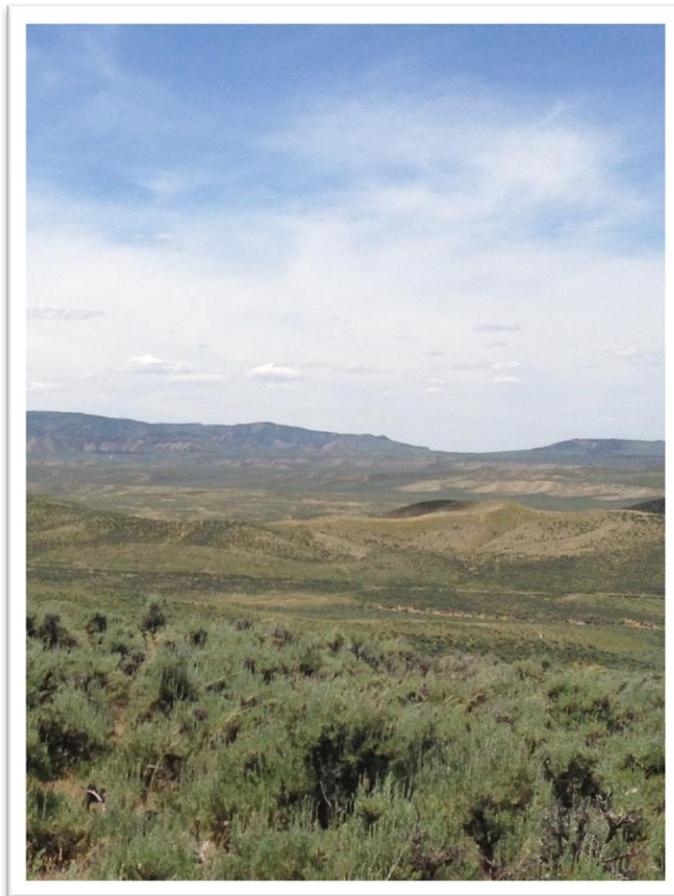




# Lands with Wilderness Characteristics

## Polygon 044



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 1**

**Documentation of BLM Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Findings from Previous Inventory on Record**

**1. Is there existing BLM wilderness characteristics inventory information on all or part of this area?**

**No**  (Go to Form 2) **Yes** (If yes, and if more than one area is within the area, list the unique identifiers for those areas.):

**a) Inventory Source:**

**b) Inventory Area Unique Identifier(s): CO-010-044**

**c) Map Name(s)/Number(s):**

**d) BLM District(s)/Field Office(s): Little Snake Field Office**

**2. BLM Inventory Findings on Record:**

Existing inventory information regarding wilderness characteristics (if more than one BLM inventory area is associated with the area, list each area and answer each question individually for each inventory area):

Inventory Source:

<b>Area Unique Identifier</b>	<b>Sufficient Size? Yes/No (acres)</b>	<b>Naturalness? Yes/No</b>	<b>Outstanding Solitude? Yes/No</b>	<b>Outstanding Primitive &amp; Unconfined Recreation? Yes/No</b>	<b>Supplemental Values? Yes/No</b>

**FORM 2**

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

Area Unique Identifier: **CO-010-044**

Acreage

(If the inventory area consists of subunits, list the acreage of each and evaluate each separately).

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

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

Yes    **X**                      No

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

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

**LWC Polygon 44 is located approximately 25 miles west / southwest of Craig, CO. The polygon is bordered on the north and north west by Moffat County Road 55, then is bordered on the west and south by private land. The east side of the polygon is defined by Moffat County Road 133, as well as a piece of private land located along CR 133. The north east section of the polygon is bordered by BLM Road 1590, the east junction of BLM 1590 and the north junction of BLM 1590 are both along CR 55.**

(2) Does the area appear to be natural?

