

## Rose Creek and Big & Little Dominguez Creeks Segments 1 & 2 – ORV Worksheet – v 4-26-11

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<u>ORV+ existing uses</u>	<u>What is Special</u>	<u>Possible Threats to ORV</u> Example: Defacing rock art, over grazing, trash and/or destructive behavior, etc.	<u>What is BLM currently doing to protect ORV?</u> Example: Wilderness, NCA, ESA, Grazing Restrictions, Camping Restrictions, etc.	<u>BLM Management Tools/Options</u> Examples: WSR, ACEC, SRMA, etc.	<u>Other ways to protect the ORV</u> Examples: By County or Landowners
<b>Rose Creek ORV: Scenic</b>  <i>Uses:</i> grazing	<b><u>Scenic Quality Classification of A.</u></b> <b>Prominent vertical and horizontal cliffs, interesting erosional features major rock outcroppings...</b>	<i>People being destructive:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Big Dominguez most defaced by bullets and vandalism.</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Gets dirtier inside wilderness areas.</i></li> </ul>	<i>In BLM’s Visual Resource Management inventory, rated an “A” for quality, making it an ORV.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Features are common in Dolores area – Class “A” based on quality, not rareness.</i></li> </ul>	<i>Signage (BLM avoids in Wilderness).</i>  <i>BLM “Scenic” classification on Dominguez Segment 2 instead of “Wild” reflects more evidence of human activity there.</i>	<i>Colorado Water Conservation Board already filed for In-stream Flow Rights.</i>
<b>Dominguez ORV: Scenic</b>  <i>Uses:</i> diversion (BD-s2) water right (LD) grazing hiking hunting hang gliding camping road (BD-s2; LD-s2) dinosaur digs	<b>Red slick-rock canyons. Experience of outstanding desert stream in primitive, wild environment. Stream features and waterfalls.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Visual contrast is key.</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Dominguez 2 is notably less scenic (more human impact).</i></li> </ul>	<i>Erosion.</i>  <i>Wildfires – no way to fight them in wilderness.</i>  <i>Soils have withstood 100 years of grazing; now people are degrading them.</i>  <i>Wild &amp; Scenic designation would worsen problems by advertising the area.</i>  <i>Historic users have less impact than more recent recreational users.</i>	<i>For management purposes, scenic resource was assigned a “class 1,” which allows the least modification of the scenery. “Class 1” status was based on:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>scenic quality</i></li> <li>▪ <i>importance</i></li> <li>▪ <i>distance (people can see)</i></li> </ul> <i>Sign-in, counters on bridge.</i>	<i>“Wild &amp; Scenic” designation wouldn’t change management options much.</i>  <i>Could do an “Area of Critical Environmental Concern”(ACEC).</i>  <i>Could re-route trails to minimize damage (have to assess impact on wilderness experience)</i>  <i>More enforcement (have a dedicated officer already).</i>	<i>Additional cameras (have been stolen elsewhere).</i>  <i>User groups can educate.</i>  <i>Trail adoption (Western CO Congress adopted Big Dominguez)</i>

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<p><b>Dominguez ORV: Recreation</b></p>	<p><b>Day trips and backpackers' camping to enjoy the primitive and scenic environment.</b></p> <p><i>Report cites camping near waterfall – now prohibited. No camping is allowed between the confluence with Little Dominguez and Dry Fork (the primary use area)</i></p>	<p><i>Too much recreation, spreading out.</i></p>	<p><i>More people came when new bridge was built, as well as recent increase in canoeing – conflict/ need for balance between facilitating recreation and limiting impacts.</i></p> <p><i>Wilderness limits motorized travel.</i></p>	<p><i>Limit access.</i></p> <p><i>Create a hotline to report problems, and put it on signs (could do that; there's precedent in Rabbit Valley).</i></p> <p><i>User fees for high use areas – possible but undesirable – if there's a fee, people will think others will clean up after them.</i></p> <p><i>Special Recreation Management Area (is possible in a Wilderness).</i></p>	<p><i>Recruit organizations to clean up (providing a good example) and monitor.</i></p>
<p><b>Dominguez ORV: Wildlife- Canyon Tree Frog</b></p>	<p><b>BLM sensitive species and CDOW identified as greatest conservation need. Breeding pools found in this area.</b></p> <p><i>Based on surveys, found in all segments.</i></p>	<p><i>Pets.</i></p> <p><i>Need pools on riparian habitat – don't need to be very big.</i></p> <p><i>Birds.</i></p>	<p><i>BLM doesn't use non-aquatic herbicides in riparian areas.</i></p>		

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<b>Dominguez</b> <u>ORV: Geological</u>	<p><b>600 million years of geologic history + sandstone formations = large gap in rock ages.</b></p> <p><i>Exposure of pre-cambrian rock/geologic non-conformity is common on the Uncompahgre Plateau but not in broader area of comparison.</i></p>			<i>If it's not "Wild &amp; Scenic," how could that impact the geology?</i>	
<b>Dominguez</b> <u>ORV: Cultural</u>	<p><b>High quality rock art from 2,000 yrs – 100 yrs ago.</b></p> <p><i>Connection to water is why the sites exist.</i></p> <p><i>Some water is necessary for context/atmosphere, but not quantifiable.</i></p>	<p><i>Same threats as those identified for "Scenic" ORV – mainly over-use and vandalism.</i></p> <p><i>People.</i></p> <p><i>Fire.</i></p> <p><i>Publicity.</i></p> <p><i>Human oils.</i></p>	<i>Publicizing some sites to draw attention &amp; protect others.</i>	<p><i>Invite site stewards.</i></p> <p><i>Accurate &amp; proper recording.</i></p> <p><i>More enforcement.</i></p>	