road for wilderness

Explanation⁸⁰:

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

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

Date: **7/11/13**

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

Date: **7/11/13**

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-010-024**

Route or Route Segment⁸³ Name and/or Identifier: **LWC_24_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 east into the unit and to the private inholding from CR 67. Photo reference points include 24-011 and 24-012.

XXII. ROUTE CONTEXT

A. Current Purpose⁸⁴ (if any) of Route: (Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine

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

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

Describe:

The route accesses private property but is likely used for recreation.

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:

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)

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

Explain

Though the route provides access to private property, it is not used. The route is likely used for recreation and no longer serves any other purpose. It is unlikely that the 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).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:

The route receives little and scattered use. Faint tire tracks were observable to the midway point of the route.

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.

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

Date: **7/11/13**

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

Date: **7/11/13**

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-010-024**

Route or Route Segment⁹¹ Name and/or Identifier: **LWC_24_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 east from CR 67 up a hill to the rim of Yellow Cat Wash. Photo point references include 24-017, 24-018, 24-034, 24-035, and 24-037.

XXIV. ROUTE CONTEXT

A. Current Purpose⁹² (if any) of Route: (Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine

⁸⁹ 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.

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

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

Describe:

The route serves primarily as a recreational route.

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:

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)

23. Is there Evidence or Documentation of Maintenance using hand tools or machinery?
Yes No 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

Explain

The route serves no purpose so it is unlikely that the 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).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:

Faint tire tracks were observable, but the route receives only light and 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 = Not a road for wilderness

Explanation⁹⁶:

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

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

Date: **7/11/13**

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

Date: **7/11/13**

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-010-024**

Route or Route Segment⁹⁹ Name and/or Identifier: **LWC_24_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 east for about 1/8th mile from CR 67 to the top of a hill. Photo point references include 24-012 and 24-013.

XXVI. ROUTE CONTEXT

A. Current Purpose¹⁰⁰ (if any) of Route: (Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine

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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.

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.

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

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

Describe:

The route access a well-used camp site.

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 **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 a blade.

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:

Drainage channels 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)

25. 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 it is maintained.

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 is maintained and receives regular use. It is likely that the 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:

Vehicle tracks were observed on the route. It receives heavy recreational use.

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 = Not a road for wilderness

Explanation¹⁰⁴:

The route meets the necessary criteria for consideration as a WIR and should be cherry-stemmed from the unit.

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

Date: **7/11/13**

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

Date: **7/11/13**

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.

WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY

APPENDIX C – ROUTE ANALYSIS¹⁰⁵

(Factors to consider when determining whether a route is a road¹⁰⁶ for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes.)

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **CO-010-024**

Route or Route Segment¹⁰⁷ Name and/or Identifier: **LWC_24_Route 14**
(Include Transportation Plan Identifier, if known, and include route number supplied by citizen information, when available.)

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

Describe:

Route 14 travels southeast from BLM 2084. It is marked as closed to motorized vehicles.

Photo point references include 24-003.

XXVIII. ROUTE CONTEXT

A. Current Purpose¹⁰⁸ (if any) of Route: (Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine

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¹⁰⁶ 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.

¹⁰⁷ 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.

¹⁰⁸ 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 has no current purpose.

B. Right-of-Way (ROW):

40. Is there a ROW associated with this route?

Yes No Unknown **X**

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

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

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

Explain:

III. WILDERNESS INVENTORY ROAD CRITERIA

N. 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 **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)

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

Explain:

28. If the route or route segment is in good¹⁰⁹ 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 road is closed and the BLM would not 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).¹¹⁰

¹⁰⁹ 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.

¹¹⁰ 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 closed and no tracks were seen.

Does the route or route segment¹¹¹ 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

Explanation¹¹²:

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

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

Date: **7/11/13**

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

Date: **7/11/13**

¹¹¹ 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.

¹¹² Describe and explain rationale for any discrepancies with citizen proposals.

WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY

APPENDIX C – ROUTE ANALYSIS¹¹³

(Factors to consider when determining whether a route is a road¹¹⁴ for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes.)

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **CO-010-024**

Route or Route Segment¹¹⁵ Name and/or Identifier: **LWC_24_Route 15**
(Include Transportation Plan Identifier, if known, and include route number supplied by citizen information, when available.)

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

Describe:

Route 15 travels south from CR 67 into the area. Photo point references include 24-002.

XXX. ROUTE CONTEXT

A. Current Purpose¹¹⁶ (if any) of Route: (Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine

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¹¹⁴ 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.

¹¹⁵ 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.

¹¹⁶ The purpose of a route is not a deciding factor in determining whether a route is a road for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes. The purpose of a route does provide context for factors on which such a determination may be based, particularly the question of whether maintenance of the route ensures relatively regular and continuous use. The purpose also helps to determine whether maintenance that may so far have been unnecessary to ensure such use would be approved by BLM when the need arises.