Yes    **X**                      No                                      N/A

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

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

**The polygon has been used in the past for grazing purposed, and several retired stock ponds were witnessed inside of the polygon. Although there is evidence of human interaction with the landscape the overall natural integrity of the area is not affected in a**

**negative manner by such interaction.**

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

Yes

No

N/A

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

**Polygon 44 is located in a scarcely populated portion of Moffat County, CO. There are several farms / ranches located in the area, although seeing other people is not a common occurrence. Once you are inside the unit you can see evidence of ranching that appears to be decades old, which provides an outstanding opportunity for solitude.**

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

Yes  No  N/A

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

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

**This polygon has outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation in the following activities: Bird Watching, Large Game Hunting, and Wildlife Photography.**

(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 44 very much resembles the surrounding areas although it is a portion that has not been impacted by human interactions.**



# WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY

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

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

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **CO-010-044**

Route or Route Segment<sup>3</sup> Name and/or Identifier: **LWC\_44\_Route 1**

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

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

Describe:

**Route 1 is Moffat County Road 55, this route is the North and North West part of the polygon. Photo point references include 44-002, 44-003, and 44-004.**

## II. ROUTE CONTEXT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<sup>4</sup> The purpose of a route is not a deciding factor in determining whether a route is a road for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes. The purpose of a route does provide context for factors on which such a determination may be based, particularly the question of whether maintenance of the route ensures relatively regular

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

Describe:

**Route is designated and maintained by Moffat County to serve as access to remote parts of the county.**

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 **X** Roadside Berms Cut/Fill Other

Describe:

**Route is maintained by Moffat County on a regular basis.**

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

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

Examples: Culverts    Hardened Stream Crossings    Bridges  Drainage  Barriers  
Other

Describe:

**Route crosses several drainages that require regular maintenance.**

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

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

Explain:

**Route is in very good condition, evidence existed of recent blading.**

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

Explain

**Route is currently being maintained by the County.**

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

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

**Route is used multiple times daily by farmers and ranchers.**

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

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

IV. CONCLUSION:

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

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

Explanation<sup>8</sup>:

**County Road 55 is regularly maintained by Moffat County and receives consistent use.**

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

Date: **6-27-2013**

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

Date: **6-27-2013**

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

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

# WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY

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

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

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **CO-010-044**

Route or Route Segment<sup>11</sup> Name and/or Identifier: **LWC\_44\_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 / CR 32 is the southernmost boundary of Polygon 44, which runs east to west for a short duration.**

### IV. ROUTE CONTEXT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<sup>12</sup> The purpose of a route is not a deciding factor in determining whether a route is a road for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes. The purpose of a route does provide context for factors on which such a determination may be based, particularly the question of whether maintenance of the route ensures relatively regular

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

Describe:

**Route is designated and maintained by Moffat County to serve as access to remote parts of the county.**

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 **X** Roadside Berms Cut/Fill Other

Describe:

**Route was constructed by mechanical means, it is a graveled route that would have required construction to create.**

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

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

Examples: Culverts  Hardened Stream Crossings      Bridges      Drainage  Barriers  
Other

Describe:

**Route shows evidence of improvements, drainage crossings and barriers are located along the route.**

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:

**Route is bladed regularly enough that no wear is apparent to the route.**

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

Explain

**Route is maintained by Moffat County.**

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

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

**Route receives regular use from the local residents in the area.**

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

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

IV. CONCLUSION:

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

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

Explanation<sup>16</sup>:

**County Road 32 is regularly maintained by Moffat County and receives consistent use.**

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

Date: **6-27-2013**

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

Date: **6-27-2013**

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

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

## WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY

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

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

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **CO-010-044**

Route or Route Segment<sup>19</sup> Name and/or Identifier: **LWC\_44\_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:

**This route is Moffat County Road 133, the boundary for the unit on the eastern side of the polygon.**

### VI. ROUTE CONTEXT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Describe:

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

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:

**Route is bladed and graveled.**

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

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

Examples: Culverts    Hardened Stream Crossings    Bridges    Drainage     Barriers    Other

Describe:

**Route has been improved mechanically by building drainages.**

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:

