

Roubideau Creek Segment 2

Eligibility Report Information:

- Classification: Scenic
- ORV: Wildlife (leopard frog, bighorn sheep). ~~Vegetation (Fremont cottonwood/ skunkbush sumac riparian woodland)~~
- Segment Length: 7.59 miles, 45.5% BLM managed

Stakeholder comments & questions on BLM information:

- Less than 50% BLM – potential management problems.
- Why does segment go so much on private land?
 - BLM response: ORV there.
- Frogs may not be so rare – noisy + lots of tadpoles seen locally.
- Bighorn sheep re-introduced; desert bighorn – not mountain; presumed native b/c rock art, but Fremont rock art sometimes depicts game species that weren't local to the area where they were drawn.
- Riparian vegetation not unusual
 - Vegetation ORV dropped by BLM after information update

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Roubideau Creek Segment 2 – Cont.

	ORV + Classification Condition,Needs	Current Uses & Values	Potential Future Uses	Current Problems/ Assets	Policy/Mgmt tools – options and impact
1	Scenic classification	Utility corridor crossing BLM (345kV & 115kV power lines, and Trans-Colorado Natural Gas pipeline). Also, electric distribution service to 10 meters within corridor. All utilities require year-round access for operation, maintenance & repair. Vegetation trimming and/or road repair may be required to maintain t-line and access ROW's.	Replacement, upgrade or expansion of utilities within corridor.		
		Gas line	Replacement, upgrade or expansion of utilities within corridor.		
2	Wildlife/ Vegetation Habitat			Wilderness study area (WSA) upstream from segment.	
		Irrigation diversion upstream		Often no flow in late summer, fall.	
				Buttermilk Cr near Roubideau – water for bighorns to drink.	
				Springs and runoff provide moisture that supports frogs, vegetation.	
			predation – if controlled herons & raccoons, would help.		
	General	Cattle grazing in canyon: 1 day spring, 1 day fall; 900 transit canyon to access other grazing areas – vital for access; started 1882.		Not pleasant for recreation while cattle are going through.	BLM: Scenic classification was made with road considered; suitability with this classification wouldn't close the road.
				Cattle don't stay on road; drift through whole canyon.	
		Sheep on top, South + East, in winter.			