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

Describe:

The route has no current purpose.

B. Right-of-Way (ROW):

43. Is there a ROW associated with this route?

Yes No Unknown **X**

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

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

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

Explain:

III. WILDERNESS INVENTORY ROAD CRITERIA

O. 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)

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

Explain:

30. If the route or route segment is in good¹¹⁷ 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 very little use and is beginning the reclamation process. It is unlikely that the 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).¹¹⁸

¹¹⁷ 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.

¹¹⁸ 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 has not been used in recent months.

Does the route or route segment¹¹⁹ 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

Explanation¹²⁰:

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

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

Date: **7/11/13**

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

Date: **7/11/13**

¹¹⁹ 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.

¹²⁰ Describe and explain rationale for any discrepancies with citizen proposals.

WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY

APPENDIX C – ROUTE ANALYSIS¹²¹

(Factors to consider when determining whether a route is a road¹²² for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes.)

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **CO-010-024**

Route or Route Segment¹²³ Name and/or Identifier: **LWC_24_Route 16**
(Include Transportation Plan Identifier, if known, and include route number supplied by citizen information, when available.)

XXXI. 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 into the area from CR 67, just to the west of the BLM 2091 and BLM 2084 junction. Photo point references include 24-001.

XXXII. ROUTE CONTEXT

A. Current Purpose¹²⁴ (if any) of Route: (Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine

¹²¹ 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.

¹²² 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.

¹²³ 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.

¹²⁴ 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 does not a current purpose.

B. Right-of-Way (ROW):

46. Is there a ROW associated with this route?

Yes No Unknown **X**

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

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

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

Explain:

III. WILDERNESS INVENTORY ROAD CRITERIA

P. Evidence of construction or improvement using mechanical means:

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

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

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

Describe:

The route was cut into the ground using a blade.

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)

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

Explain:

32. If the route or route segment is in good¹²⁵ 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 the process of reclamation and should not be maintained.

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).¹²⁶

¹²⁵ 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.

¹²⁶ 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 has not received use in recent times. It is very overgrown.

Does the route or route segment¹²⁷ 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

Explanation¹²⁸:

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

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

Date: **7/11/13**

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

Date: **7/11/13**

¹²⁷ 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.

¹²⁸ Describe and explain rationale for any discrepancies with citizen proposals.

WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY

APPENDIX C – ROUTE ANALYSIS¹²⁹

(Factors to consider when determining whether a route is a road¹³⁰ for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes.)

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **CO-010-024**

Route or Route Segment¹³¹ Name and/or Identifier: **LWC_24_Route 17**
(Include Transportation Plan Identifier, if known, and include route number supplied by citizen information, when available.)

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

Describe:

Route 17 travels west into the area from CR 75. It is primarily used by OHVs. Photo point references include 24-022 and 24-023.

XXXIV. ROUTE CONTEXT

A. Current Purpose¹³² (if any) of Route: (Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine

¹²⁹ 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.

¹³⁰ 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.

¹³¹ 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 is used by OHVs and serves recreational purposes.

B. Right-of-Way (ROW):

49. Is there a ROW associated with this route?

Yes No Unknown **X**

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

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

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

Explain:

III. WILDERNESS INVENTORY ROAD CRITERIA

Q. 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:

¹³² 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 **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)

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

Yes No **X** If “yes”: by Hand Tools by Machine

Explain:

34. If the route or route segment is in good¹³³ 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

Other than recreation, the route serves no purpose.

C. Relatively regular and continuous use: (Does the route or route segment ensure relatively regular and continuous use?) Yes **X** 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).¹³⁴

¹³³ 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.

¹³⁴ 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:

Numerous sets of OHV tracks were observed on the route. It is used heavily.

Does the route or route segment¹³⁵ 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

Explanation¹³⁶:

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

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

Date: **7/18/13**

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

Date: **7/18/13**

¹³⁵ 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.

¹³⁶ Describe and explain rationale for any discrepancies with citizen proposals.

WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY

APPENDIX C – ROUTE ANALYSIS¹³⁷

(Factors to consider when determining whether a route is a road¹³⁸ for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes.)

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **CO-010-024**

Route or Route Segment¹³⁹ Name and/or Identifier: **LWC_24_Route 18**
(Include Transportation Plan Identifier, if known, and include route number supplied by citizen information, when available.)

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

Describe:

Route 18 travels southwest into the area from CR 75. Photo point references include 24-025 and 24-026.

XXXVI. ROUTE CONTEXT

A. Current Purpose¹⁴⁰ (if any) of Route: (Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine

¹³⁷ 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.

¹³⁸ 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.