**Route is regularly bladed to keep condition at its peak.**

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

Explain

**Route is currently maintained by Moffat County.**

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

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

**Route receives regular use from the local residents in the area.**

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

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

IV. CONCLUSION:

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

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

**County Road 32 is regularly maintained by Moffat County and receives consistent use.**

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

Date: **6-27-2013**

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

Date: **6-27-2013**

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

## WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY

### APPENDIX C – ROUTE ANALYSIS<sup>24</sup>

*(Factors to consider when determining whether a route is a road<sup>25</sup> for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes.)*

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **CO-010-044**

Route or Route Segment<sup>26</sup> Name and/or Identifier: **LWC\_44\_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 / BLM 1590 is the north eastern portion of the polygon, branching off of CR 55 at the eastern edge and reconnecting with CR 55 in the northern section. GIS points associated are 44-016 and 44-013.**

### VIII. ROUTE CONTEXT

A. Current Purpose<sup>27</sup> (if any) of Route: (Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine

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<sup>25</sup> Road: An access route which has been improved and maintained by mechanical means to insure relatively regular and continuous use. A way maintained solely by the passage of vehicles does not constitute a road.

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

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

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

<sup>26</sup> If a portion of a route is found to meet the wilderness inventory road criteria (see Part III) and the remainder does not meet these criteria (e.g., a cherrystem road with a primitive route continuing beyond a certain point), identify each segment and explain the rationale for the separate findings under pertinent criteria.

<sup>27</sup> The purpose of a route is not a deciding factor in determining whether a route is a road for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes. The purpose of a route does provide context for factors on which such a

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

Describe:

**Routes current purpose is to provide motorized access into BLM land.**

B. Right-of-Way (ROW):

10. Is there a ROW associated with this route?

Yes No Unknown **X**

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

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

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

Explain:

**III. WILDERNESS INVENTORY ROAD CRITERIA**

D. Evidence of construction or improvement using mechanical means:

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

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

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

Describe:

**Route has been cut into several hill sides.**

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

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

Examples: Culverts Hardened Stream Crossings Bridges Drainage Barriers Other

Describe:

**Route has drainages on either side of the route, where needed.**

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:

**Route is in good condition and has been bladed fairly recently.**

8. If the route or route segment is in good<sup>28</sup> condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM to meet the purpose(s) of the route in the event this route became impassable?  
Yes  No

Explain

**Route is in good condition and appears the traveled regularly.**

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

Describe evidence (e.g., direct, vehicles or vehicle tracks observed, or indirect, evidence of use associated with purpose of the route such as maintenance of facility that route accesses) and other rationale for whether use has occurred and will continue to occur on a *relatively* regular basis (i.e., regular and continuous use relative to the purpose(s) of the route).<sup>29</sup>

**Vehicle tracks were observed on the route.**

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<sup>28</sup> Good condition would be a condition that ensures regular and continuous use relative to the purposes of the route. Consider whether the route can be clearly followed in the field over its entire course and whether all or any portion of the route contains any impediments to travel.

<sup>29</sup> Include estimate of travel rates for the stated purposes, e.g., trips/day or week or month or season or year or even multiple years in some facility maintenance cases.

IV. CONCLUSION:

Does the route or route segment<sup>30</sup> meet the definition of a wilderness inventory road (i.e., are items III.A and III.B and III.C all checked yes)?

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

Explanation<sup>31</sup>:

**Route is used regularly and is in good repair.**

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

Date: **6-27-2013**

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

Date: **6-27-2013**

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<sup>30</sup> If part of the route meets the wilderness inventory road definition and the remainder does not, describe the segment meeting the definition and any remaining portion not meeting the definition and why.

<sup>31</sup> Describe and explain rationale for any discrepancies with citizen proposals.

## WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY

### APPENDIX C – ROUTE ANALYSIS<sup>32</sup>

*(Factors to consider when determining whether a route is a road<sup>33</sup> for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes.)*

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **CO-010-044**

Route or Route Segment<sup>34</sup> Name and/or Identifier: **LWC\_44\_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 branches off of BLM 1590 and heads south into private land. GIS points associated are 44-016 and 44-017.**

### **X. ROUTE CONTEXT**

A. Current Purpose<sup>35</sup> (if any) of Route: (Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine

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<sup>32</sup> This form documents information that constitutes an inventory finding on wilderness characteristics. It does not represent a formal land use allocation or a final agency decision subject to administrative remedies under either 43 CFR parts 4 or 1610.5-3.

