

Deep Creek

Information:

- Classification - Scenic
- ORV - Green-back cut-throat trout
- Segment Length – 2.55 mi.; BLM Admin Length - .58 mi.
- DOW recommended any stream with pure cut-throat be an ORV. Technique to differentiate greenback cut-throat from Colorado cut-throat... are genetic differences, only recently figured out... Original paper may have miss-labeled as greenback.
- Viable population upstream on USFS land

	Key Conditions to Maintain ORV	Current Uses & Values	Potential Future Uses	Current Problems/Benefits with Key Conditions, Uses, Values?	Policy/Mgmt tools – options and impact (list options, raise questions)
1	Fish are there	Limited fishing		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only places fish survive is in isolated pools on BLM stretch. • Only occasional hitchhikers make it down to BLM • More viable population upstream. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If it's not broke, why fix it? •
2	Limit other species detrimental to Cut-throat			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competition from brook trout 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider going downstream to prevent brook trout from going upstream.

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3	Water Quantity – running water for longer period of time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irr. Diversion up-stream • Ranch has 1933 decree 	Irrigation Diversion changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creek is dried up 3 months of the year. • Water is the limiting factor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost-share a project to build a new, fish-friendly diversion. • A public / private partnership for storage upstream could provide water for irrigation + fish. • Bear Ranch cost-share program with USFS; can BLM participate • BLM & water user agreements • In Stream Flow (ISF) appropriation • WSR Suitability - Permanency is important – uncertainty about future management decisions. • With Suitability, BLM would manage to protect the fish & keep it from slipping from “Scenic” classification but can’t do much without water. • With Suitability, BLM mgmt may not be very different but would force agencies to look at any actions that may harm the ORV
4		Any pure cut-throat regardless of what kind, DOW considers important to conserve		Question about if it is greenback cut-throat, and if so, if planted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FWS “threatened” • Protected under ESA • Broad USFS guidance • Angling regulations • Ranch and water use of local water users are key factors in protection • DOW to summarize regulations

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5		Currently leased for Oil & Gas – per BLM No current coal leases – per BLM		•	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “No surface occupancy” would be easy to directionally drill. • Suitability - would require a buffer around the stream in the case of oil & gas leasing. – Potential for litigation?
6		Sole-source power line crosses creek within 200-250’ of BLM river segment, and uses an existing access road on BLM for year-round operation, maintenance & repair. Vegetation trimming and/or road repair (approx. 1 mile) may be needed to maintain the t-line and access ROW’s.	Additional houses possible that would require more service. Future replacement or upgrade of utilities within corridor may be necessary to accommodate load growth.	•	•
7		Road crossing Deep Creek/ approx. 1mile of access on BLM	Road maintenance if required to maintain access	•	•
8		Livestock Grazing		•	•