¹³⁹ 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 is now used for recreational purposes.

B. Right-of-Way (ROW):

52. Is there a ROW associated with this route?

Yes No Unknown **X**

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

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

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

Explain:

III. WILDERNESS INVENTORY ROAD CRITERIA

R. 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 a blade.

¹⁴⁰ 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 **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)

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

Yes No **X** If “yes”: by Hand Tools by Machine

Explain:

36. If the route or route segment is in good¹⁴¹ 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 is very short and connects to route 17 after a short distance. It may have once served as a fence line road; however it 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 **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

¹⁴¹ 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).¹⁴²
The route was very overgrown and has seen little if any use in recent years.

IV. CONCLUSION:

Does the route or route segment¹⁴³ 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

Explanation¹⁴⁴:

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

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

Date: **7/18/13**

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

Date: **7/18/13**

¹⁴² 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.

¹⁴³ 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.

¹⁴⁴ Describe and explain rationale for any discrepancies with citizen proposals.

WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY

APPENDIX C – ROUTE ANALYSIS¹⁴⁵

(Factors to consider when determining whether a route is a road¹⁴⁶ for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes.)

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **CO-010-024**

Route or Route Segment¹⁴⁷ Name and/or Identifier: **LWC_24_Route 19**
(Include Transportation Plan Identifier, if known, and include route number supplied by citizen information, when available.)

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

Describe:

Route 19 is BLM 2075F. It travels west from CR75 into Yellow Cat Wash. Photo point references include 24-027 and 24-028.

XXXVIII. ROUTE CONTEXT

A. Current Purpose¹⁴⁸ (if any) of Route: (Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine

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¹⁴⁶ 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.

¹⁴⁷ 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 may have once provided access to range improvements but is now used for recreation. There is a shed located at the start of the route and this should be cherry stemmed from the area.

B. Right-of-Way (ROW):

55. Is there a ROW associated with this route?

Yes No Unknown **X**

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

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

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

Explain:

III. WILDERNESS INVENTORY ROAD CRITERIA

S. 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:

¹⁴⁸ 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 **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)

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

Yes No **X** If “yes”: by Hand Tools by Machine

Explain:

38. If the route or route segment is in good¹⁴⁹ 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 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 **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).¹⁵⁰

¹⁴⁹ 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.

¹⁵⁰ 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.

The route is likely only used seasonally. It is very rough and no tracks were observed.

IV. CONCLUSION:

Does the route or route segment¹⁵¹ 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

Explanation¹⁵²:

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

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

Date: **7/18/13**

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

Date: **7/18/13**

¹⁵¹ 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.

¹⁵² Describe and explain rationale for any discrepancies with citizen proposals.

WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY

APPENDIX C – ROUTE ANALYSIS¹⁵³

(Factors to consider when determining whether a route is a road¹⁵⁴ for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes.)

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **CO-010-024**

Route or Route Segment¹⁵⁵ Name and/or Identifier: **LWC_24_Route 20**
(Include Transportation Plan Identifier, if known, and include route number supplied by citizen information, when available.)

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

Describe:

Route 20 travels west into the area from CR 75. It travels about 200 yards to an abandoned stock pond. Photo point references include 24-029.

XL. ROUTE CONTEXT

A. Current Purpose¹⁵⁶ (if any) of Route: (Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine

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¹⁵⁴ 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.

¹⁵⁵ 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:

As the stock pond it originally provided access to has been abandoned, the route no longer serves a purpose.

B. Right-of-Way (ROW):

58. Is there a ROW associated with this route?

Yes No Unknown **X**

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

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

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

Explain:

III. WILDERNESS INVENTORY ROAD CRITERIA

T. 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 a blade.

¹⁵⁶ 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:

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)

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

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

Explain:

40. If the route or route segment is in good¹⁵⁷ 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).¹⁵⁸

¹⁵⁷ 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.

¹⁵⁸ 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.

The route receives very little use. No tracks were observed.

IV. CONCLUSION:

Does the route or route segment¹⁵⁹ 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

Explanation¹⁶⁰:

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

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Date: **7/18/13**

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Date: **7/18/13**

¹⁵⁹ 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.

¹⁶⁰ Describe and explain rationale for any discrepancies with citizen proposals.

WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY

APPENDIX C – ROUTE ANALYSIS¹⁶¹

(Factors to consider when determining whether a route is a road¹⁶² for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes.)

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **CO-010-024**

Route or Route Segment¹⁶³ Name and/or Identifier: **LWC_24_Route 21**
(Include Transportation Plan Identifier, if known, and include route number supplied by citizen information, when available.)

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

Describe:

Route 21 is a collection of short routes stemming northwest from CR 75. Photo point references include 24-030.