<sup>33</sup> Road: An access route which has been improved and maintained by mechanical means to insure relatively regular and continuous use. A way maintained solely by the passage of vehicles does not constitute a road.

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

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

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

<sup>34</sup> If a portion of a route is found to meet the wilderness inventory road criteria (see Part III) and the remainder does not meet these criteria (e.g., a cherrystem road with a primitive route continuing beyond a certain point), identify each segment and explain the rationale for the separate findings under pertinent criteria.

<sup>35</sup> The purpose of a route is not a deciding factor in determining whether a route is a road for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes. The purpose of a route does provide context for factors on which such a determination may be based, particularly the question of whether maintenance of the route ensures relatively regular

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

Describe:

**Route serves as one access point to a piece of private property in the southern portion of the polygon.**

B. Right-of-Way (ROW):

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

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

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

Explain:

### III. WILDERNESS INVENTORY ROAD CRITERIA

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

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

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

Describe:

**Route travels along a ridge top and on the side of several hills.**

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

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

Examples: Culverts Hardened Stream Crossings Bridges Drainage Barriers Other

Describe:

**Only improvements made to this route were during the original blading.**

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)

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

Explain:

**Route is overgrown and portions have been washed out from natural forces.**

10. If the route or route segment is in good<sup>36</sup> condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM to meet the purpose(s) of the route in the event this route became impassable?  
Yes No **X**

Explain

**Route is in poor 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).<sup>37</sup>

**Route likely is traveled annually as hunting access.**

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<sup>36</sup> Good condition would be a condition that ensures regular and continuous use relative to the purposes of the route. Consider whether the route can be clearly followed in the field over its entire course and whether all or any portion of the route contains any impediments to travel.

<sup>37</sup> Include estimate of travel rates for the stated purposes, e.g., trips/day or week or month or season or year or even multiple years in some facility maintenance cases.

IV. CONCLUSION:

Does the route or route segment<sup>38</sup> meet the definition of a wilderness inventory road (i.e., are items III.A and III.B and III.C all checked yes)?

Yes = Wilderness Inventory Road  
inventory purposes

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

Explanation<sup>39</sup>:

**Route is overgrown and does not receive maintenance necessary for safe travel.**

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

Date: **6-27-2013**

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

Date: **6-27-2013**

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<sup>38</sup> If part of the route meets the wilderness inventory road definition and the remainder does not, describe the segment meeting the definition and any remaining portion not meeting the definition and why.

<sup>39</sup> Describe and explain rationale for any discrepancies with citizen proposals.

## WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY

### APPENDIX C – ROUTE ANALYSIS<sup>40</sup>

*(Factors to consider when determining whether a route is a road<sup>41</sup> for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes.)*

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **CO-010-044**

Route or Route Segment<sup>42</sup> Name and/or Identifier: **LWC\_44\_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 connects BLM 1590 and CR 133 in the north eastern portion of the polygon. GIS points associated are 44-013, 44-013, 44-015, and 44-012.**

### **XII. ROUTE CONTEXT**

A. Current Purpose<sup>43</sup> (if any) of Route: (Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine

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<sup>41</sup> Road: An access route which has been improved and maintained by mechanical means to insure relatively regular and continuous use. A way maintained solely by the passage of vehicles does not constitute a road.

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

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

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

<sup>42</sup> If a portion of a route is found to meet the wilderness inventory road criteria (see Part III) and the remainder does not meet these criteria (e.g., a cherrystem road with a primitive route continuing beyond a certain point), identify each segment and explain the rationale for the separate findings under pertinent criteria.

