

# Monitor Creek

## Eligibility Report Information:

- Classification: Wild
- ORV: Vegetation: Exemplary occurrence of coyote willow riparian shrublands (other ORV's eliminated via updated information on rareness).
- Segment Length – 9.42; 100% BLM-managed

## Stakeholder comments & questions on BLM information:

- Some stakeholders would like to see Recreation and Wildlife added as ORV's. BLM requested scientific data to support these ORVs.
- Question how the segment can be "Wild" if an upstream diversion is key to creating its character.
- No current Coal or Oil & Gas leases
- Vegetation ORVs narrowleaf cottonwood/strappleaf willow/silver buffalo berry and Fremont cottonwood/skunk brush sumac were removed through BLM updated information.
- A-ranking occurrence of Sandbar willow (aka Coyote Willow) remains.
- Subgroup agreed on the conditions needed to be maintained in the stream corridor, but did not come to agreement on what management tools should be applied to maintain these conditions.

	ORV Needs	Current Uses & Values	Potential Future Uses	Current Problems/ Assets	Policy/Mgmt tools – options and impact
1	Wildness	Hunting Hiking	Potential for trail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Deep canyon separates creek from private land.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adjacent landowner is in the process of establishing a conservation easement.</li> <li>• Trail compatible with the "Wild" eligibility classification but fails "Wild" criteria for ORV.</li> <li>• CNHP – Potential Conservation Area</li> </ul>
2	Flows	Upstream flows diverted to reservoir (100 yrs old).	Same as now	Reservoir/ irrigation impact: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May benefit ORV by regulating flows, preventing scouring.</li> <li>• Not clear what impact would be if diversion was stopped.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suitability could negatively impact irrigation practices and reservoir storage.</li> </ul>
3		Grazing – there is a permit;	Same as now		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Suitability would only affect grazing if it was shown to degrade ORV.</li> <li>▪ Would affect range improvements – increasing evidence of human activity could have an impact on the "Wild" eligibility classification.</li> <li>▪ Related trails would be unaffected by suitability with "Wild" eligibility classification.</li> </ul>
	Habitat quality			Russian knapweed problem (least severe of Monitor, Potter, Roubideau).	BLM sprays to control.
	General	Water rights?			If ORV depends on management of adjacent ranch, that puts BLM in a box.