XLII. ROUTE CONTEXT

A. Current Purpose¹⁶⁴ (if any) of Route: (Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine

¹⁶¹ 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.

¹⁶² 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.

¹⁶³ 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 routes lead to camp sites.

B. Right-of-Way (ROW):

61. Is there a ROW associated with this route?

Yes No Unknown **X**

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

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

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

Explain:

III. WILDERNESS INVENTORY ROAD CRITERIA

U. 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:

¹⁶⁴ 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:

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)

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

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

Explain:

42. If the route or route segment is in good¹⁶⁵ 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 campsites receive little use and the route is in poor condition. It is unlikely that the 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

¹⁶⁵ 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).¹⁶⁶
The route receives very little use. No tracks were observed.

IV. CONCLUSION:

Does the route or route segment¹⁶⁷ 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

Explanation¹⁶⁸:

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

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

Date: **7/18/13**

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

Date: **7/18/13**

¹⁶⁶ 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.

¹⁶⁷ 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.

¹⁶⁸ Describe and explain rationale for any discrepancies with citizen proposals.

WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY

APPENDIX C – ROUTE ANALYSIS¹⁶⁹

(Factors to consider when determining whether a route is a road¹⁷⁰ for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes.)

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **CO-010-024**

Route or Route Segment¹⁷¹ Name and/or Identifier: **LWC_24_Route 22**
(Include Transportation Plan Identifier, if known, and include route number supplied by citizen information, when available.)

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

Describe:

Route 22 travels south from BLM 2028, just to the west of CR 75. Photo point references include 24-031 and 24-032.

XLIV. ROUTE CONTEXT

A. Current Purpose¹⁷² (if any) of Route: (Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine

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¹⁷⁰ 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.

¹⁷¹ 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 was likely used as an access road to a range improvement.

B. Right-of-Way (ROW):

64. Is there a ROW associated with this route?

Yes No Unknown **X**

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

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

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

Explain:

III. WILDERNESS INVENTORY ROAD CRITERIA

V. 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:

¹⁷² 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 **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)

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

Yes No **X** If “yes”: by Hand Tools by Machine

Explain:

44. If the route or route segment is in good¹⁷³ 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 no longer serves a purpose so it is unlikely 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 **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).¹⁷⁴

¹⁷³ 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.

¹⁷⁴ 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.

No vehicle tracks were observed. It is likely that the route receives little use outside of hunting season.

IV. CONCLUSION:

Does the route or route segment¹⁷⁵ 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

Explanation¹⁷⁶:

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

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Date: **7/18/13**

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

Date: **7/18/13**

¹⁷⁵ 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.

¹⁷⁶ Describe and explain rationale for any discrepancies with citizen proposals.

WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY

APPENDIX C – ROUTE ANALYSIS¹⁷⁷

(Factors to consider when determining whether a route is a road¹⁷⁸ for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes.)

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **CO-010-024**

Route or Route Segment¹⁷⁹ Name and/or Identifier: **LWC_24_Route 23**
(Include Transportation Plan Identifier, if known, and include route number supplied by citizen information, when available.)

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

Describe:

Route 23 is BLM Road 2078H and is marked as an OHV route. Photo point references include 24-033.

XLVI. ROUTE CONTEXT

A. Current Purpose¹⁸⁰ (if any) of Route: (Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine

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¹⁷⁸ 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.

¹⁷⁹ 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 provides access to an inholding of private property but also serves recreational purposes.

B. Right-of-Way (ROW):

67. Is there a ROW associated with this route?

Yes No Unknown **X**

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

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

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

Explain:

III. WILDERNESS INVENTORY ROAD CRITERIA

W. 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 a blade.

¹⁸⁰ 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:

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)

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

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

Explain:

46. If the route or route segment is in good¹⁸¹ 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 access to private property and is a designated OHV route, so it is highly likely that the 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

¹⁸¹ 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).¹⁸²
No tracks were observed, however the route is likely used more during hunting season.

IV. CONCLUSION:

Does the route or route segment¹⁸³ 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

Explanation¹⁸⁴:

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

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Date: **7/18/13**

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Date: **7/18/13**

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¹⁸³ 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.

¹⁸⁴ Describe and explain rationale for any discrepancies with citizen proposals.

24-01 S



24-03 SE



24-02 S



24-04 NE



24-05NE



24-005
7/10/13 NE

24-07 NE



24-007
7/10/13 NE

24-06 N



24-006
7/10/13 N

24-08 SW



24-008
7/10/13 SW

24-08 E



24-10 NE



24-09 NE



24-11 NE



24-12 W



24-12 E



24-13 E



24-14



24-15



24-16



24-16



24-17



24-18



24-20



24-19



24-20



24-21



24-21



24 Solitude



24 Scenic



24 Supplemental



24 Scenic