<sup>43</sup> The purpose of a route is not a deciding factor in determining whether a route is a road for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes. The purpose of a route does provide context for factors on which such a determination may be based, particularly the question of whether maintenance of the route ensures relatively regular

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

Describe:

**Route once served as access to several stock ponds and leads to private land on the western side of CR 133 from BLM 1590.**

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:

**Route was originally bladed through the sage brush.**

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

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

Examples: Culverts    Hardened Stream Crossings    Bridges    Drainage  Barriers    Other

Describe:

**Route has had drainage crossings build in.**

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:

**Route is overgrown and sections show damage from maintenance neglect.**

12. If the route or route segment is in good<sup>44</sup> condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM to meet the purpose(s) of the route in the event this route became impassable?  
Yes      No

Explain

**Route is not in good repair.**

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

Describe evidence (e.g., direct, vehicles or vehicle tracks observed, or indirect, evidence of use associated with purpose of the route such as maintenance of facility that route accesses) and other rationale for whether use has occurred and will continue to occur on a *relatively* regular basis (i.e., regular and continuous use relative to the purpose(s) of the route).<sup>45</sup>

**Route is most likely only accessed during hunting seasons.**

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<sup>44</sup> Good condition would be a condition that ensures regular and continuous use relative to the purposes of the route. Consider whether the route can be clearly followed in the field over its entire course and whether all or any portion of the route contains any impediments to travel.

<sup>45</sup> Include estimate of travel rates for the stated purposes, e.g., trips/day or week or month or season or year or even multiple years in some facility maintenance cases.

IV. CONCLUSION:

Does the route or route segment<sup>46</sup> meet the definition of a wilderness inventory road (i.e., are items III.A and III.B and III.C all checked yes)?

Yes = Wilderness Inventory Road  
inventory purposes

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

Explanation<sup>47</sup>:

**Route is over-grown and does not receive maintenance that would provide safe travel.**

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

Date: **6-27-2013**

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

Date: **6-27-2013**

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<sup>46</sup> If part of the route meets the wilderness inventory road definition and the remainder does not, describe the segment meeting the definition and any remaining portion not meeting the definition and why.

<sup>47</sup> Describe and explain rationale for any discrepancies with citizen proposals.

## WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY

### APPENDIX C – ROUTE ANALYSIS<sup>48</sup>

*(Factors to consider when determining whether a route is a road<sup>49</sup> for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes.)*

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **CO-010-044**

Route or Route Segment<sup>50</sup> Name and/or Identifier: **LWC\_44\_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 branches off of CR 133 in the south eastern portion of the polygon and reconnects with CR 133 in the eastern portion of the polygon. GIS points associated are 44-09 and 44-012.**

### XIV. ROUTE CONTEXT

A. Current Purpose<sup>51</sup> (if any) of Route: (Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine

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<sup>48</sup> This form documents information that constitutes an inventory finding on wilderness characteristics. It does not represent a formal land use allocation or a final agency decision subject to administrative remedies under either 43 CFR parts 4 or 1610.5-3.

<sup>49</sup> Road: An access route which has been improved and maintained by mechanical means to insure relatively regular and continuous use. A way maintained solely by the passage of vehicles does not constitute a road.

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

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

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

<sup>50</sup> If a portion of a route is found to meet the wilderness inventory road criteria (see Part III) and the remainder does not meet these criteria (e.g., a cherrystem road with a primitive route continuing beyond a certain point), identify each segment and explain the rationale for the separate findings under pertinent criteria.

<sup>51</sup> The purpose of a route is not a deciding factor in determining whether a route is a road for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes. The purpose of a route does provide context for factors on which such a

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

Describe:

**Routes current purpose is to provide access to several stock ponds that have been reclaimed by natural forces.**

B. Right-of-Way (ROW):

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

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

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

Explain:

### III. WILDERNESS INVENTORY ROAD CRITERIA

G. Evidence of construction or improvement using mechanical means:

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

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

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

Describe:

**Route was originally bladed into several hillsides.**

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

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

Examples: Culverts    Hardened Stream Crossings    Bridges    Drainage     Barriers    Other

Describe:

**Route has had several drainage crossings built to allow travel across them.**

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:

**Route is overgrown and does not possess evidence that it receives maintenance from either hand tools of machinery.**

14. If the route or route segment is in good<sup>52</sup> condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM to meet the purpose(s) of the route in the event this route became impassable?  
Yes    No   

Explain

**Route is not in good repair.**

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

Describe evidence (e.g., direct, vehicles or vehicle tracks observed, or indirect, evidence of use associated with purpose of the route such as maintenance of facility that route accesses) and other rationale for whether use has occurred and will continue to occur on a *relatively* regular basis (i.e., regular and continuous use relative to the purpose(s) of the route).<sup>53</sup>

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<sup>52</sup> Good condition would be a condition that ensures regular and continuous use relative to the purposes of the route. Consider whether the route can be clearly followed in the field over its entire course and whether all or any portion of the route contains any impediments to travel.

<sup>53</sup> Include estimate of travel rates for the stated purposes, e.g., trips/day or week or month or season or year or even multiple years in some facility maintenance cases.

**A ranch truck was contacted on the route while it was herding livestock. Route is most likely also traveled heavily during hunting seasons.**

IV. CONCLUSION:

Does the route or route segment<sup>54</sup> meet the definition of a wilderness inventory road (i.e., are items III.A *and* III.B *and* III.C all checked yes)?

Yes = Wilderness Inventory Road  
inventory purposes

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

Explanation<sup>55</sup>:

**Route is overgrown and does not receive necessary maintenance for it to be considered a Wilderness Inventory Road.**

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

Date: **6-27-2013**

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

Date: **6-27-2013**

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<sup>54</sup> If part of the route meets the wilderness inventory road definition and the remainder does not, describe the segment meeting the definition and any remaining portion not meeting the definition and why.

<sup>55</sup> Describe and explain rationale for any discrepancies with citizen proposals.

## WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY

### APPENDIX C – ROUTE ANALYSIS<sup>56</sup>

*(Factors to consider when determining whether a route is a road<sup>57</sup> for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes.)*

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **CO-010-044**

Route or Route Segment<sup>58</sup> Name and/or Identifier: **LWC\_44\_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 branches north from Moffat County Road 32 in the southern most portion of the polygon. Route 8 is located along GIS points 44-005 and 44-006.**

### XVI. ROUTE CONTEXT

A. Current Purpose<sup>59</sup> (if any) of Route: (Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine

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<sup>56</sup> This form documents information that constitutes an inventory finding on wilderness characteristics. It does not represent a formal land use allocation or a final agency decision subject to administrative remedies under either 43 CFR parts 4 or 1610.5-3.

<sup>57</sup> Road: An access route which has been improved and maintained by mechanical means to insure relatively regular and continuous use. A way maintained solely by the passage of vehicles does not constitute a road.

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

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

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

<sup>58</sup> If a portion of a route is found to meet the wilderness inventory road criteria (see Part III) and the remainder does not meet these criteria (e.g., a cherrystem road with a primitive route continuing beyond a certain point), identify each segment and explain the rationale for the separate findings under pertinent criteria.

<sup>59</sup> The purpose of a route is not a deciding factor in determining whether a route is a road for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes. The purpose of a route does provide context for factors on which such a determination may be based, particularly the question of whether maintenance of the route ensures relatively regular

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

Describe:

**Routes current purpose is to access an active range improvement.**

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:

**Route was originally bladed into several hillsides.**

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

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

Examples: Culverts Hardened Stream Crossings Bridges Drainage  Barriers Other

Describe:

**No improvements were noticeable along the route.**

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:

**Route is in very good condition evidence of maintenance by hand tools is apparent.**

16. If the route or route segment is in good<sup>60</sup> condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM to meet the purpose(s) of the route in the event this route became impassable? Yes  No

Explain

**Route is in good condition and is accessing an active range improvement.**

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

Describe evidence (e.g., direct, vehicles or vehicle tracks observed, or indirect, evidence of use associated with purpose of the route such as maintenance of facility that route accesses) and other rationale for whether use has occurred and will continue to occur on a *relatively* regular basis (i.e., regular and continuous use relative to the purpose(s) of the route).<sup>61</sup>

**Recent tracks were noticed on the route during inventory.**

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<sup>60</sup> Good condition would be a condition that ensures regular and continuous use relative to the purposes of the route. Consider whether the route can be clearly followed in the field over its entire course and whether all or any portion of the route contains any impediments to travel.

<sup>61</sup> Include estimate of travel rates for the stated purposes, e.g., trips/day or week or month or season or year or even multiple years in some facility maintenance cases.

IV. CONCLUSION:

Does the route or route segment<sup>62</sup> meet the definition of a wilderness inventory road (i.e., are items III.A and III.B and III.C all checked yes)?

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

Explanation<sup>63</sup>:

**Route meets maintenance requirements to be considered a Wilderness Inventory Road.  
Route needs to be cherry stemmed into the polygon.**

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

Date: **6-27-2013**

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

Date: **6-27-2013**

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<sup>62</sup> If part of the route meets the wilderness inventory road definition and the remainder does not, describe the segment meeting the definition and any remaining portion not meeting the definition and why.

<sup>63</sup> Describe and explain rationale for any discrepancies with citizen proposals.

## WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY

### APPENDIX C – ROUTE ANALYSIS<sup>64</sup>

*(Factors to consider when determining whether a route is a road<sup>65</sup> for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes.)*

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **CO-010-044**

Route or Route Segment<sup>66</sup> Name and/or Identifier: **LWC\_44\_Route 9**

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

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

Describe:

**Route 9 branches off of Moffat County Road 32 and travels north into the southernmost part of the polygon. GIS points associated with the route are 44-007 and 44-008.**

**XVIII.** ROUTE CONTEXT

A. Current Purpose<sup>67</sup> (if any) of Route: (Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine

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<sup>64</sup> This form documents information that constitutes an inventory finding on wilderness characteristics. It does not represent a formal land use allocation or a final agency decision subject to administrative remedies under either 43 CFR parts 4 or 1610.5-3.

<sup>65</sup> Road: An access route which has been improved and maintained by mechanical means to insure relatively regular and continuous use. A way maintained solely by the passage of vehicles does not constitute a road.

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

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

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

<sup>66</sup> If a portion of a route is found to meet the wilderness inventory road criteria (see Part III) and the remainder does not meet these criteria (e.g., a cherrystem road with a primitive route continuing beyond a certain point), identify each segment and explain the rationale for the separate findings under pertinent criteria.

<sup>67</sup> The purpose of a route is not a deciding factor in determining whether a route is a road for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes. The purpose of a route does provide context for factors on which such a determination may be based, particularly the question of whether maintenance of the route ensures relatively regular and continuous use. The purpose also helps to determine whether maintenance that may so far have been unnecessary to ensure such use would be approved by BLM when the need arises.

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

Describe:

**Routes current purpose is to provide access to several stock ponds that have been reclaimed by natural forces.**

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

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

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

Describe:

**Route was originally bladed into several hillsides.**

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 **X** Barriers Other

Describe:

**Route shows no sign of improvements.**

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)

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

Explain:

**Route is overgrown and does not possess evidence that it receives maintenance from either hand tools or machinery.**

18. If the route or route segment is in good<sup>68</sup> condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM to meet the purpose(s) of the route in the event this route became impassable?  
Yes No **X**

Explain

**Route is not in good 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).<sup>69</sup>

**Route is most likely also traveled heavily during hunting seasons.**

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<sup>68</sup> Good condition would be a condition that ensures regular and continuous use relative to the purposes of the route. Consider whether the route can be clearly followed in the field over its entire course and whether all or any portion of the route contains any impediments to travel.

<sup>69</sup> Include estimate of travel rates for the stated purposes, e.g., trips/day or week or month or season or year or even multiple years in some facility maintenance cases.

IV. CONCLUSION:

Does the route or route segment<sup>70</sup> meet the definition of a wilderness inventory road (i.e., are items III.A and III.B and III.C all checked yes)?

Yes = Wilderness Inventory Road  
inventory purposes

No  = Not a road for wilderness

Explanation<sup>71</sup>:

**Route is overgrown and does not receive necessary maintenance for it to be considered a Wilderness Inventory Road.**

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<sup>70</sup> If part of the route meets the wilderness inventory road definition and the remainder does not, describe the segment meeting the definition and any remaining portion not meeting the definition and why.

<sup>71</sup> Describe and explain rationale for any discrepancies with citizen proposals.

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